



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



*Bureau of Special Education
Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network*

RENEW is structured school-to-career transition planning and an individualized wraparound process for youth with emotional and behavioral challenges. Developed in 1996 by staff at the Institute on Disability, RENEW is being provided by schools and community mental health providers. 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 high school completion, employment, and post-secondary education participation rates among our most vulnerable youth.

Key Features

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Self Determination
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Personal Futures Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Creative and Individualized School to Career Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strengths-Based Approach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unconditional Care
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Building Family and other Natural and Community Supports
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wraparound
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Systematic Support and Consultation

Outcomes

- Improved educational outcomes (increased graduation rates, post-secondary education participation)
- Increased employment rates
- Improved functioning in the school and the community
- Reductions in behavior problems in school and in the community
- High youth satisfaction rates
- Increased youth self-determination and self-efficacy skills (Studies from various cohorts support these outcomes.)

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RENEW in Pennsylvania

Landscape

RENEW is being implemented in over 70 sites across Pennsylvania. It draws upon the support of multiple departments and agencies in the state. It is part of the Behavior initiative and Secondary Transition initiative.

Partners

- Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire
- PA Training & Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)
- Youth and Family Training Institute
- Community Care Behavioral Health
- PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs
- PA Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education
- PA Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health, Division of Community Systems and Outreach
- PA Department of Labor and Industry, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- PA Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs Consulting Systems
- PA Department of Human Services, Office of Children & Youth, Bureau of Policy and Program Development
- PA Department of Human Services, Office of Children & Youth, Juvenile Justice
- PA Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,
- Bureau of Children's Mental Health Services
- PA Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, Children's Services
- PA Disability Rights Network

Please visit the PaTTAN website for videos discussing the perspectives of students, families, and staff that have participated in RENEW, a Youth Voice conference session highlighting the RENEW process across two years resulting in graduation, and several overview presentations done at state conferences.

http://www.pattan.net/category/Educational%20Initiatives/Behavior/page/Learn_More_About_RENEW_in_Pennsylvania.html





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The Impact of RENEW at the Individual Student Level

