

RENEW

Adapted from the Institute on Disability/UCED.¹



RENEW is a structured school-to-career transition planning and individualized wrap-around process for youth with emotional and behavioral challenges. Developed in 1996 by staff at the **Institute on Disability (IOD)**, RENEW is being provided by schools, community mental health centers, community-based providers, and IOD staff members. The model focuses on supporting each youth to design and pursue a plan for the transition from school to adult life. RENEW has substantially increased the high school completion, employment, and postsecondary education participation rates among our most vulnerable youth.

Key Features

- Self-determination
- Personal futures planning
- Creative and individualized school-to-career planning
- Strengths-based approach
- Unconditional care
- Building family and other natural and community supports
- Wraparound
- Systemic support and consultation

Outcomes

- Improved educational outcomes (increased graduation rates, postsecondary education participation)
- Increased employment rates
- Improved functioning in school and in the community
- Reductions in behavior problems in school and in the community (including reduced juvenile justice involvement)

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- High youth satisfaction rates
- Increased youth self-determination and self-efficacy skills
- Studies from various cohorts (projects) support these outcomes.

References

- ¹ UNH Institute on Disability. (n.d.). About RENEW [Website]. Retrieved from http://iod.unh.edu/Projects/renew/renew_main.aspx

Resources

- **Institute on Disability/UCED**
<http://iod.unh.edu>
- **RENEW Youth Portfolio**
http://nextsteps-nh.org/wp-content/uploads/RENEW_YouthPortfolio_103112.pdf