

Reengagement Info Sheet

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YOUTH & YOU
Youth Development Division

WHAT IS REENGAGEMENT?

Activities, programs, and systems that serve youth who have left school prior to high school graduation or completion

WHO DOES REENGAGEMENT SERVE?

- **17,506** Oregon youth ages 16-21 with no high school diploma or GED, and not enrolled school
- **6,401** students left high school in the 2017-18 school year
- **7,096** youth in the most recent 5-year Cohort did not earn a diploma or GED
- Youth facing barriers that cause disconnection: **school climate, academic struggles, behavior issues, health problems, family caregiving, pregnancy and parenting, incarceration, trauma**

HOW DOES A REENGAGEMENT PROGRAM WORK?

- ✓ Identifies and removes barriers to education and employment success
- ✓ Reconnects youth with education, training, and opportunity
- ✓ Strengthens engagement through personalized options, positive relationships and relevant learning
- ✓ Supports school completion, credential attainment, and career connection

WHY REENGAGE YOUTH?

- ⌚ Reengagement can improve state graduation and completion outcomes
- ⌚ Disconnected Youth cost the state money
- ⌚ Youth who do not finish high school have lower career earnings, reduced economic productivity, lower health outcomes, and overrepresentation in the justice system
- ⌚ Ensuring all Oregon youth succeed and thrive is the right thing to do

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