

About Opportunities for Youth (OFY)

OFY is a community initiative that seeks to reengage opportunity youth, 16 to 24 disconnected from school and work. We are a collection of nonprofits, government agencies, employers, and concerned citizens working toward the goal of reducing the number of opportunity youth in the Phoenix Metro Area from 18 percent to 11 percent by 2020.

Opportunities for Youth

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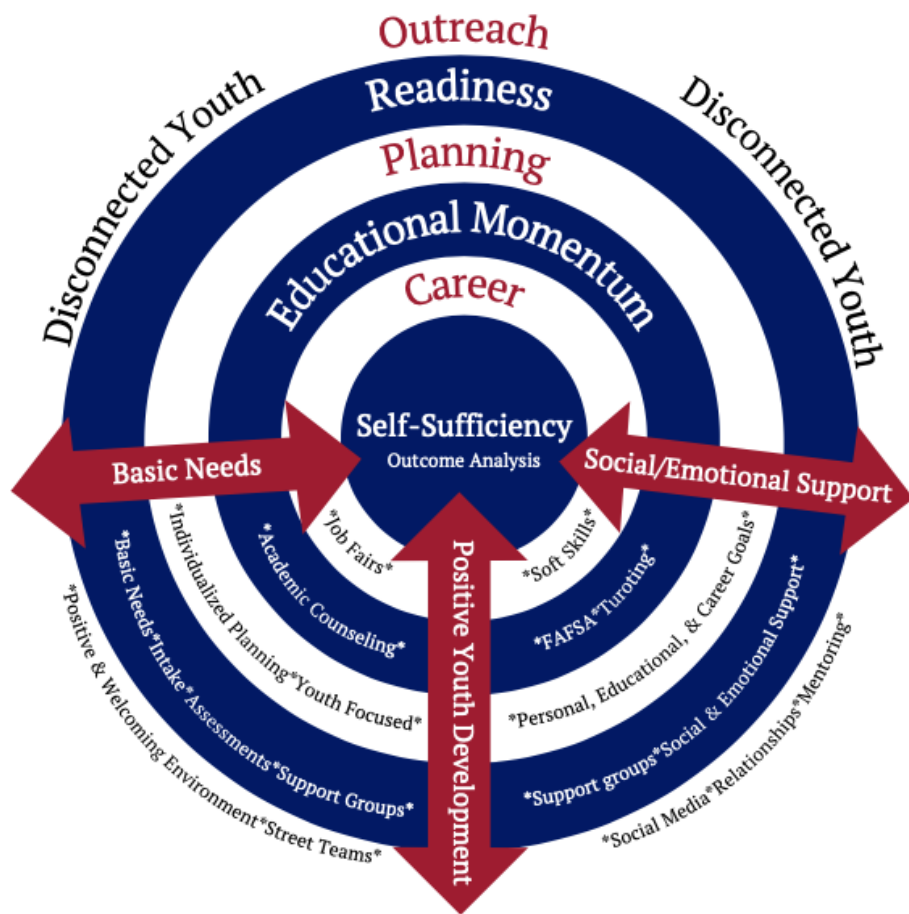


Reengaging Opportunity Youth

—Our Vision—

All youth will be successful and on track in education, career, and life

The Metro Phoenix area is home to an estimated 92,000 young adults disengaged from work and school - nearly 1 in every five.
-Morrison Institute, October 2015.



A Reengagement Center is a site or organization that conducts active outreach to engage youth (16 to 24) who are out of school and not working and assist them in resuming their education and/or training to become career ready. A Reengagement Center may also provide individualized assessment, case management, and other services to support youth in returning to school or work.

Reengagement Center Quality Standards

I. Outreach

Reengagement Centers conduct comprehensive outreach services to increase the number of Opportunity Youth served by utilizing a variety of methods and options for youth to reconnect for educational and career activities fostering trust building relationships & partnering with community-based organizations.

II. Readiness

Reengagement Centers use consistent quality standards to identify and provide the necessary support for youth success and assess each youth individually to help them enter into education and/or careers.

III. Planning

Reengagement Centers incorporate multiple tools and resources to assist youth with planning and implementing their individualized personal, educational and career goals.

IV. Educational Momentum

Reengagement Centers provide youth connections to educational activities that align to career goals through collaborative partnerships.

V. Career

Reengagement Centers provide connections that lead to employment resulting in self-sufficiency.

VI. Outcome Analysis

Reengagement Centers demonstrate an ability to record, analyze, and act on standards to improve quality and performance and analyze outcomes; including but not limited to use for quality improvement, student success, professional development training, and strategic planning for institutional development.

STANDARD ONE

Outreach

Reengagement Centers conduct comprehensive outreach services to increase the number of opportunity youth served by utilizing a variety of methods and options for youth to reconnect for educational and career activities fostering trust, building relationships, and partnering with community-based organizations.

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STANDARD TWO

Readiness

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STANDARD THREE

Planning

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STANDARD FOUR

Educational Momentum

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STANDARD FIVE

Career

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STANDARD SIX

Outcome Analysis

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