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Open Doors Youth Reengagement



OSPI is Seeking Youth Input!

In 2022 new rules will be made for student mental health absences at school. This is part of a recent bill: [HB 1834](#) - Concerning student excused absences for mental health reasons.

We are forming a youth advisory to help us. Youth will inform OSPI as we develop guidance for helping schools to excuse absences for student mental health.

REQUEST: Recommend Youth for Advisory Group

OSPI is seeking volunteers for the youth advisory group to inform the guidance to be developed. We are looking for youth who:

- are 13 – 18 years old,
- are currently or formerly enrolled in public school,
- are or have been directly impacted by student absence rules and
- represent the diversity of the public school population, including diversity in gender identity, family income, race and ethnicity, and geography

The Youth Advisory group will likely meet via Zoom 2-4 times through August 2022.

If you have students who meet the criteria above, or if you would like to volunteer yourself:

1. Email Krissy.Johnson@k12.wa.us by **April 21, 2022**.
 2. Put "Youth Advisory MH" in the subject line of the email.
- We will follow up with you to make a connection

Reengagement input sought for GATE Advisory

GATE Partnership Advisory Committee

SAVE
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DATE!

This year we are focusing our meetings on our collective power to support student pandemic recovery and acceleration.

● April 19, 2022 | 9am-12pm | Register - <https://buff.ly/3vGqr4m>

● June 21, 2022 | 9am-12pm | Register - <https://buff.ly/3HV541r>

GATE (Graduation: A Team Effort) Advisory meetings are coming up and they would like to have some representation from the reengagement world!

Agenda:

- Legislative updates
- Recommendations from the Building Bridges Legislative Report
- Gathering feedback on next steps for collective impact efforts with various leaders from youth serving state agencies, legislators, community-based organizations, educational leaders, and more.

This group is driven to support student engagement and reengagement and eliminate barriers to graduation.

You can register here:

- [April 19, 2022 Meeting Registration](#) | 9:00am-12:00pm
- [June 21, 2022 Meeting Registration](#) | 9:00am-12:00pm

For more information about GATE initiatives, contact [Kefi Anderson](#), System Improvement Program Supervisor Lead.

Call for Session Proposals

Contribute to the conversation by joining college and K–12 leaders, educators, student services professionals, and researchers at the Achieving the Dream (ATD) K–12 Partnerships Institute. Exchange ideas with your colleagues on increasing access and equity in dual enrollment and early college programs while exploring a comprehensive, strategic approach to the full breadth of their K–12 / postsecondary partnerships.

ATD is accepting proposals for 60-minute concurrent sessions. **Proposals are due on April 11, 2022.**

We are seeking your proposals for sessions that will accelerate the work of your peers in advancing postsecondary readiness, access, and attainment connected to the following **themes**:

- **Equitable Access:** Creating interest in college programs, increasing readiness, and reducing barriers to participation for underrepresented students
- **Deepening Partnerships:** Aligning institutional priorities, sharing resources, combining professional development, and collaborating on program design
- **Holistic Student Supports:** Fostering a sense of belonging while addressing students' material and academic needs
- **High Quality Program Design:** Innovation driven by using data and continuous improvement to ensure students earn credits and credentials leading to economic mobility and communities increase credential attainment rates
- **CTE/Career Pathways:** Designing focused programs which provide dual enrollment/early college students hands-on experiences and access to applied learning facilities while building workforce readiness in locally relevant pathways

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Registration for the [***K-12 Partnerships Institute: Dual Enrollment, Early College & Equity***](#) will open soon.

[Submit a Proposal](#)

Resources

Visit the OSPI [Open Doors/Reengagement Website](#)

Open Doors Rules: Chapter [392-700 WAC](#)



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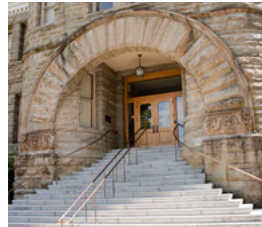
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