

Regional Opportunity Youth Re-Engagement Network

Rationale

Our region is home to numerous innovative programs but lacks a *system* for re-engaging opportunity youth (16-24 year-olds who lack connection to school/work). There is growing interest in ensuring we offer a strong, coordinated mix of high-quality pathways to meet the needs of youth in our region. Local re-engagement providers are eager to learn and collaborate with peers and need a mechanism to support ongoing learning and system-building.

Goals

- Cross-program sharing and networking
- Regional collaboration
- Data-driven learning and improvement
- Tracking regional progress

Participants

We invite programs/partnerships that reconnect out-of-school youth to education and employment to send 1-2 staff to participate in regional network meetings. One program director or senior staff is encouraged to attend.

Structure

The network will hold monthly, 2.5 hour meetings. Over time and with your input, special events and learning opportunities (and happy hours!) will take place outside of regular monthly meetings.

Monthly meetings will include cross-program sharing, professional learning (presentations about labor market trends, community resources, etc.), sharing and discussing program data, peer feedback on specific challenges, and system-building discussions.

Commitments

By joining, you agree to:

- Send one or more program staff to monthly meetings
- Share strengths and challenges with the group
- Share data (unidentified) on student enrollment and progress
- Provide feedback to CCER and help inform meeting agendas

By launching the network, CCER agrees to:

- Building meeting agendas that reflect member interests
- Planning and facilitating productive, engaging meetings (with snacks!)
- Identifying, developing and sharing tools and frameworks that support quality practice
- Beginning in January 2015, a small grants opportunity for participating programs

For more information

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2014 Meeting Dates!

Third Fridays of the month:

- Sept. 19 9:00 – 11:30
- Oct. 17 9:00 – 11:30
- Nov. 21 9:00 – 11:30
- Dec. 19 9:00 – 11:30

*Meetings will typically be held at the **Puget Sound ESD in Renton**, with occasional meetings at program sites.*