RENEW
Rehabilitation for Empowerment, Natural Supports, Education, & Work

OVERVIEW
RENEW is a structured school-to-career transition planning and individualized wraparound 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 to youth. 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 post-secondary 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, post-secondary 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)
• High youth satisfaction rates
• Increased youth self-determination and self-efficacy skills

Studies from various cohorts (projects) support these outcomes.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Staff at the IOD provide training and coaching to individuals and groups in community-based agencies and schools to implement the RENEW model, including a comprehensive facilitator's manual, a set of tools to use with youth and teams, implementation assessments, and process and outcome data collection instruments. The IOD also works with schools, community based providers, and state education and mental health agencies to develop the systems and infrastructure necessary to implement the RENEW model with fidelity. Consultation also includes assistance with how to use Medicaid and school-based resources for implementation of RENEW.

PARTNERS

• The Endowment for Health
• New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
• New Hampshire Department of Education's Divison of Career Technology & Adult Learning
• National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NH
• Granite State Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
• Seven NH Community Mental Health Centers
• Who Cares About Kelsey?, a documentary film by Dan Habib

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“They helped me get organized by breaking up the big goals into little steps. After a while, I was making progress.”
Kelsey Carroll, RENEW participant