

EXIT TICKET RESPONSES – 12/20/17

What is one wish you have for our collective work related to Opportunity Youth in 2018?

- Engaging districts in owning the successes and challenges faced by all enrolled students. Building ownership around the success of Open Doors + prevention efforts
- More mental health and drug/ALC recovery support in community/high school/re-engagement sites
- Effective strategies to reengage youth from Juvenile/Criminal Justice system to education
- Research/evidence-based, culturally relevant curriculum (e.g. ethnic studies). Feasible? How can we provide attainable ways for programs to implement this?
- Feature employers who are committed to hiring or working with OY
- More options – e.g. apprenticeships in school
- Increase Career Connected Learning experiences
- Let's think through how to start tracking employment, average wage, and industry/sector for young people w/o HSD/GED who are working
- Do more work on increasing high school graduation rates
- That a large number (or all) of programs commit to some improvement (instead of just talking about what could be)
- Create a clear set of youth engagement materials (web, written, social media, video, etc.) that help young people understand their pathway opportunities. (Kids I talk with are confused about where to start and what steps to take to build a living wage career/life).
- More youth voice
- Activate youth voice and leadership
- Youth voice is actively informing all of these efforts (esp. system indicators)
- Expanding pathways to HS credential and equivalent
- Let's focus on more girls of color.
- Glad to see it's starting, curious as to how to help youth NOT become OY. Is it this group? Or somewhere else?
- Creating sustainable career and education opportunities that are for all youth, all backgrounds and social classes.
- Development of system wide consensus and more commitment and actionable strategies at the program level to reduce racial disproportionality in completions relative to enrollment by racial/ethnic group.
- At least one policy change victory that happens due to the direct involvement of this group