



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2021



Office of the State  
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## INTRODUCTION



The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) opened the doors to the DC ReEngagement Center in 2014. Since opening, the DC ReEngagement Center (DC REC) continues to be a staple of support in the community, a single door, through which youths ages 16-24 who have dropped out of secondary school can reconnect to educational options and other critical services to support their attainment of a high school diploma or GED. In the face of varying challenges presented due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the REC and partner agencies trekked forward diligently, building and bridging partner supports, identifying available resources, and connecting scholars to best-fit placement options and postsecondary completion and career planning. We understood throughout the past year, as our world moved forward into reopening its doors, that our support and service to our scholars was undoubtedly more critical than ever. Thus, the REC took its role as an education advocate, community agent, and resource steward as an even greater charge in providing support to youth who have disengaged from their education and their families, respectively.

## OSSE

# MISSION

As DC's state education agency, OSSE works urgently and purposefully, in partnership with education and related systems, to sustain, accelerate, and deepen progress for DC students.

# VISION

DC will close the achievement gap and ensure people of all ages and backgrounds are prepared to succeed in school and life.

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## DC ReEngagement Center

# MISSION

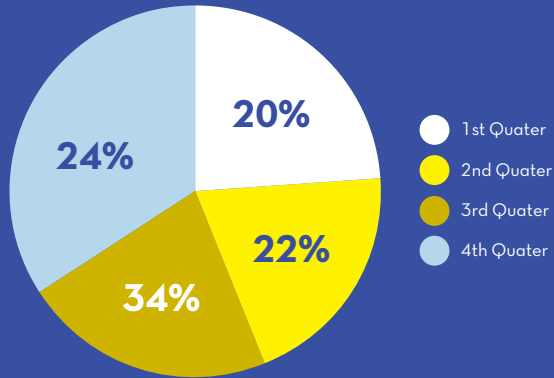
As DC's ReEngagement Center (REC), we work urgently and purposefully in collaboration with educational stakeholders and youth-serving organizations to ensure the successful re-engagement of opportunity youth in the District of Columbia.

# VISION

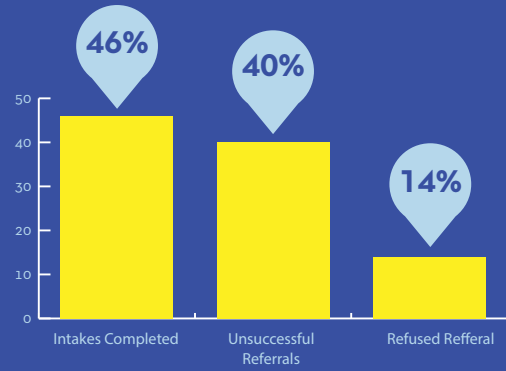
The REC helps close the achievement gap by increasing the number of reengaged youth in the District.

## SUPPORTING DATA

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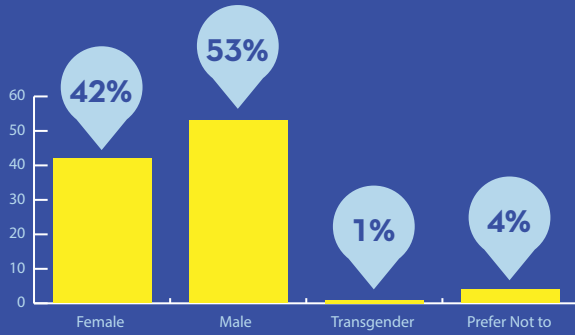


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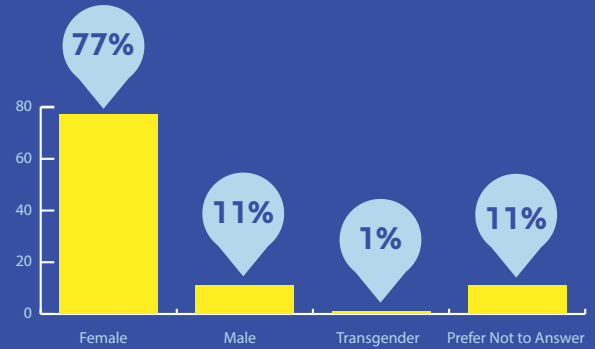


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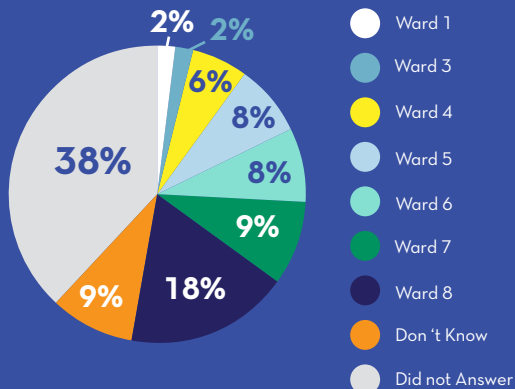
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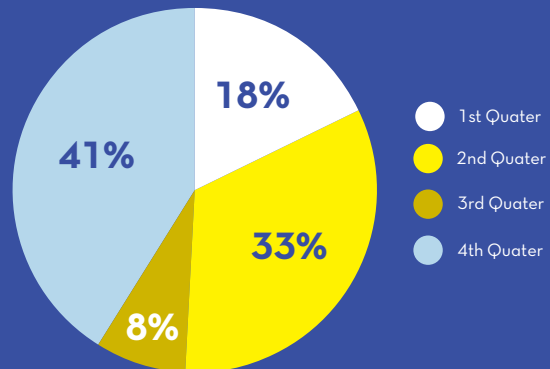
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WARD BREAKDOWN:



SCHOLAR PLACEMENT BY QUARTER:





## A LOOK-BACK | PROGRAMMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

### 2021 STREET CANVASSING OUTREACH EFFORTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

DC REC team members, following provided safe practices regarding COVID-19, began conducting street outreach and canvassing throughout wards 6, 7 and 8 to target reengagement efforts. The DC REC continued to partner with agencies throughout the District, participating in outreach and community events as a way to connect with families and students.



### THE DC REC'S YOUTH ACTION BOARD, BETTER KNOWN AS THE C.O.R.E. (COUNCIL OF REAL EXPERIENCES)

C.O.R.E. supported peer-to-peer outreach efforts, harnessed youth voices for program improvement, and supported student leaders' creation.

### 2021 MARION BARRY SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (MBSYEP)

The DC REC facilitated a six-week hybrid MBSYEP summer experience for scholars. During MBSYEP, DC REC scholars were exposed to career counseling, educational and career exposure, and workforce development. Our MBSYEP scholars virtually connected with community-based organizations (CBOs) and agency partners and participated in 2021 Beat the Streets Outreach events. Students were also connected to an American Job Center caseworker to take the skills and knowledge they acquired during the summer to enter the workforce.

### CONTINUOUS EDUCATION PLANS (CEPs)

OSSE included questions in the CEPs that targeted school efforts to support consistently disengaged youth.

### DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN TO DECREASE YOUTH DISENGAGEMENT FROM EDUCATION

The DC REC spearheaded efforts, with support from a consultant, to garner feedback and support for creating and developing a District-wide strategic plan. This strategic plan was developed in tandem with key community partners, stakeholders, and government agencies as a blueprint that will guide our efforts over the next four years, working collaboratively across the District in an effort to decrease youth disengagement from education.



## PARTNERSHIPS

In 2021, the DC REC continued to strengthen its partnerships in a remote space. The reengagement touched various entities and strategically focused on strengthening partnerships with the agencies listed below:

### GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

1. Department of Youth and Rehabilitation Services (DYRS)
2. Department of Employment Services (DOES)
3. Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) Pathways Program
4. Department of Human Services (DHS)
5. District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)

### COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

6. Latin American Youth Center (LAYC)
7. ZOE's Doors Youth Drop-In Center
8. Life Enhancement Services (LES)
9. Covenant House
10. DC Central Kitchen









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