

Addendum 2 to YDD Reengagement Participant Data Manual, (rev. August 30, 2022) (Effective July 1, 2022)

Due to the approved statute change from HB 5051, the age of youth on a specific date (September 1 or the first day of the school year) has been removed. This change, effective July 1, 2022, now states:

To be eligible for reengagement funds, a youth must be 14 to 21 years of age.

- **Programming can begin when the youth turns 14 years of age.**
- **Programming can be provided through the age of 21 years (up until youth turns 22 years).**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Question: What is new in these new guidelines?

Answer: While youth age eligibility remains 14-21 years of age for the remainder of the 2021-23 grant cycle, due to the approved statute change from HB 5051, the age of youth on a specific date (September 1 or the first day of the school year) has been removed.

Question: Can I enroll a youth who does not have a high school credential who is 21 years of age?

Answer: Yes, you can enroll them at 21 years of age and serve them on Reengagement funds up until they turn 22 years.

Question: Has the age range been expanded to 24 years of age yet?

Answer: No, not yet. The maximum age is through the age of 21 years.

Updates in the Reengagement Data Manual to Read:

ELIGIBILITY FOR REENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMING:

To be eligible for enrollment in an YDD-funded Reengagement Program, a reengaged youth:

1. Must meet one of the 4 eligibility criteria specified in the Grant Agreement (and must adhere to age requirements established within the eligibility criteria).
2. **Must be 14-21 years old at enrollment** ~~at least 14 years and under 21 years of age on the first day of the school year or, if unknown, on September 1 (September 1, 2021, for year 1 and September 1, 2022, for year 2).~~
 - a. If the youth's eligibility is based on Criterion D, they must not be younger than 16 years at Reengagement Program enrollment.
3. Must not have completed their high school credential prior to enrollment in the 2021-2023 Reengagement Program (no earlier than July 1, 2021).

PROCESS NOTE: In addition to verifying eligibility and age requirements as noted directly above, ensure that your program establishes criteria for what constitutes (a) youth enrollment and (b) youth exit from the Reengagement Program.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FOLLOW-UP SERVICES:

Youth are eligible for reengagement follow-up services if they **either continued from the last grant or FIRST** enroll in a 2021-2023 Reengagement Program on or after the first day of the 2021-2023 Reengagement Program (no earlier than July 1, 2021,) without a high school credential, subsequently earn a GED/Diploma, and then continue to receive support from the Reengagement Program. **Youth must be under 21 years of age on the first day of the school year or, if unknown, on September 1.**