

Education Advocacy Essentials

Advocate Knowledge and Skills

Factors in Education Disengagement

1. Chronic, crises, and complex factors contributing to education disruptions.
2. The impact of disruption on learning.
3. The role of advocates in preventing or reversing disruptions.

Advocacy Essentials

4. Legal and professional guidelines for advocating with youth and young adults.
5. Strategies for effective communication and relationship building.
6. Best practices in working with young people, parents and guardians, school staff, and community organization partners.

Academic Options and Supports

7. Identify their strengths and challenges as a learner.
8. Set academic, career, and life goals that are relevant and aspirational.
9. Explore education and academic support options that align with learner goals.

Navigating Systems

10. Enroll into the school and education programs the young person chooses.
11. Identify and access the resources, in school and the community, to assist with challenges.
12. Build self-advocacy and problem-solving skills.

Collaborating for System Change

13. Interpret data and research to understand the scale and root cause of the issues and highlight the urgency for change.
14. Consult with communities affected by the issue to understand their experiences and perspectives.
15. Join collective efforts addressing systemic issues and building a network of support for youth and young adults reconnecting with education.