Common Indicators

Hartford
OPPORTUNITY YOUTH
Collaborative

Our work is supported by a web-based performance management system designed to collect, aggregate and report participant-level data on outcomes, demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, skills attained, and services received across multiple agencies. It includes common measures and indicators as required by United States Department of Labor and recommended by the Aspen Forum for Community Solutions. Our data capabilities allow us to generate comprehensive reports on programmatic and systemic levels that best inform decision-making and assess progress.

PROGRESS IN CHANGING SYSTEMS AND PROVIDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES/PATHWAYS

We report on:

- The investments that key stakeholders make to create new opportunities and pathways for Opportunity Youth, including, for example, new funding, reallocation of dollars, in-kind resources, and joint leveraging of additional funding streams.

- System level policy and/or infrastructure changes that occur as a result of our work, including both institutional change, such as a district's decision to create and sustain "reengagement centers" in neighborhoods with large numbers of dropouts, and short term "waivers" or "exemptions" such as a postsecondary institution waiving placement test requirements to allow OY to take college courses as part of a bridge program.

- The number and type of opportunities and pathways we are developing including

  - Purpose of the opportunity or pathway
  - Partners involved
  - Opportunity Youth segment served

RECONNECTING OPPORTUNITY YOUTH TO OPPORTUNITIES AND PATHWAYS

We report on the number and percent of youth who:

Primary Indicators

- Earn postsecondary credentials and/or two- and four-year degrees
- Gain employment in career field

Secondary Indicators

- Earn a secondary credential (high school diploma or equivalent)
- Participate in and successfully complete an internship or related work experience
- Enroll in a postsecondary institution for certificate, apprenticeship and/or two- and four-year degree programs

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