

THE FACTS

- Nearly 9,000 - or roughly **1 in 10** (11%) – of Louisville's young people ages 16 to 24 are neither working nor in school (“disconnected”)
- They're more likely to face **persistent poverty** and **unemployment**, engage in **criminal behavior** and **substance abuse**, and be **incarcerated** in their lifetimes.
- Black young adults are disproportionately disconnected – 18% are neither working nor in school.

FUNDING CUTS HAVE LED TO A DECREASE IN AVAILABLE SERVICES

KYCC Louisville History

	PY15-16	PY19-20	CHANGE IN THE LAST 4 YEARS		
WIOA Allocation (includes funding for regional counties)	\$2,131,744	\$1,551,540		-\$580,204	-27%
LMG Allocation	\$353,200	\$353,200		\$0	0%
Contract for JCPS	\$933,850	\$535,431		-\$398,419	-43%
FTE Staff	17.5	10		-7.5	-43%
Active Enrollments	296	171*		-125	-42%

*as of April 2020

THE CURRENT PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN A BIG SUCCESS

THEY JUST DON'T REACH THE NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITY YOUTH WHO NEED HELP

Outcomes for the
most recent full
program year at the
KYCC (including
Reimage)

82	GEDs earned
92	Occupational skills credentials earned
136	Placed into employment or an internship
198	Completed workforce readiness training
24	Placed into college
622	Total active participants

AN ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION INVESTMENT IN KENTUCKIANAWORKS WILL CHANGE THE KYCC INTO THE LOUISVILLE REENGAGEMENT CENTER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Will move current KYCC to a new, highly visible location in downtown or west Louisville that will serve as a “one stop shop” for struggling youth.

Professional recruiters, career coaches, and training facilitators will help youth follow through on their educational and career plans.

Key service delivery partners (e.g. mental health, transportation, child care, foster care youth) and JCPS alternative high school offerings will be located under one roof.

Center will double the number of young adults served – and aim to double the number of outcomes produced by those young adults.

BEFORE AND AFTER NEW INVESTMENT RE-ENGAGEMENT CENTER

CURRENT STATE

- Small, hard-to-find location
- Not a priority of the city
- No recruiting staff – word-of-mouth only
- Few partners under one roof – young adults get the “run-around”
- Currently serving roughly 600 a year
- Taxpayers spending millions to address poor outcomes downstream

WITH NEW INVESTMENT

- Large, visible location
- Clearly a city priority
- Multiple staff assigned to recruit and spread the word
- Many partners under one roof – “one stop shop” for young adults
- Able to serve 1,000+ a year
- Helps taxpayers earn millions in yearly tax revenue formerly lost

NLC Encourages Investment in Opportunity Youth

“A major Louisville Metro investment in services and supports for the region’s thousands of Opportunity Youth stands to set the city apart as a national leader.”

– Andrew Moore, Director for Youth & Young Adult Connections, National League of Cities