



Program Name: Open Doors Youth Reengagement
Secondary Education and K12 Supports



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Foundational Legislation: HB 1418 passed 2010 creating [RCW 28A.175.100](#) and [Chapter 392-700 WAC](#)

Background

As one of the three broad Building Bridges recommendations, OSPI was directed to create a statewide system to reengage older, credit deficient youth, who had dropped out or who had no chance to graduate with their cohort. It was the legislature's intent to encourage partnerships between school districts, community and technical colleges, and community-based organizations to create partnerships to provide appropriate instruction and services that lead to a variety of outcomes that enable the student to become a productive member of their community.

Purpose/Equity Focus

Open Doors Youth Reengagement provides educational opportunities to any student between 16 and 21 years of age who is credit deficient and to students who have left the K12 education system. Open Doors is reengaging students who were not successful in the tier 1 and tier 2 education pathways in their districts and is partnering with a range of education service providers (Community and Technical Colleges, ESDs, Community Based Organizations, Skills Centers, Work force Development Councils, Job Corps, for profit online providers and even a prison) providing high school diploma, high school equivalency (GED), college credits, associate degrees, certificate completion, and job training. Open Doors is achieving equity for students who were disproportionately unsuccessful in the traditional systems by allowing them to participate in an outcome based education model that is not reliant on seat time for funding.

Key Initiatives 16-17

Description:

- ❑ Continued expansion of programs around the state
- ❑ Promotion of partnership with High School 21 + in the community college system
- ❑ Moving forward with the ERDC on long range data outcomes for students served in reengagement
- ❑ Host the Western US Reengagement Plus! convening in Tacoma

Measures of Success:

- ❑ Continued growth to regions of the state not well served, and expansion of types of programs in densely populated areas to meet diverse needs of disengaged students (10% annual growth)
- ❑ Increase in number of partnerships with HS 21+
- ❑ First cohort data sent to ERDC
- ❑ 300 plus participants in the western regional convening



Successes:

Program Year	Districts Approved	Districts Participating	Average Head Count	Annual average FTE	Measure of Academic Progress	Total Credentials Earned					Total College Credits Earned	Total High School Credits Awarded
2011-2012	2	2	N/A	118.69	N/A	N/A					N/A	N/A
2012-2013	27	27	1,491*	747.17	1,683	198					5,113	1,744
2013-2014	54	54	2,428.3	2,058.32	6,984	414					12,065	4,104
2014-2015	68	68	3,356.1	2,904.95	34,808	Total		635			16,582	13,253
						**HS	GED	CC	CD	IC		
						286	295	14	19	21		
2015-2016	93	82	4,043.7	3,561.48	N/A	Total		N/A			N/A	N/A
						HS	GED	CC	CD	IC		
						N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

*Unduplicated Headcount, not average

**HS = High School Diploma, GED = Graduation Equivalency Degree, CC = Community College certificate, CD = Community College Degree, IC = Industry Credential

Open Doors has formed education opportunities in partnership with:

- ☐ Community based organizations like Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier, Friends of Youth, Southwest Youth and Family Services, etc.
- ☐ Eighteen of the thirty-four community and technical colleges, with four more in current negotiations
- ☐ Workforce Development Councils
- ☐ Five of the nine Educational Service Districts
- ☐ Skill Centers
- ☐ Job Corps (three sites)
- ☐ Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility
- ☐ Gateway to College
- ☐ Private organizations- Acceleration Academy, Graduation Alliance

Challenges

The biggest challenge facing Open Doors has been, and continues to be, a lack of a quality data system that can capture the unique outcomes from the reengagement community at the student level.

Partners/Resources

SBCTC, ESDs, a variety of CBOs, National League of Cities, CCER, ReOpp, Workforce Training Board, Institutional Education, SkillUp WA, Jobs for Wa Graduates (JWG), United Way