

Reengagement for Nashville's Opportunity Youth

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Reengagement Ecosystem

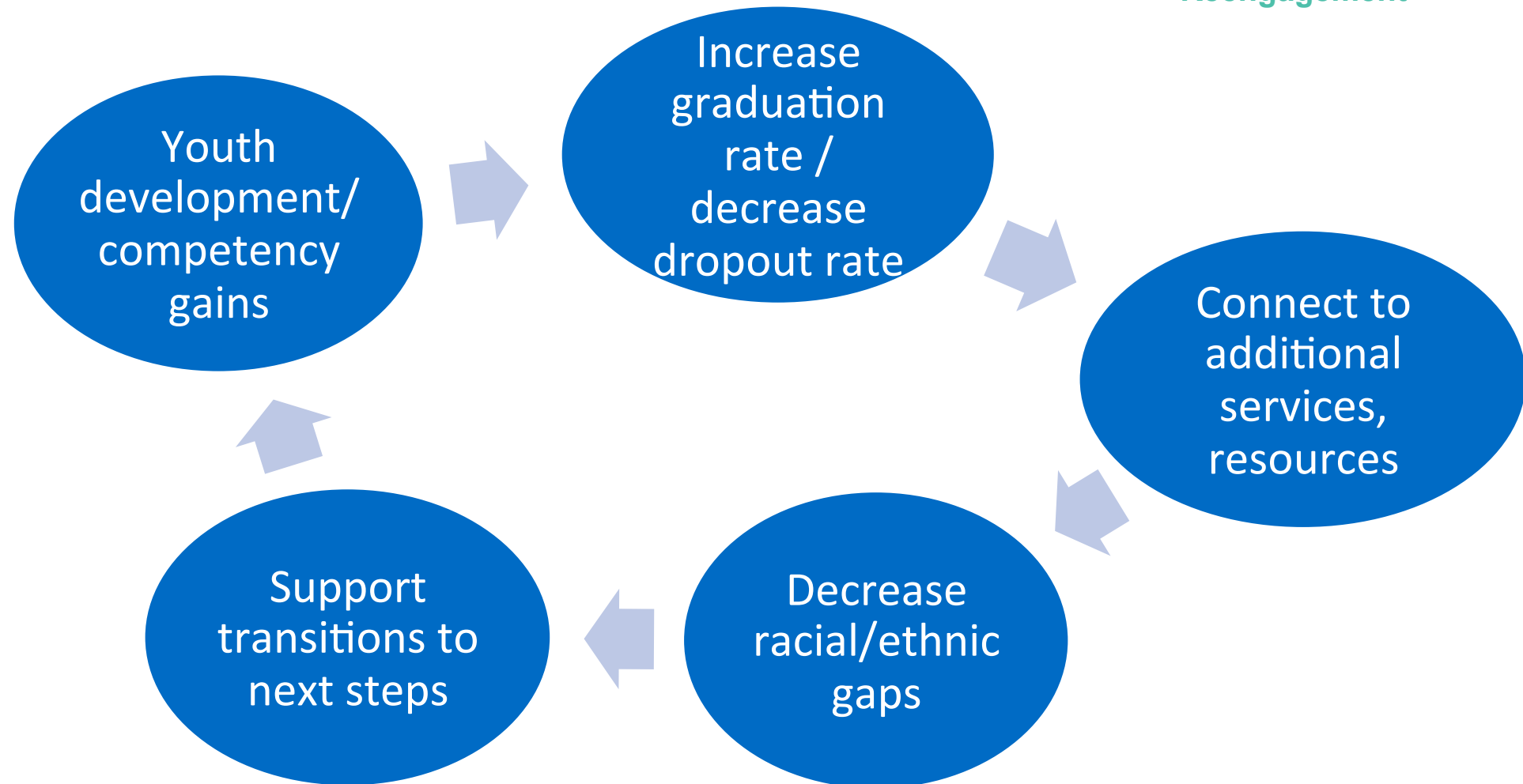
Young people need a variety of supports and services.

Reengagement centers and programs offer connection to any and all.



Driving Goals for Reengagement Initiatives

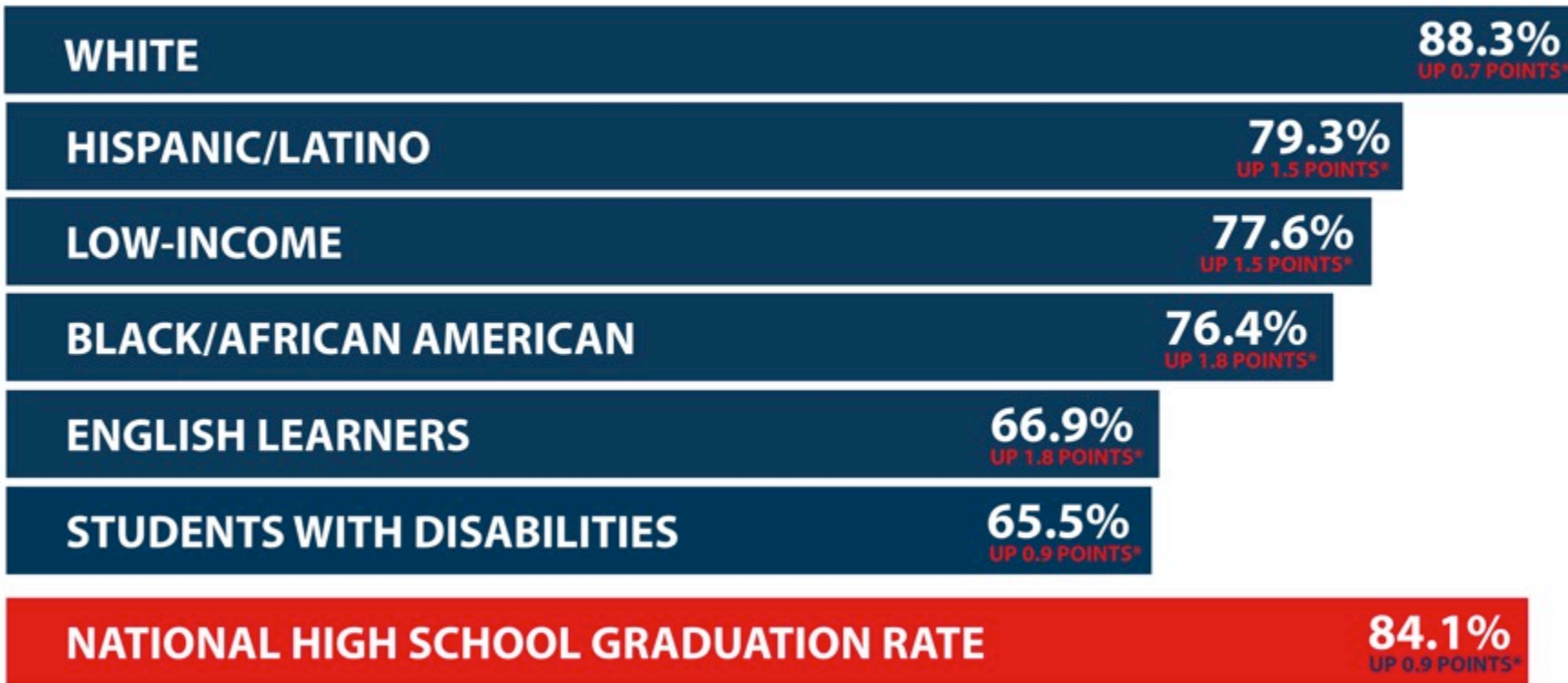
Many broad-based local initiatives to reconnect out-of-school, out-of-work youth ages 16-24 embrace reengagement as a key strategy.



Reengagement Context: 2016 Grad Rates



GRAD RATES ARE UP, BUT THE GAPS REMAIN.



Five Functions of Reengagement

Measure of America: “Nearly 4.9 million young people in the U.S. (ages 16 to 24) are detached from school and workforce...12.3 %, one in eight...Latino rate 14.3%...Black rate 18.9%...Native American rate 25.4%”

To respond, cities can now adopt reengagement as a youth development approach that connects out-of-school youth with caring adults and education options.

Outreach

Assessment

Referral

Support to Re-
enroll

Support to
Stay Enrolled

Reengagement Network: at least Twenty Local Sites, Two State Networks



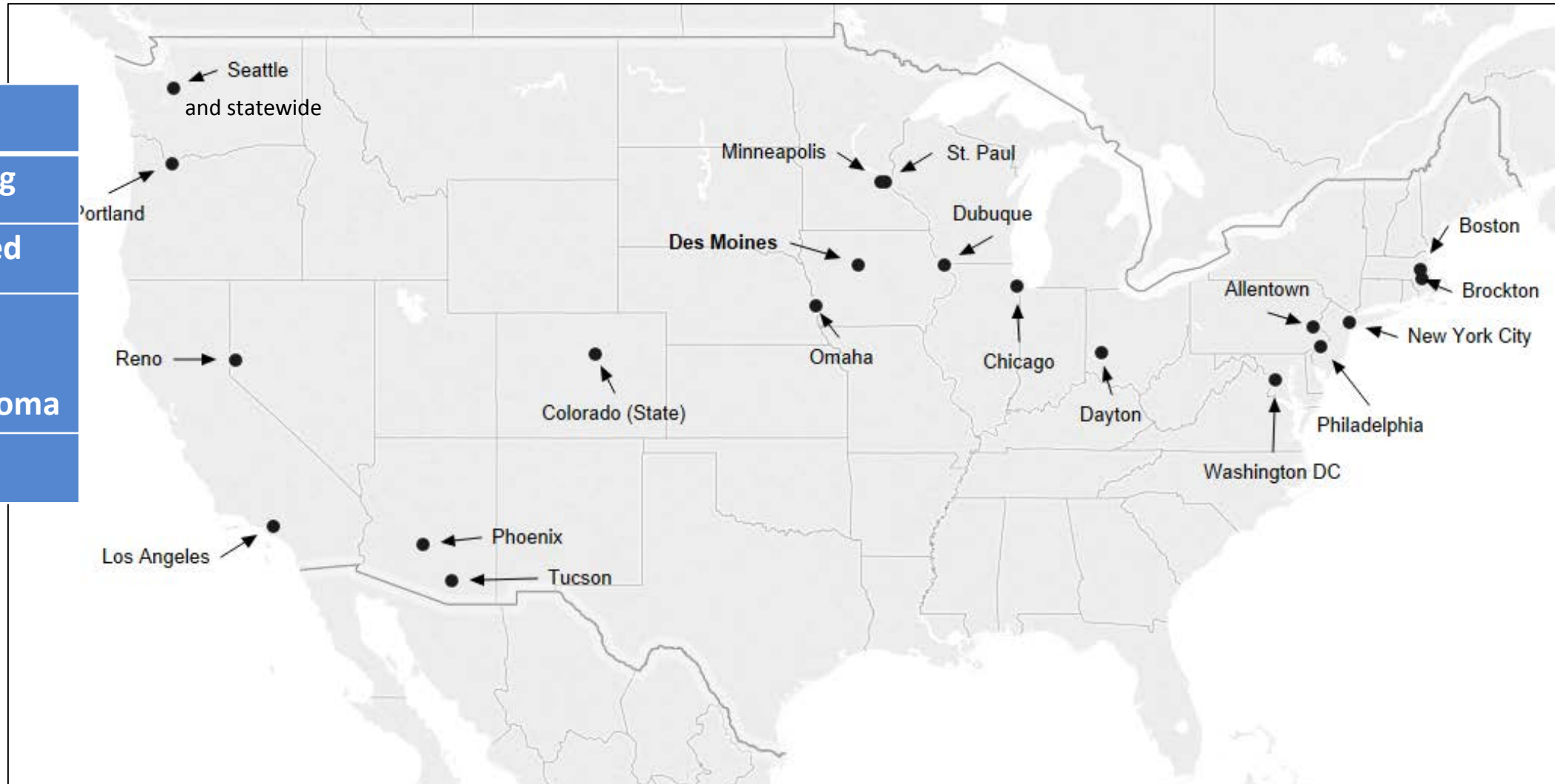
2016 Census Data

0 of 22 Sites reporting

6,077 youth contacted

2,319 Placed
,541 Persisting
,117 Graduated/Diploma

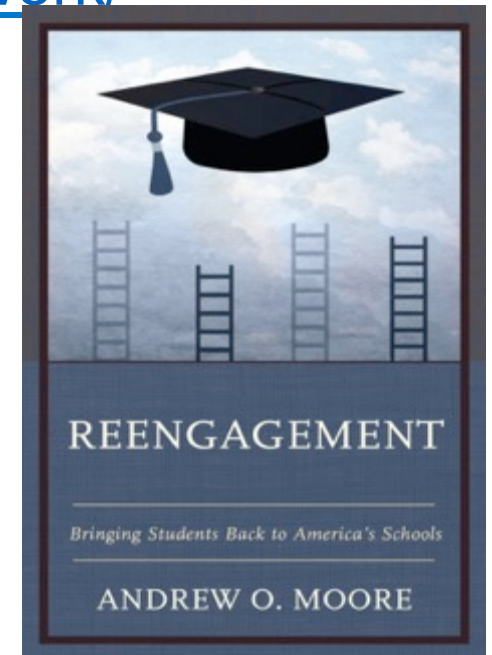
0.8% Stick Rate



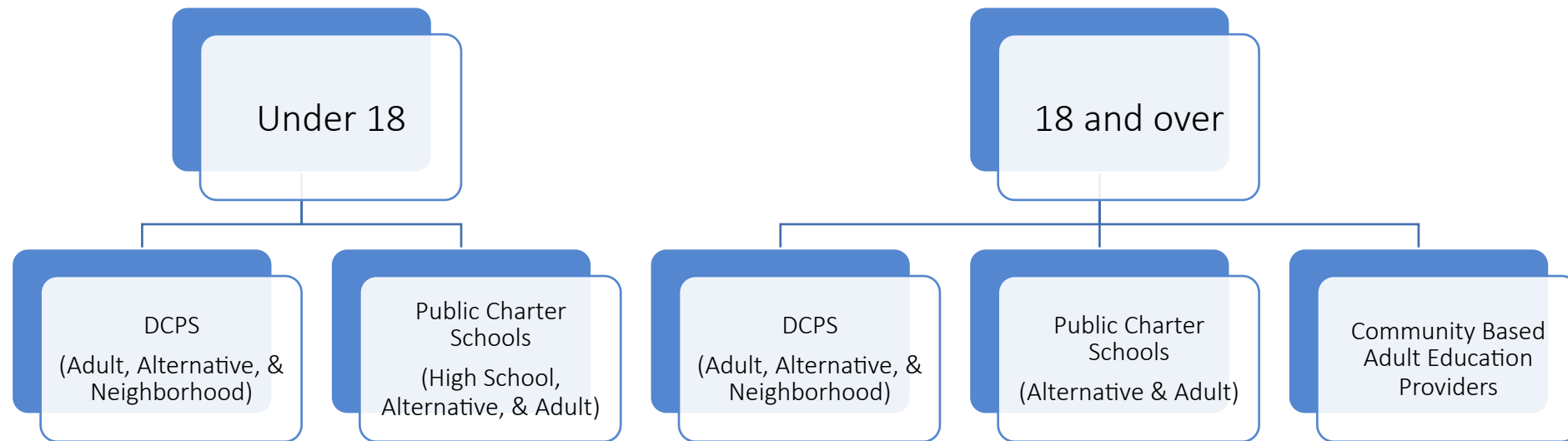
National Reengagement Network

www.nlc.org/reengagement

- **Technical assistance to cities, districts, CBOs**
- **Quarterly peer learning calls – join Network on the web page**
- **Resource hub:** <https://sites.google.com/site/reengagenetwork/>
- **National and regional convenings**
 - Tacoma, Washington, December 6-8, 2017**
 - Philadelphia, Penna., March 19-20, 2018**
- **Reengagement book:** available from Amazon or Rowman & Littlefield Publishers



DC ReEngagement Center: Educational Referral Pattern



DC ReEngagement Center: Barrier Remediation Partnerships

- Department of Employment Services (DOES)
 - ✓ Employment recruitment events.
 - ✓ Subsidized employment opportunities.
- Department of Human Services (DHS)
 - ✓ Specialists screen youth for benefits eligibility and collect all required documentation.
 - ✓ DHS Eligibility staff co-locates at ReEngagement Center weekly.
- Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)
 - ✓ ReEngagement Specialists screen youth for mental health/substance abuse barriers and make referrals to DBH.
- District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
 - ✓ Specialists can order DC1 Cards for those students who qualify under the “Kids Ride Free” program.
- OSSE’ Division of Early Childhood Education (ECE)
 - ✓ Specialists can determine eligibility and provide child care vouchers directly to youth.



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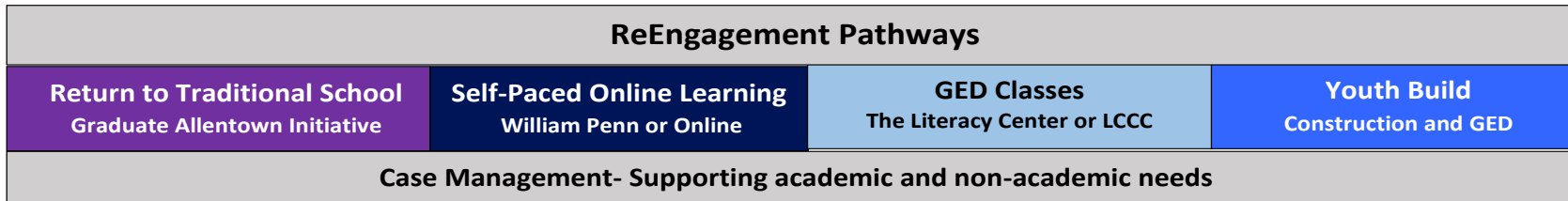
Outreach
(Students not enrolled in school)

1. ASD withdraw list/phone calls, referrals from schools and other agencies
2. Word of mouth/walk-in, community, media (social, news, radio, billboard)



Intake

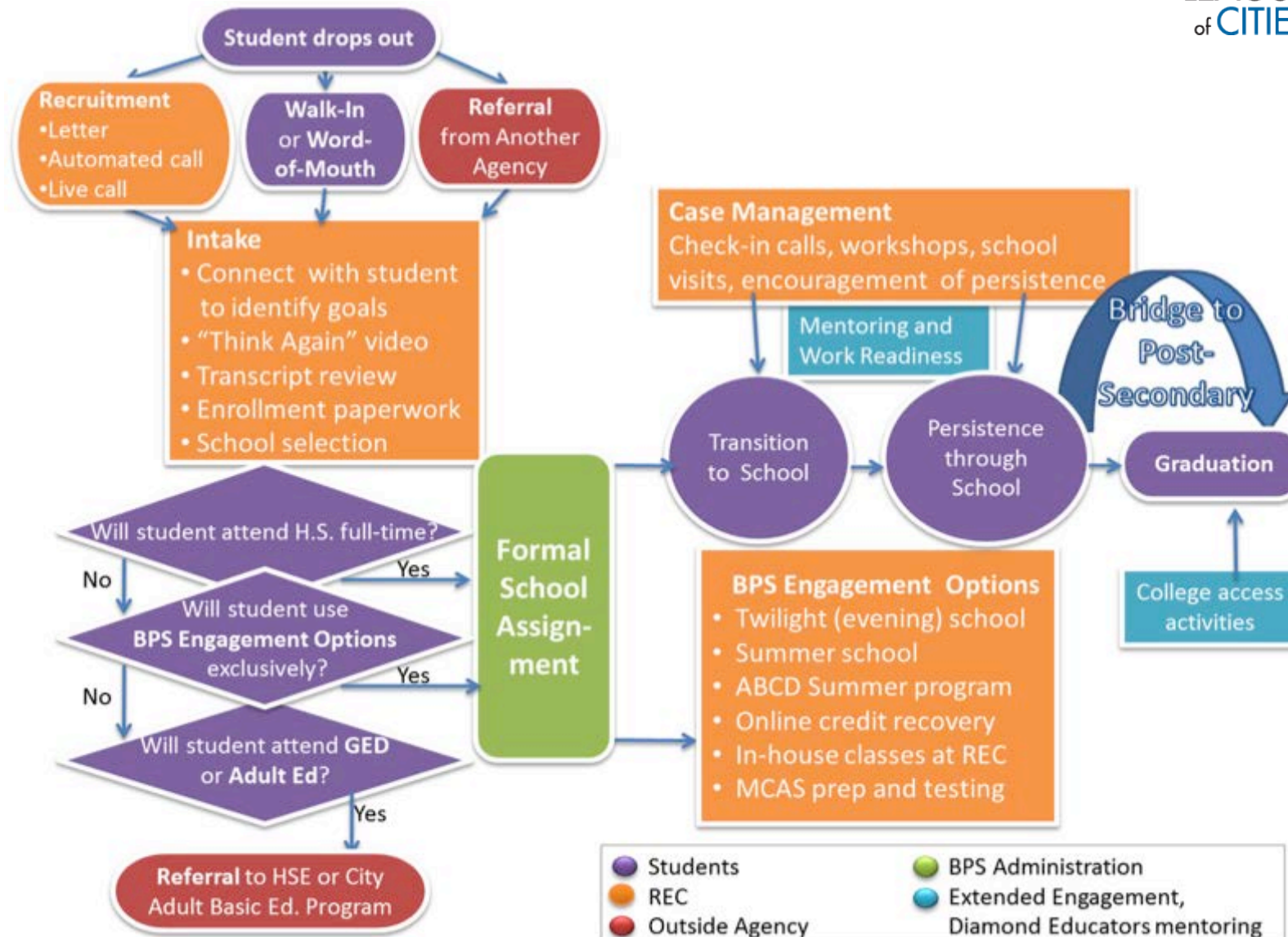
1. 1st meeting- build relationship with student and discuss options
-Review transcript (age and credits), discuss pathways, and develop a plan
2. Career Force Program- take TABE and enroll in Career Force
3. Enroll into ASD (diploma) or a GED program



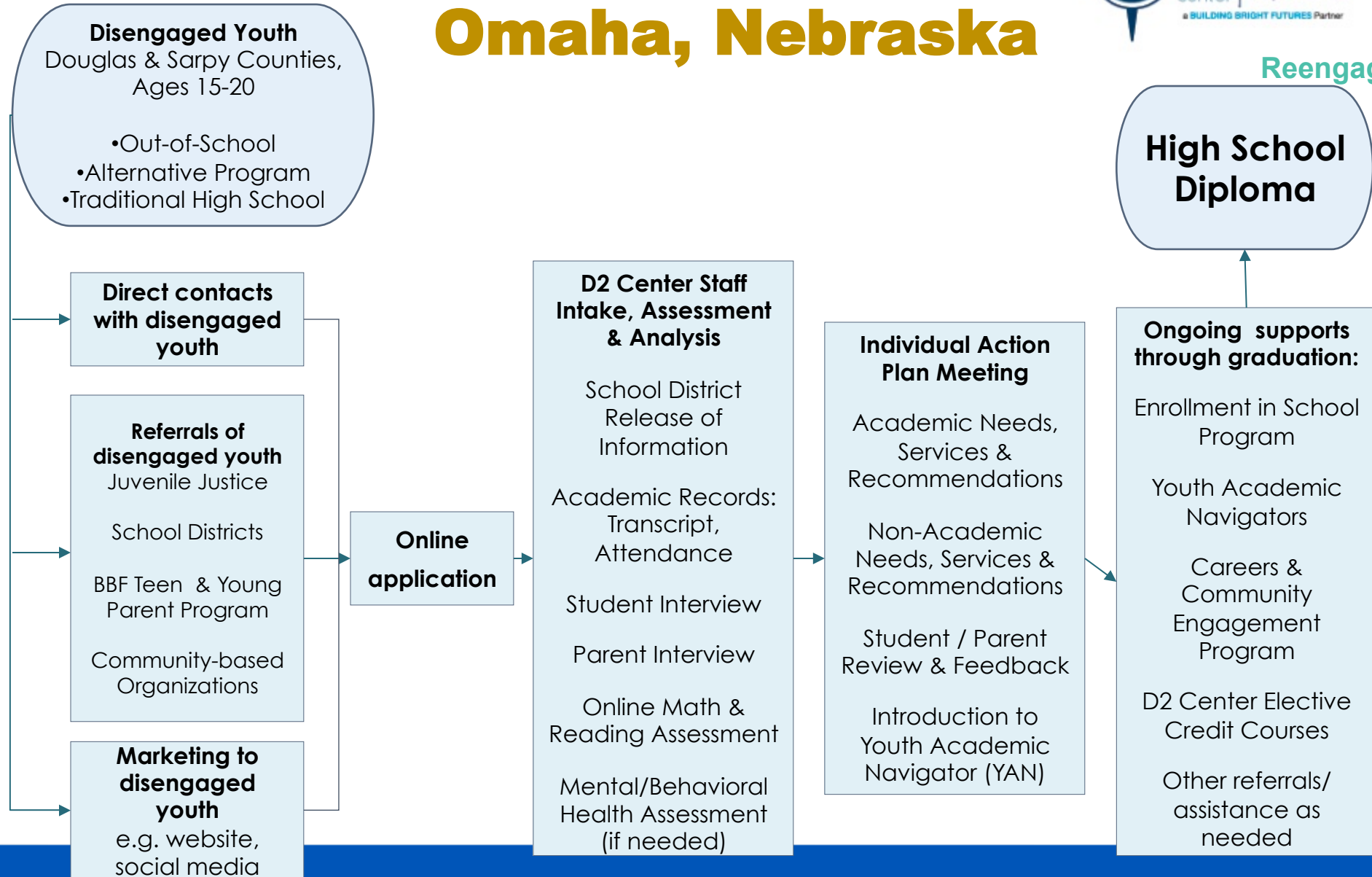
DIPLOMA

GED

Reengagement Flow Chart: Boston



D2 Center Re-engagement Flow: Omaha, Nebraska





Pima County / Tucson, Arizona Re-Engagement Change Network

- 30+ Partners
 - School Districts, Behavioral Health Providers, Community College, Pima County (WIOA, Library, Health Department), City of Tucson Housing, Pima County Juvenile Court, Charter Schools, Workforce Development Programs, Stabilization Service Providers

- Change Network prioritized creation of Re-Engagement Center
 - Managed by Goodwill of Southern AZ
 - Oversees two locations providing re-engagement services
 - Funded through backbone
 - Embedded in community partner – focused on finding “best-fit”