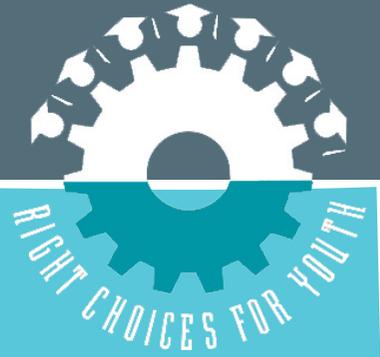


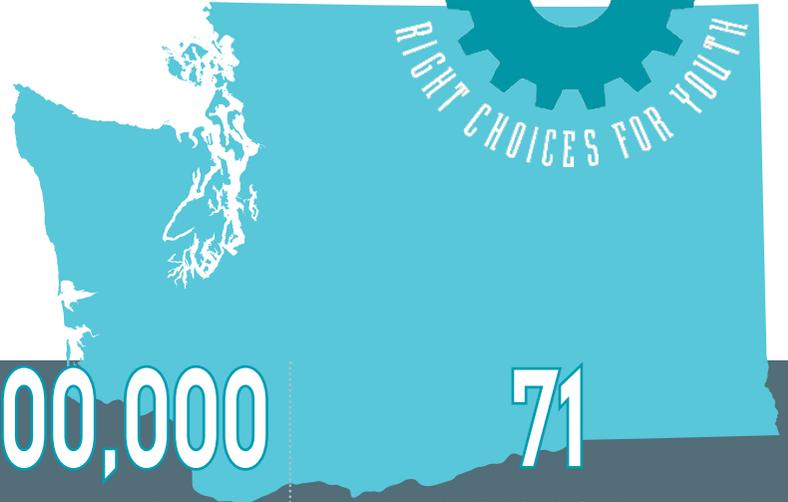
Washington State

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs



“GEAR UP has helped me realize that I can have a future. I can go to college after high school. I can have a good life.”

-Washington State GEAR UP Student



32,500

students receive services from 7 GEAR UP programs statewide. Services include mentoring, tutoring, college visits, test preparation, and admissions and financial aid assistance.

\$38,000,000

With the program's dollar-for-dollar cost share requirement, the total investment is over \$38 million annually. The federal investment is \$19 million per year.

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school districts in the most disadvantaged communities in the state receive support to promote reforms and improvements in the school curriculum and in teaching and learning methods.

GEAR UP students have better outcomes than their peers in every area of college readiness, enrollment, persistence, and completion.

- Washington State GEAR UP Evaluation Report Series (2012)

Washington's 2023 Goal



of adults will have a high school diploma or equivalent.



of adults will need a postsecondary credential or degree.

Reaching these goals requires increasing the number of Washingtonians who participate in postsecondary education, increasing capacity and access to programs that prepare them for high-demand jobs, and making postsecondary education affordable.

GEAR UP services and activities support the state's attainment goals by increasing awareness, preparation, and planning for postsecondary options.

