

RECONNECTING YOUTH PROJECT

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Education level is a clear predictor of employment and earnings potential

In 2011



earned an average of **\$461 per week**

14.1% rate of unemployment



earned an average of **\$638 per week**

9.4% rate of unemployment

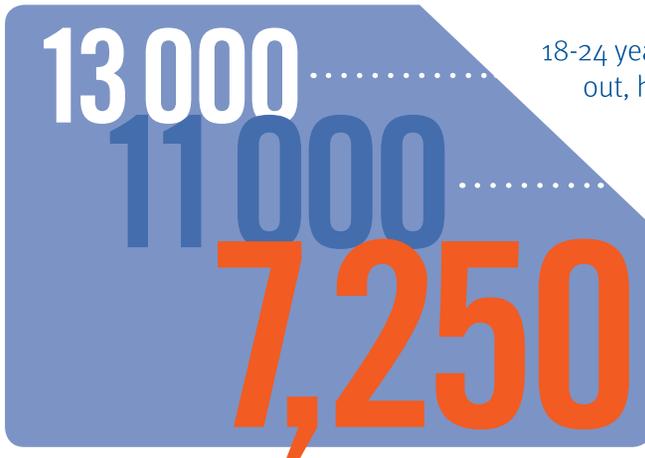


earned an average of **\$1,053 per week**

4.9% rate of unemployment

OPPORTUNITY

Connect with more than half of young adults in King County that have dropped out and leverage \$5,700 per kid in state funding



18-24 year olds have dropped out, have no GED or diploma

are 18-21 year olds and could qualify for Open Doors dollars

5-year enrollment goal

HOW IT WORKS

- Building Public Will
- Relationships with Education, Nonprofits and Businesses
- Administrative Support

OPEN DOORS PROGRAM

State funding of \$5,700/kid

Outreach • Instruction
Case Management • Work Experience

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

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REENGAGING 18 – 21 YEAR OLDS WITH EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

LIVE UNITED



United Way of King County

THROUGH ENGAGEMENT CENTERS, UNITED WAY'S INVESTMENT WILL DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE BEING SERVED IN KING COUNTY TO 1,000.

1:1 SUPPORT

Young people are paired with staff who provide mentoring, technical assistance and support throughout the entire process until individual goals are met.

BARRIERS REMOVED: Child care | Transportation | Lack of housing and income



High School Equivalency

Typically an 18-month process, young people are tutored and receive support navigating the enrollment, instruction and testing process of earning their high school equivalency. Many in the program are connected with job training and part-time jobs throughout the process.

65%

earn a high school equivalency



College Enrollment

Once high school equivalency is established, staff work with their young person as a 'college coach' to provide support with admissions and financial aid. The two visit college campus and stay connected throughout the process. The youth participates in college readiness classes and is connected to on-campus resources.

70%

earn one-year community college credential

Jobs

Staff work with youth to organize job search, secure a full-time job and begin a career.