

Strategy Tracker – 2017 Progress Summary

Opportunity Youth Action Plan 2.0

2017 Priorities	Summary of Accomplishments	2018 Opportunities
1. Expand and improve opportunity youth outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconnect to Opportunity (ReOpp) reached 935 youth and reengaged 526 during 2017 (1,424 and 726 respectively since launch). • ReOpp piloted Peer Connectors with UWKC; 11 deployed with different CBOs for 8 months in 2017. Now sustained via 4 FT positions funded by King County BSK. • ReOpp data function incorporated into King County EER database and quarterly ReOpp data included in 2017 reengagement system reports. • Evaluation data collected to inform implementation (interviews with peer connectors, interviews with youth participants). • ReOpp referral relationships formalized via MOUs with Highline, Renton and Auburn School Districts. Partnerships under development with King County Housing Authority, King County Superior Court and Seattle Housing Authority. 	<p><i>More experimentation with specific outreach strategies and specific target populations. More focus on retention/follow up. Increase/improve use of social media and web communications for storytelling and outreach.</i></p>
2. Improve program supply and coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of Auburn Opportunity Project, Airport Jobs high school completion program, and new Open Doors/HS21+ diploma option at Renton Technical College. • King County Reengagement Provider Network participation and feedback remain strong. 15 agencies (representing 16 programs) have signed system commitments. • Services enhanced at existing sites through embedding new career navigators, expanding college navigation services, and securing funds to embed behavioral health services during 2018. • Culturally-focused partnerships expanding with UWKC and King County support (Federal Way & El Centro; Kent & ACRS; Highline & WAPI). • Focus on aligning reengagement with apprenticeships and mechatronics on-ramps at local CTCs. Regional planning underway for Open Doors funded youth apprenticeship consortium. 	<p><i>Coordinate with UWKC on second half of Reconnecting Youth investment strategy. Elevate King County role in system leadership and investment. Revisit Open Doors cost/revenue post-McCleary. Create updated supply map; compare with new “demand” data to identify gaps.</i></p>
3. Expand college and career transition supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Launch Pad (CLP) piloted with seed funds from Ballmer Group; now sustained via BFET and King County. Seven career navigators embedded at reengagement sites have enrolled 213 young adults; 95 completed Job Readiness Training and 108 secured unsubsidized employment. • SEA navigators embedded at 12 sites. Piloted with SIF/UWKC \$; sustained by King County BSK. • Career connected learning/employment partnerships developed between 100K employers & reengagement providers (Career Link, YMCA, Juma, Career Launch Pad). 	<p><i>Use reflection, data and collaboration to identify gaps and inform priority placement for CLP and SEA services in 2018 and identify key gaps. Support implementation of Career Connect WA & 100K.</i></p>

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4. Strengthen program design and quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King County Reengagement Provider Network meeting content aligned with the Back on Track (BOT) framework. May professional development Institute focused on Back on Track practices. • Five largest Open Doors programs implementing improvement plans with financial support from United Way and on-site coaching/TA from Jobs for the Future. Comparing most recent quarterly data to same quarter last year, 4 of 5 sites increased stick rates and 4 of 5 sites increased credential earning rates. • Additional funding from Raikes Foundation secured to offer more site-specific support during 2018-19 around quality improvement including assessment, improvement planning, and continuous improvement coaching. 	<i>Increase focus on continuous improvement skill building (see other lessons learned from BOT pilot). Align monthly network trainings with BOT more intentionally.</i>
5. Improve data collection, reporting and use at program and systems levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 re-engagement programs now participate in voluntary quarterly reporting; items added related to employment outcomes. • Pattern of disproportionality for Latinx students identified; now the focus of further exploration and improvement. • ReOpp database set up within King County data system • SEA database set up in Salesforce and generating program-level reports on postsecondary transitions for re-engagement partners. • Student-level 2014-15 Open Doors data now integrated into CCER data system. Analyses underway of factors that predict Open Doors enrollment and Open Doors success, and overall landscape of off-track students. 	<i>Integrate targeted universalism strategies with BOT improvement work. Share SEA data/feedback on postsecondary experiences with programs and network. Develop and test youth survey with Open Doors programs.</i>
6. Expand effective efforts to increase high school grad rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a focus during 2017. 	<i>Support early warning and alternative discipline; support use of school climate data; engage alternative high schools.</i>

These are priority strategies from the [Opportunity Youth Action Plan 2.0](#) which was developed in late 2016 to guide collaborative work during 2017-18.