



CHOICES

**We empower teens to make positive choices about their lives
that will increase their present and future opportunities.**

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We keep teens "into" school!

The Problem: Non-Graduation Epidemic

- ❖ **Shocking: 7,000 teens quit school every school day!**
- ❖ **Devastating for them:**
 - \$491K less than H.S. graduate
 - Poverty
 - Homelessness
 - Prison
- ❖ **Astronomical: \$2 Billion cost to nation every school day!**

(Sources: Alliance for Excellent Education;
Northeastern University)





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CHOICES Workshop: Overview



- ❖ **Stay in school message brought by positive adult role models**
- ❖ **Focus on eighth grade**
- ❖ **Making well-considered CHOICES in their lives**
- ❖ **Pursuing education vs. leaving school early**
- ❖ **Workshop demo...**



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CHOICES Workshop: Connecting with Teens





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Addressing the Epidemic: Workshop Impact



- ❖ **18% positive swing in engagement**
- ❖ **47% higher engagement than non-participants**
- ❖ **Students rate CHOICES at 3.39 out of 4.00 (84.8%)**
- ❖ **CHOICES impacts teens!**

"Thanks to you I know how to take care of my life."



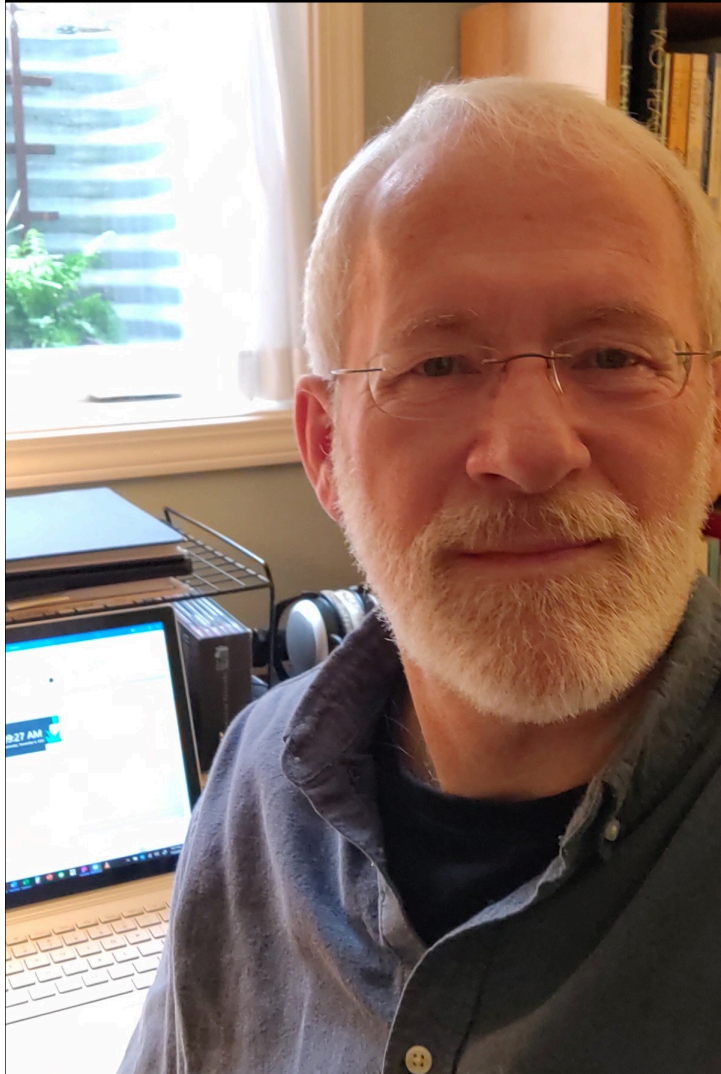
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CHOICES: Becca Conference Partners



- ❖ **Woodland School District; Stacy Mouat**
- ❖ **Puyallup & Franklin Pierce School Districts; Megan Davis**
- ❖ **Warden School District; Jennifer Reyes**
- ❖ **Selah School District; Paul Hudson**

CHOICES: Pandemic Pivot



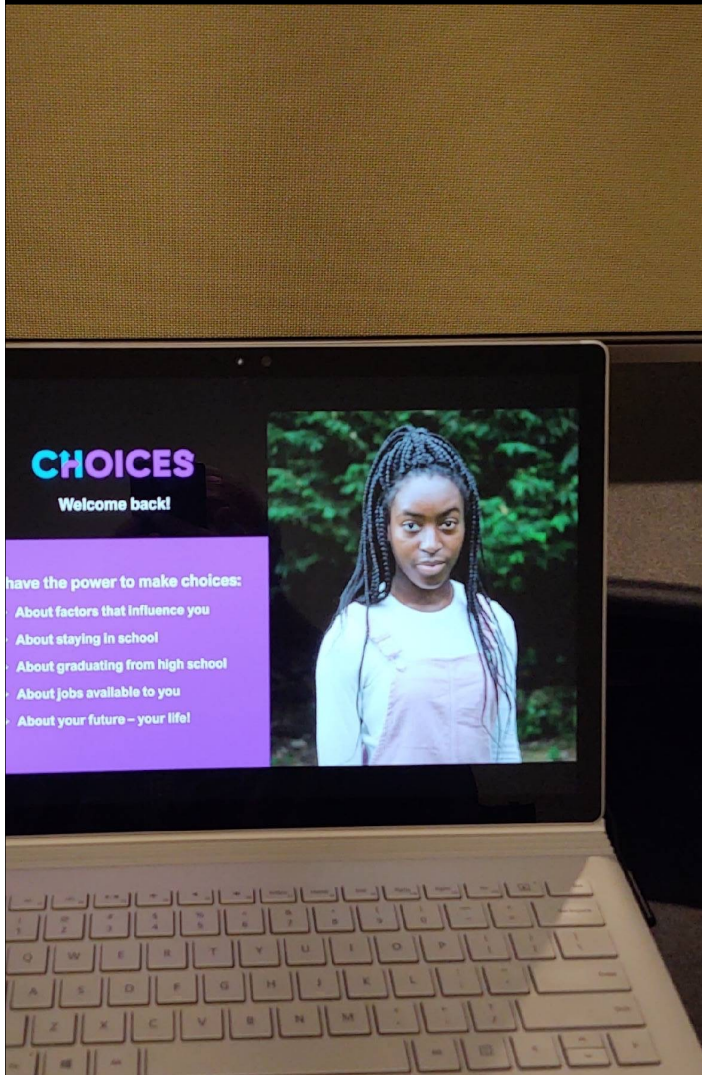
- ❖ **In-person delivery suspended from February 2020 forward**
- ❖ **Created abbreviated virtual version of workshop focused on empowerment and resilience**
- ❖ **Delivered via Zoom, Teams & Meet with PPT in virtual classroom**
- ❖ **Real-time interactions with teens to engage them in CHOICES content**



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CHOICES: Pandemic Pivot

- ❖ **Now building back out to full two-session workshop**
- ❖ **Using platform that allows either in-person or virtual delivery**
- ❖ **Planning to test and train in November; launch in December/January**
- ❖ **Let's start planning now to get you ready**





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CHOICES: Next Steps



- ❖ **We'll help you determine how many classes of students to serve**
- ❖ **We'll help you explore local delivery partners in your community**
- ❖ **We'll get your volunteer CHOICES presenters trained**
- ❖ **Let's help your students make better CHOICES!**



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Turn a teen around today.

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Thank You!