



Washington Office of Superintendent of
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*Pierce, King, Snohomish Opportunity
Youth*

1. Purpose:

The funding in this proviso is contracted to Northwest Education Access (NWEA) [formerly Seattle Education Access] in order to provide comprehensive and individualized support to assist traditionally underrepresented students to build their own path to higher education and beyond. NWEA is a nonprofit organization serving youth in Pierce and Snohomish Counties.

2. Description of services provided:

Built and maintained 15 partnerships in Pierce and Snohomish County collectively with community and technical colleges and community-based organizations, both for referrals and resource mapping.

Met with partners to establish access points for youth reengaging in education to access services, including specific referral requirements, timelines for accessing education programming, and supplemental support programming.

3. Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:

Serve at least 825 students each year.

At least 60% of college prep students will either complete their high school credential or take a college entrance exam.

At least 65% of post-secondary students will remain enrolled year to year.

Beneficiaries in the 2022-23 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	N/A
Number of Schools:	N/A
Number of Students:	903
Number of Educators:	N/A
Other:	N/A



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4. Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?

No

5. State funding history:

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2023	\$500,000	\$500,000
2022	\$500,000	\$500,000

6. Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:

Fiscal Year	Number of Students
FY23	903
FY22	825

7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any):

N/A

8. Program evaluation or evaluation of major findings:

Pierce County Partners: Tacoma Community College (Workforce Ed and Fresh Start); Clover Park Technical College; Bates Technical College; Pierce College; Goodwill; Oasis Center; Workforce Central; Willie Stewart Academy; Foundation for Tacoma Students; Graduate Tacoma - Tacoma College Support Network; REACH Center; Tacoma Community House; Away Home Washington; The Coffee Oasis Youth Shelter

Snohomish County Partners: Latino Education & Training Initiative; Cocoon House; Edmonds College (EdCAP reengagement program)

Prospective Partners in Snohomish County: House of Wisdom; Project Girl Mentoring

9. Major challenges faced by the program:

The overwhelming need of the youth served and the lack of adequate supports.

10. Future opportunities:

There is a huge need for additional direct service support for opportunity youth in Pierce County. Right now, NWEA only has 1.5 FTE serving students and it has been difficult to have capacity to go beyond the Tacoma City limits. Majority of our partnerships are in



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Tacoma and we are continuing to see interest in our services from other parts of the county. We also see this as an opportunity to share our best practices and tools with others in Pierce County with our capacity building work. NWEA is actively working on finding additional funding to expand and deepen our Pierce County direct service and capacity building support. We continue to join collaborative action efforts locally and support community efforts to bridge the gap of postsecondary access and attainment.

11. Statutory and/or budget language:

\$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to contract with a nonprofit organization serving opportunity youth in Pierce, King and Snohomish counties. The organization must assist traditionally underrepresented students on nontraditional educational pathways by providing mentorship and technical assistance in navigating higher education and financial aid. The office may require the recipient of these funds to report the impacts of the efforts in alignment with the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

12. Other relevant information:

N/A

13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

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