

# 2022-2023 END-OF-YEAR REPORT



## By the Numbers

# 3,497

students who had previously dropped out of school received individualized outreach with options and support to reenroll.

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# 325

students have been served with education plans and case management by CYC's Reengagement team.

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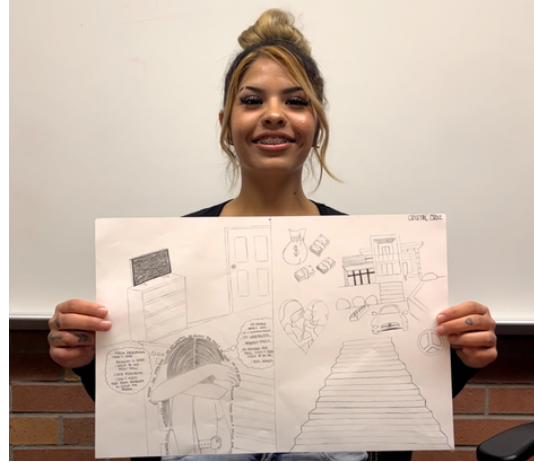
# 168

students reenrolled in school this year.

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# 80%

of reenrolled students either graduated or will continue in school, more than doubling their chances of completing a diploma, compared to students who reenroll without CYC's support.



## STORIES FROM REENGAGEMENT

With the support of Colorado Youth for a Change, Cristal (above) is now reenrolled at Colorado's Finest High School in Englewood. But her journey back to school wasn't easy. Cristal left school one year ago and spent time in juvenile detention. After being released, Cristal wanted to go back to school but her mother decided to open a bakery and needed the help of Cristal to help translate from Spanish to English. CYC's Reengagement Specialist Ben reached out and met with both Cristal and her mother – evaluating her transcript and talking through options. Cristal is thriving in a new, smaller school setting and is set to graduate in May. She shared a drawing recently with Ben that illustrated feelings of hopelessness in juvenile detention, compared to her current outlook that involves hope, college, and making her family proud.

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"When I first met Stephanie, she was resistant to the idea of engaging in school at all. She had felt singled out for her unstable attendance. She enrolled in a new school the first half of the year but it wasn't a good fit. Instead of letting that setback demotivate her, we took our time to search for a better fit. We identified the GED+ program at Emily Griffith High School and she started in January. Just over a year after our initial meeting, Stephanie is now passing all of her practice tests! She has made a 180° turn in her attitude and approach towards her education and is thriving in the new environment." –**Chance, CYC Reengagement Specialist**

# STUDENT VOICE

Last year, CYC piloted a student voice project with a small group of high school students. We were inspired by what we learned and expanded the project this year for more of our students across all programs. Students worked directly with AmeriCorps members and staff to provide a personal response to a program-specific prompt.

We were humbled and inspired by the submissions. **We heard from students on the importance of finding meaning and purpose in the classroom; what it means to have a say in their education; and ways to find joy in big and small accomplishments.**



Project by Joshua, Reengagement student



Melvin, Reengagement student

Melvin (left) shared how he would make school more relevant to his future: "Why can't we have classes to help you in the real world [like] driving instruction, cooking classes, plumbing, or even money-handling classes! I believe if students had an opportunity to graduate with a career after learning it in high school, we'd have a way higher graduation rate."

Meanwhile, Cristal shared her story of exiting the juvenile justice system and focusing on her education in her video: "I started to see that I could do way better. People always told me that I have potential to be someone. I couldn't just throw it all away... I decided to live a better life."

[You can learn more about this project and view more submissions on our blog.](#)

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**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

Thursday, September 14 > Mile High Station

