



District of Columbia
Office of the State Superintendent of Education



WHY DOES THE DISTRICT HAVE A REENGAGEMENT CENTER?

- There are at least 8,000 youth aged 16-24 residing in the District of Columbia who are not enrolled in school or other educational programs and who do not have a high school diploma or credential.
- On average, individuals who left school without a high school diploma earn \$10,386 less than the typical high school graduate, and \$36,424 less than someone with a bachelor's degree.
- Among dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24, incarceration rates were 63 times higher than among college graduates, according to a study by researchers at Northeastern University.
- The same study found that as a result – when compared to the typical high school graduate – a dropout will end up costing taxpayers an average of \$292,000 over a lifetime due to the price tag associated with incarceration and other factors such as how much less they pay in taxes.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in February of 2017, the national unemployment rate among those without a high school diploma measured 7.9 percent, almost 60 percent higher than those who attained a high school diploma or its equivalent but did not go on to college and roughly three times higher than the unemployment rate among college graduates.

WHAT IS THE DC REENGAGEMENT CENTER?

- The DC ReEngagement Center is a centralized District service through which out-of-school youth between the ages of 16- and 24-years-old can reconnect to educational options and other critical services to support their attainment of a high school diploma or equivalency.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Age: 16 – 24 years old
- Residence: DC Resident or Ward of DC
- Education: No high school diploma or GED and not currently enrolled in school

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Assessment of academic and non-academic needs to develop individualized reengagement plans
- Identify best fit educational options, including District of Columbia Public Schools, public charter schools, community based organizations, and faith based organizations
- Supporting re-enrollment process (collecting documents, accompanying youth on program visits, and connecting youth to resources that address reengagement barriers)
- Ongoing support for at least one year after enrollment occurs

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A REFERRAL?

- Call: (202) 671-2539
- Email: backontrack@dc.gov
- Visit us at backontrackdc.com

LOCATIONS:

100 42nd Street, NE

- Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

LAYC Drop in Center (3015 15 Street, NW)

- Hours of Operation: Monday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

