

YTTF at Ten: A Decade of Progress

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State/Federal	<p>NOV Pathways to Success by 21 is launched</p>	<p>OCT Commissioner prioritizes dropout issue</p>		<p>JAN Rennie Center forum on dropout crisis</p> <p>MARCH Statewide conference on dropout crisis</p> <p>MAY State House hearing on dropout legislation</p> <p>OCT State publishes cohort graduation rates</p>	<p>APR America's Promise launches national dropout prevention campaign</p> <p>AUG <i>An Act Relating to Dropout Prevention and Recovery</i> is enacted</p> <p>SEPT Regional forums on dropout crisis launched</p>	<p>FEB Rennie Center, YTTF, ESE sponsor promising practices forum</p> <p>FEB Public health forum on dropouts</p> <p>APR Dropout commission holds three hearings</p> <p>OCT Dropout commission releases report at public event</p>	<p>JAN <i>An Act Relative to the Achievement Gap</i> is enacted</p> <p>JAN State participates in Graduation for All Work Group</p> <p>OCT State wins federal dropout reduction grant</p> <p>DEC Dropout reduction bills filed in state legislature</p>	<p>SEPT State House hearing about dropout reduction</p> <p>DEC National Re-Engagement Network launched</p>	<p>AUG <i>An Act Relative to Student Access to Educational Services and Exclusion from School</i> is enacted</p>	<p>JAN Statewide/urban dropout rate reduction</p> <p>OCT State House hearing on dropout legislation</p>	<p>MAY America's Promise publishes <i>Don't Call Them Dropouts</i></p> <p>NOV National Re-Engagement Network grows to 30 cities</p> <p>NOV US Dept of Ed publishes re-engagement guide</p>	
City/Community	<p>OCT Boston mayor convenes YTTF</p> <p>DEC YTTF awarded funds to raise profile of dropout issue</p>	<p>AUG Graduation rate report published</p> <p>SEPT City Council dropout hearing</p> <p>OCT Boston Globe: Highest dropout rate in 14 years</p>	<p>NOV BYSN shares youth referrals and data</p>	<p>FEB YTTF presents to police commissioner</p> <p>MARCH Boston Globe endorses dropout outreach</p> <p>APR Fiscal dropout report released</p> <p>SEPT Coordinated advocacy initiative launched</p>	<p>SEPT City Year corps members engage at-risk students</p>	<p>FEB WGBH and WBUR launch Project Dropout</p>	<p>SEP BYSN establishes youth committee</p>	<p>MAY Boston Globe endorses raising the compulsory age of attendance</p> <p>OCT BYSN reports on youth activities, referrals, and outcomes</p>		<p>JAN Christian Science Monitor features Boston's Re-Engagement Center</p> <p>JUNE Education Week highlights Re-Engagement Center</p> <p>AUG Mayoral candidate forum on youth issues</p>		
Schools (BPS)				<p>APR YTTF presents recommendations to BPS superintendent</p> <p>JULY Online credit recovery piloted; first summer graduates</p> <p>SEPT Segmentation study released</p> <p>SEPT BPS-led forums on dropouts</p>	<p>JAN BPS superintendent makes graduation a priority</p> <p>MAY Early warning data systems implemented</p> <p>NOV Credit recovery program expanded</p>	<p>APR Newcomer Academy opens</p> <p>JULY Re-Engagement Center opens</p>	<p>JULY Educational Options Work Group convened</p>	<p>JUL Launch of REAL training for educators</p> <p>SEPT New BPS funding formula</p>	<p>FEB BPS online credit recovery linked to higher graduation rates</p>	<p>DEC Alternative Innovation School approved in Boston</p>	<p>APR BPS alternative education funding increases</p> <p>AUG Site visits to Re-Engagement Center</p>	<p>JAN Dropout rates reach historic lows in Boston</p>
YTTF		<p>JUNE YTTF attends national conferences</p>	<p>MAY YTTF publishes <i>Too Big To Be Seen</i></p> <p>MAY Project Reconnect launches</p>		<p>APR Multiple public forums on early indicators and community partners</p>	<p>APR Public forum on compulsory age of school attendance</p>			<p>NOV Case study of Re-Engagement Center released</p>		<p>JUNE Landscape study of Massachusetts alternative education released</p>	

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2004

- Pathways to Success by 21 is launched
- Mayor Thomas M. Menino convenes the Youth Transitions Task Force (YTTF)
- The Youth Transitions Funders Group awards YTTF funds to raise the profile of the dropout issue

2005

- Commissioner David Driscoll declares the dropout issue a priority
- Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies (CLMS) publishes *Measuring High School Graduation and Dropout Rates in the Boston Public Schools*
- Boston City Council holds a hearing on dropout crisis, presenting YTTF data
- Boston Globe writes about highest dropout rate in 14 years
- Boston team attends national Youth Transitions conferences; knowledge gained contributes to early recommendations

2006

- Boston Youth Service Network (BYSN) shares youth referrals and data; MOU signed by partners
- YTTF publishes *Too Big To Be Seen*
- PIC launches Project Reconnect in partnership with BPS, bringing back more than 80 students in the first summer

2007

- Rennie Center forum on dropout crisis
- The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) and Commonwealth Corporation host statewide conference on dropout crisis
- State House hearing on dropout legislation
- State publishes cohort graduation rates for first time
- YTTF partners present on dropout crisis to Police Commissioner Ed Davis
- Boston Globe publishes an editorial endorsing outreach to dropouts
- CLMS releases *State and Local Fiscal Consequences of High*

School Dropout Problems in Massachusetts

- Multicultural Dropout Outreach Collaborative (MDOC), along with YTTF and The Boston Foundation, coordinates advocacy initiative
- YTTF presents recommendations to BPS Superintendent Michael Contompasis
- BPS pilots on-line credit recovery for off-track seniors, instituting the summer graduation in August
- BPS, the Parthenon Group, and Jobs for the Future (JFF) publish ground-breaking segmentation study of students likely to drop out
- Dr. Carol R. Johnson launches a series of community forums on dropout prevention

2008

- America's Promise launches national dropout prevention campaign
- Governor Patrick signs *An Act Relating to Dropout Prevention and Recovery*, convening the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Commission
- Commonwealth Corporation and ESE launch a series of regional forums on the dropout crisis
- City Year corps members engage at-risk students to prevent dropouts, growing to 20 schools over time
- BPS implements an early warning data system
- Superintendent Johnson announces her Graduation for All priority
- BPS expands credit recovery program, with over 220 participants ultimately graduating in June 2009

- Rennie Center, YTTF, ESE, and JFF sponsor forums on early indicators and community partners

2009

- Rennie Center, YTTF, and ESE sponsor a promising practices forum
- Massachusetts Coalition of School-Based Health Centers organizes a forum on dropout crisis
- Dropout Prevention and Recovery Commission holds three statewide hearings
- Dropout Prevention and Recovery Commission releases its report and recommendations at a Rennie-YTTF-ESE forum

WGBH and WBUR launch Project Dropout

- BPS opens Newcomer Academy for late-entrant immigrant high schoolers
- BPS & PIC open Re-Engagement Center, offering re-enrollment options
- Rennie Center, YTTF, and ESE sponsor a forum on raising the mandatory attendance age

2010

- *An Act Relative to the Achievement Gap* is enacted, establishing Innovation Schools and dropout prevention measures
- Massachusetts is one of 6 states participating in Graduation for All Work Group, convened by the National Governors Association
- Dropout reduction bills filed in state legislature by Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz and Representative Marty Walz to raise the legal dropout age and implement prevention and recovery measures
- Massachusetts wins federal grant to implement dropout reduction strategies; MassGrad funding allows state to implement Dropout Commission's recommendations
- BYSN establishes youth committee to inform advocacy and program priorities
- Educational Options Work Group convened by BPS and JFF; publishes recommendations for enhancing and expanding alternative education options in the district

2011

- National League of Cities (NLC) launches national Re-Engagement Network; Boston, a founding member, hosts first conference
- State House hearing about dropout reduction; over 500 attend
- Boston Globe endorses raising the compulsory age of attendance
- BYSN reports on youth activities, referrals, and outcomes for entire network for first time
- Boston Day and Evening Academy launches REAL training for educators, focusing on building proficiency-based pathways for students
- New BPS funding formula implemented; recognizes at-risk students in weighting student funding

2012

- Massachusetts enacts Chapter 222, *An Act Relative to Student Access to Educational Services and Exclusion from School*, establishing right to education for long-term suspended and expelled students and eliminating options for 14- and 15 year-olds to drop out
- Study shows BPS online credit recovery program boosts graduation rates by 6%
- Rennie Center releases *Forgotten Youth*, a case study of the Boston Re-Engagement Center

2013

- Urban districts statewide reduce dropout rate
- State House hearing on dropout legislation
- Christian Science Monitor features Boston Re-Engagement Center
- Education Week highlights Re-Engagement Center in standalone edition on dropout re-engagement
- YTTF, with the Multicultural Dropout Outreach Collaborative and the Opportunity Youth Collaborative, hosts mayoral candidate forum on youth issues
- Charlestown High-Bird Street alternative Innovation School approved in Boston

2014

- America's Promise publishes *Don't Call Them Dropouts*, capturing student stories
- National Re-Engagement Network grows to 30 cities; NLC documents impact of 11,592 dropouts re-engaged
- US Dept of Ed publishes re-engagement guide, *Bringing Students Back to the Center*; Boston featured
- BYSN successfully advocates for increase in BPS alternative education funding
- DC, Lowell, Springfield, Brockton conduct site visits to Re-Engagement Center to learn how to start Centers in their communities
- Rennie Center releases *Alternative Education: Exploring Innovations in Learning*, a first-ever landscape study of alternative education options in Massachusetts

2015

- Dropout rates reach historic lows in Boston