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***Disengagement  
Becomes  
Reengagement!***

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***Youth  
Reengagement  
Program***



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## ***About the Youth Reengagement Program...***

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Through the Youth Development Division of the Oregon Department of Education, Citizens for Safe Schools is home to the program that assists Klamath County with system-wide monitoring, wrap-around services, individual mentoring, and case management of youth and young adults who haven't been engaging in education, have dropped out of school, or are at risk of dropping out.

This program is our community's response to the rise in school attendance challenges which have come about due COVID-19. In order to remain safe, youth have had to move to one of many different models of school; sometimes, this shift in education has resulted in a variety of negative impacts for several youth, and further have disproportionately affected the County's most vulnerable populations.

Citizens for Safe School's Youth Reengagement Program has received funding from the Washington Federal Foundation to support incentives for meeting goals, and paid internships to achieve workforce readiness.

## ***With Reengagement...***

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Studies\* indicate that a Youth Reengagement Program will support literacy, accelerate credit recovery, implement connections to college and workforce training sites, and help to alleviate barriers by identifying and connecting youth with wrap-around, cross-systems, community services that are needed.

Through SMART Goal Setting and mentoring by the Youth Reengagement Program Coach, youth in the program can develop resiliency and self-sufficiency, while achieving school completion and success.

## ***Without Reengagement...***

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Research from the Oregon Youth Development Council\* show that disengaged youth are at a higher risk for substance use/abuse, poverty, poor health, criminal activity, incarceration, and early parenthood.

## ***What does a Reengagement Program Do?***

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The Citizens for Safe Schools Youth Reengagement Program works with eligible youth to provide:

- Academic tutoring allowing youth to receive credit toward graduation or obtain a GED
- Mentoring, including career counseling and workforce readiness
- Assisting with wrap-around services to support at-risk youth

## ***Workforce Readiness...***

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- Internships help our enrolled youth learn workforce readiness skills
- Student interns are overseen by CFSS staff
- Placements are relevant to the interests, career aspirations, and training of each enrolled youth
- Paid internships have been made possible through grant funding from Washington Federal Bank

\*Oregon Youth Development Council. (2016).  
\*Policy Position Paper: Reengaging Oregon's  
High School Dropouts.\*