

# The RENEW Model: Mental Health and School Professionals Working Together to Meet Youth's Goals

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**RENEW**  
Rehabilitation for  
Empowerment,  
Natural Supports,  
Education, and Work

# Agenda

- Overview of RENEW
- RENEW Case Example
- School Referral Agency System

# Rehabilitation, Empowerment, Natural Supports, Education and Work {RENEW}

- Developed in 1996 as the model for a 3-year RSA funded employment model demonstration project for youth with “SED”
- Focus is on community-based, self-determined services and supports
- Promising results for youth who typically have very poor post-school outcomes (Bullis & Cheney; Eber, Nelson & Miles, 1997; Cheney, Malloy & Hagner, 1998; Malloy, Sundar, Hagner, Pierias, Viet, 2010)

# RENEW Goals

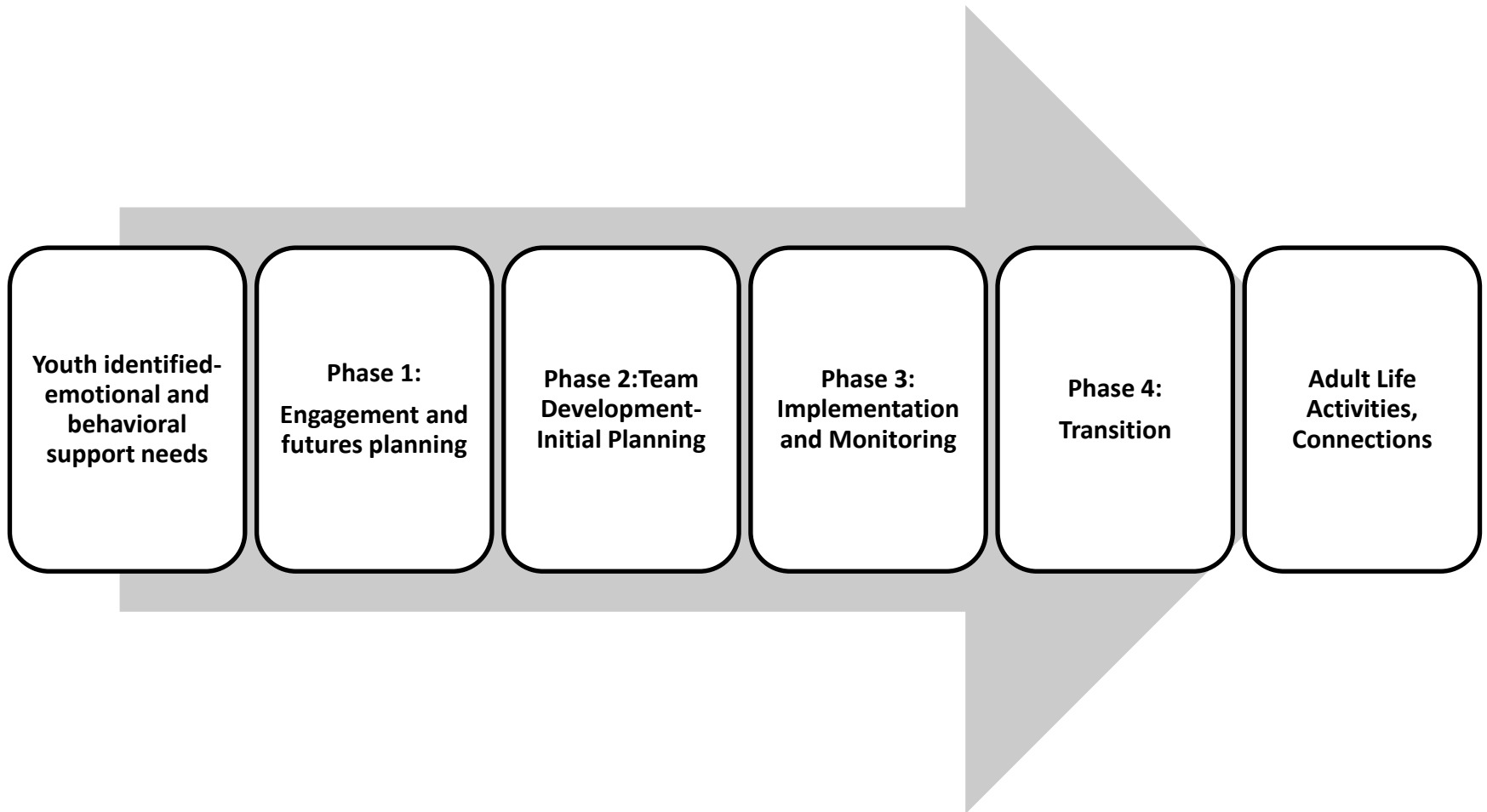
- High School Completion
- Employment
- Post-secondary Education
- Community Inclusion



# RENEW Strategies

- Personal Futures Planning
- Individualized Team Development and Wraparound
- Braided (individualized) Resource Development
- Flexible, or Alternative Education Programming
- Individualized School-to-Career Planning
- Naturally Supported Employment
- Mentoring
- Sustainable Community Connections

# Wraparound/RENEW Phases



# Case Example: Using RENEW to Collaborate between Mental Health Centers and Schools

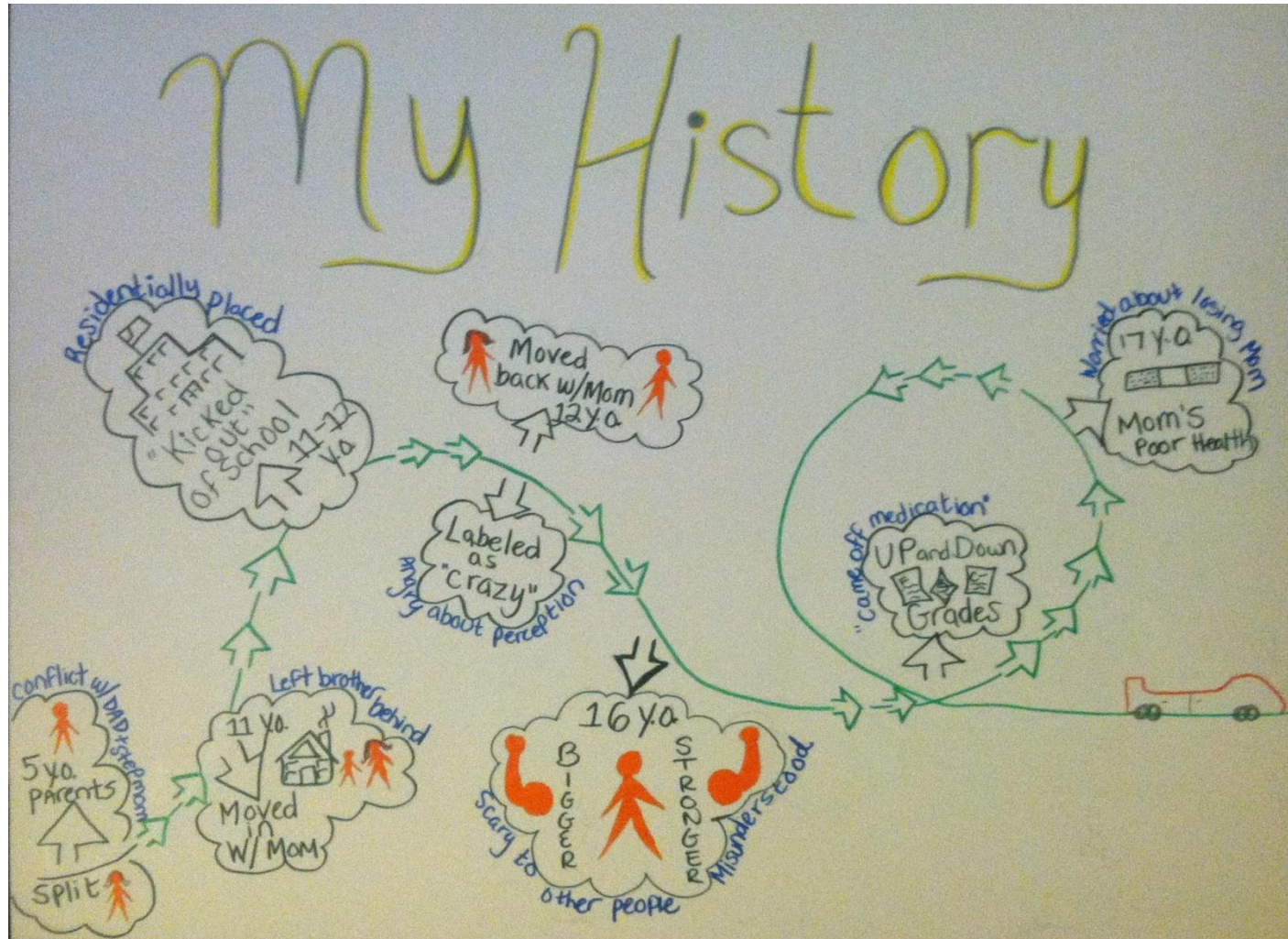
Case Study

# Youth's Background

- Moved in with Biological Mother at 11
- Residentially placed from ages 12-13
- Referred to counseling at age 14 with severe age outbursts, high anxiety, and poor school performance
- Referred to RENEW by School and Clinician Collaboration
- Referral completed for RENEW facilitator at age 17



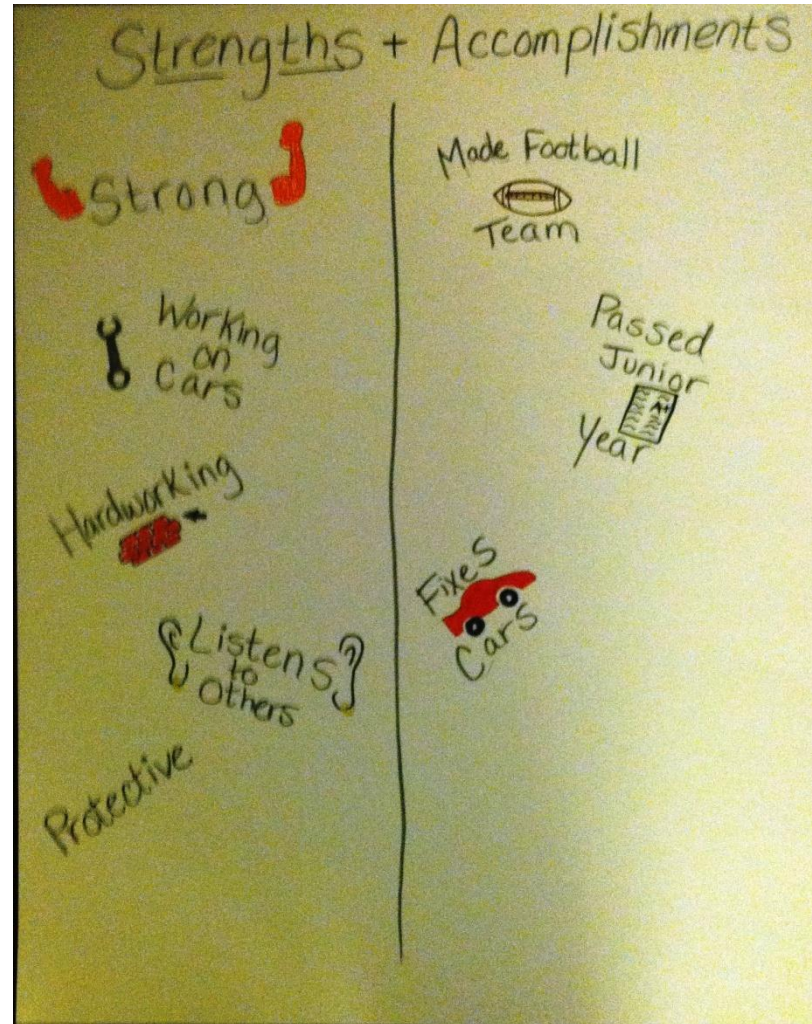
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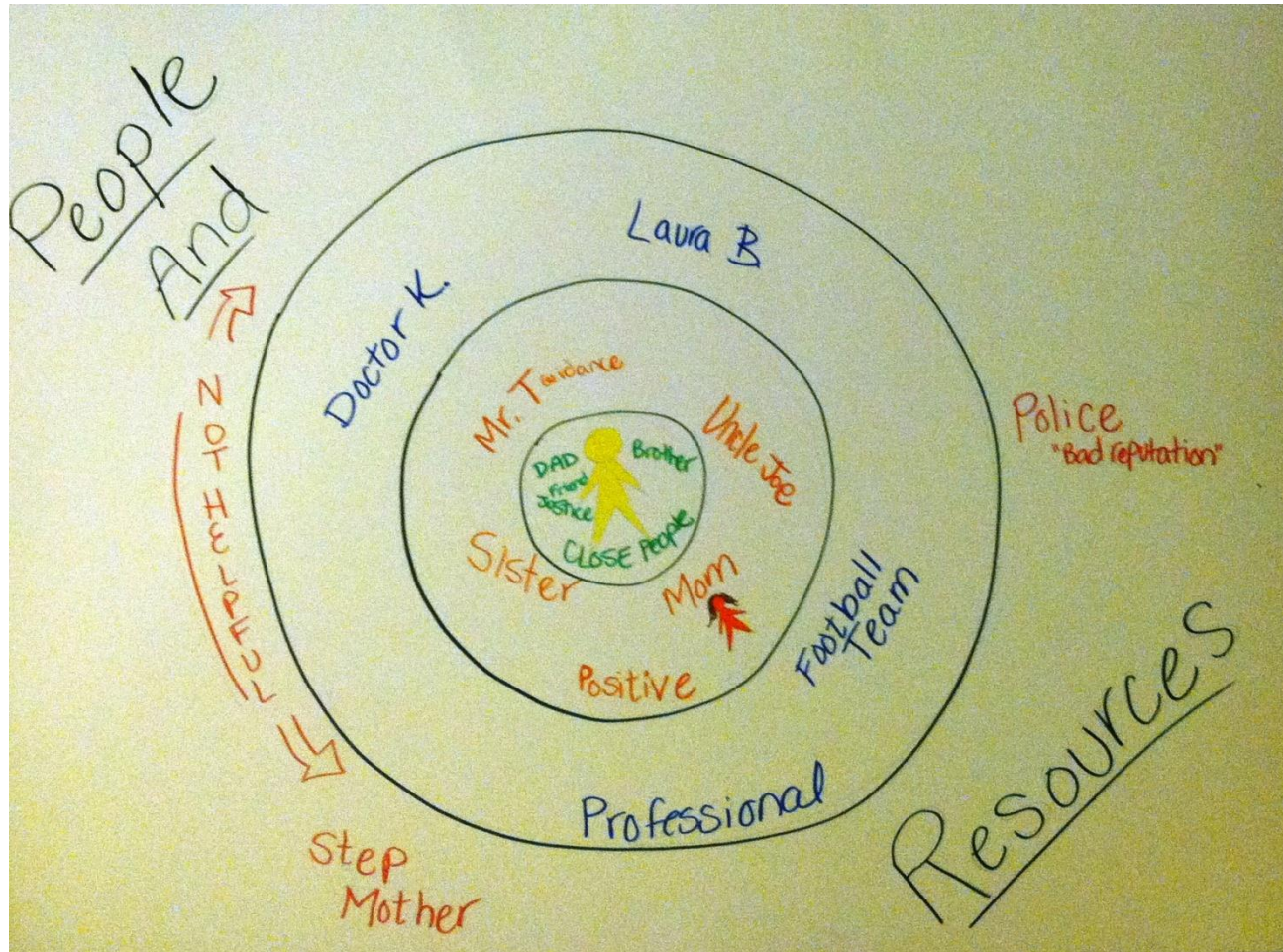
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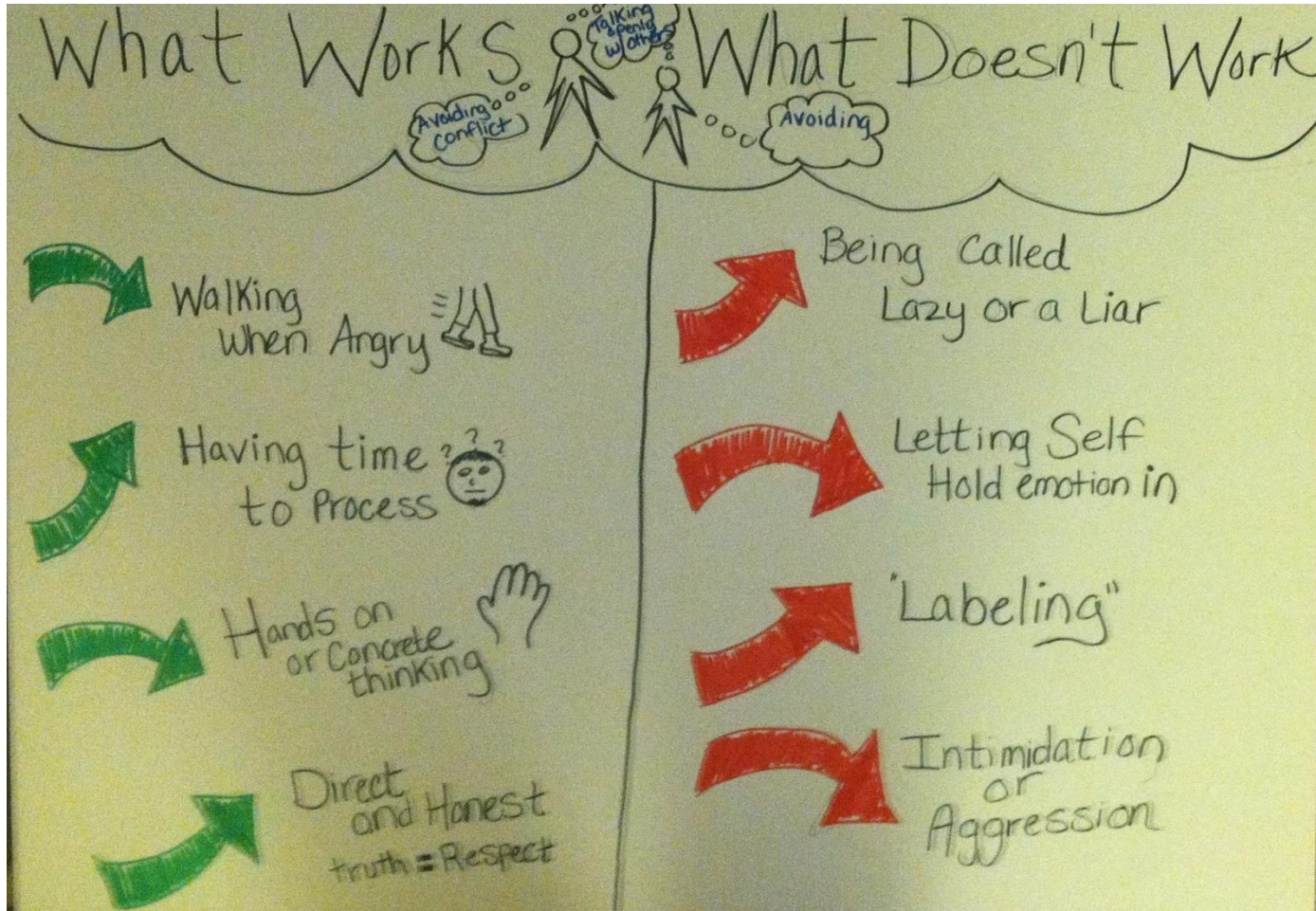
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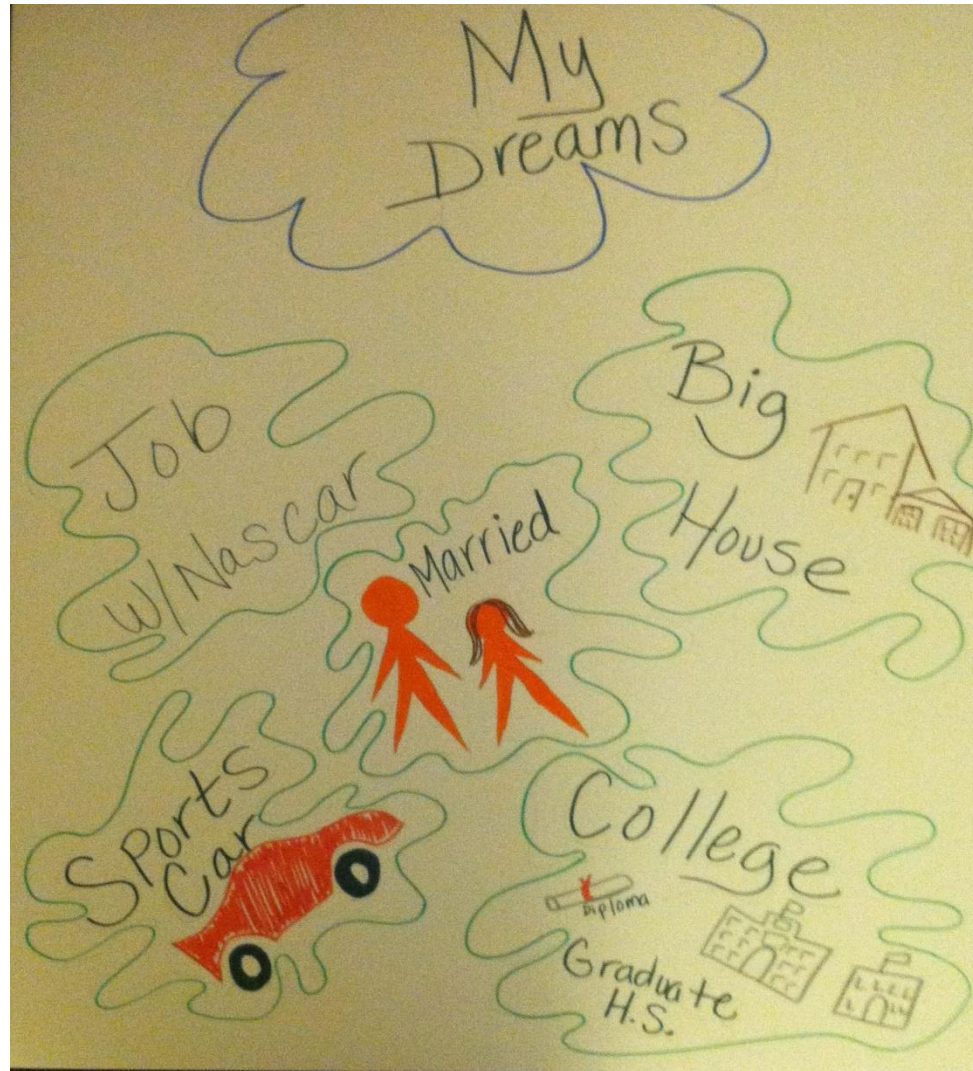
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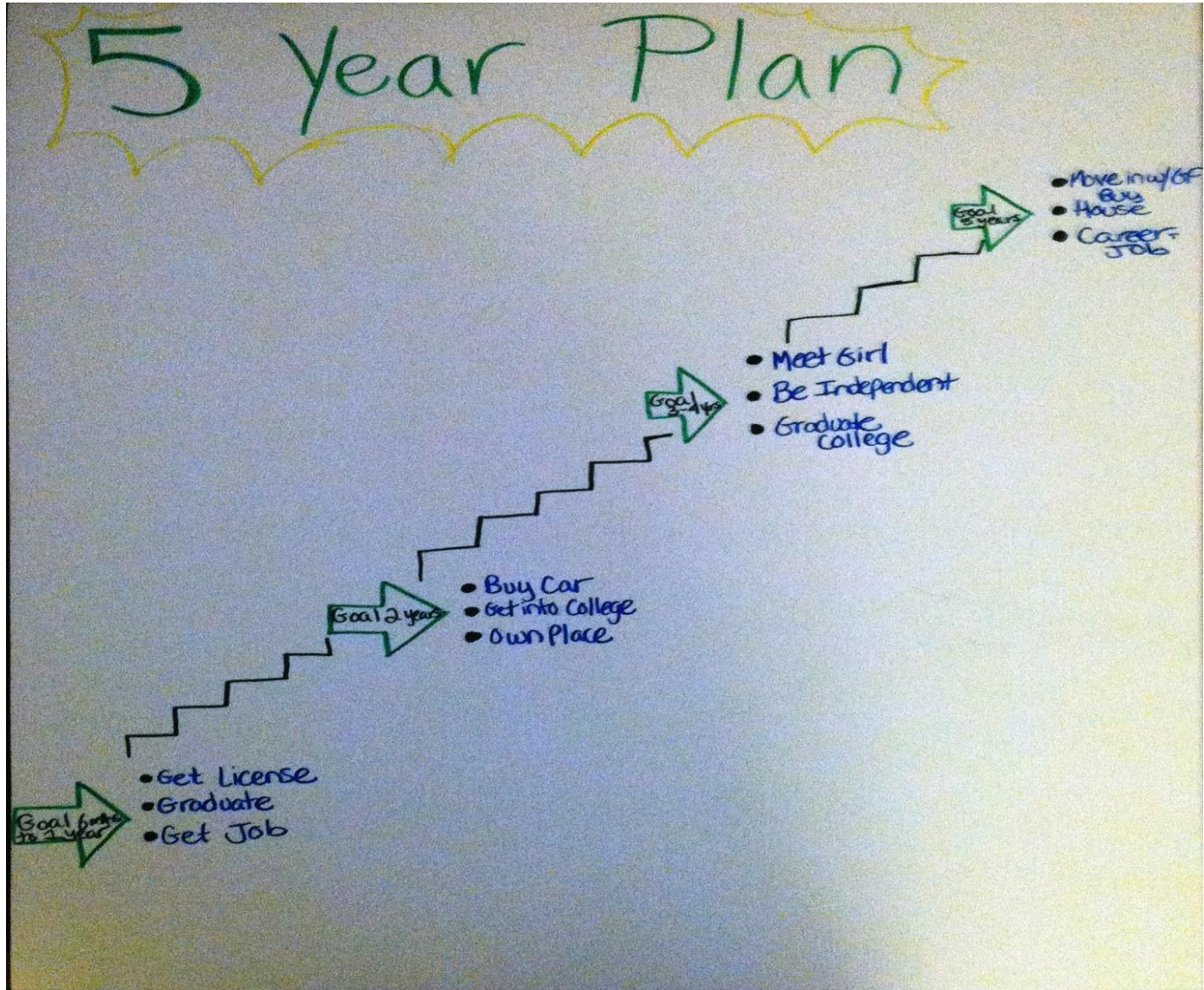
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# Youth's Team

## Core Team:

- Youth
- RENEW Facilitator
- Therapist
- Guidance Counselor
- Mom
- Dad

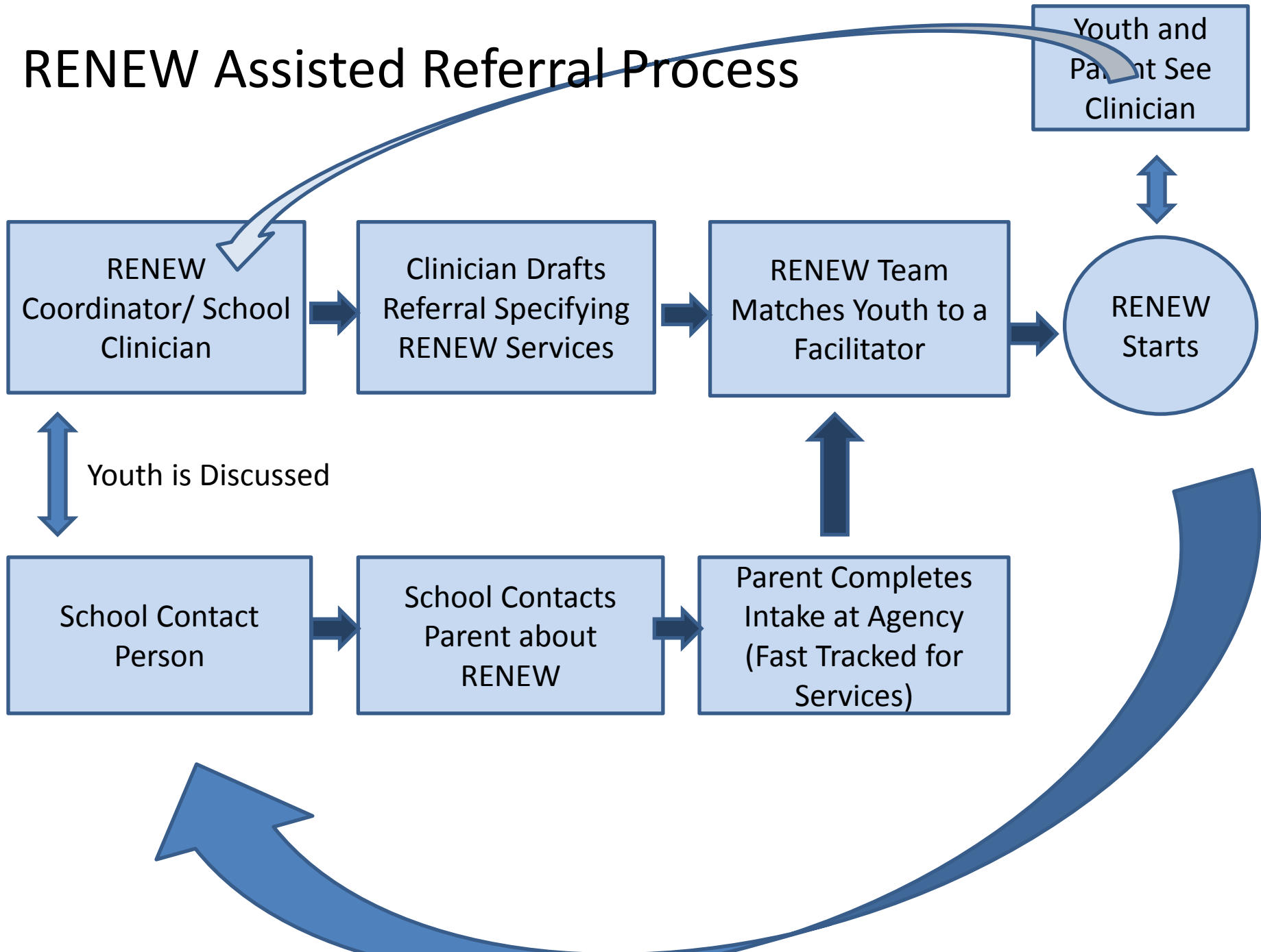
## Goal Members:

- English Teacher
- Vocational  
Rehabilitation

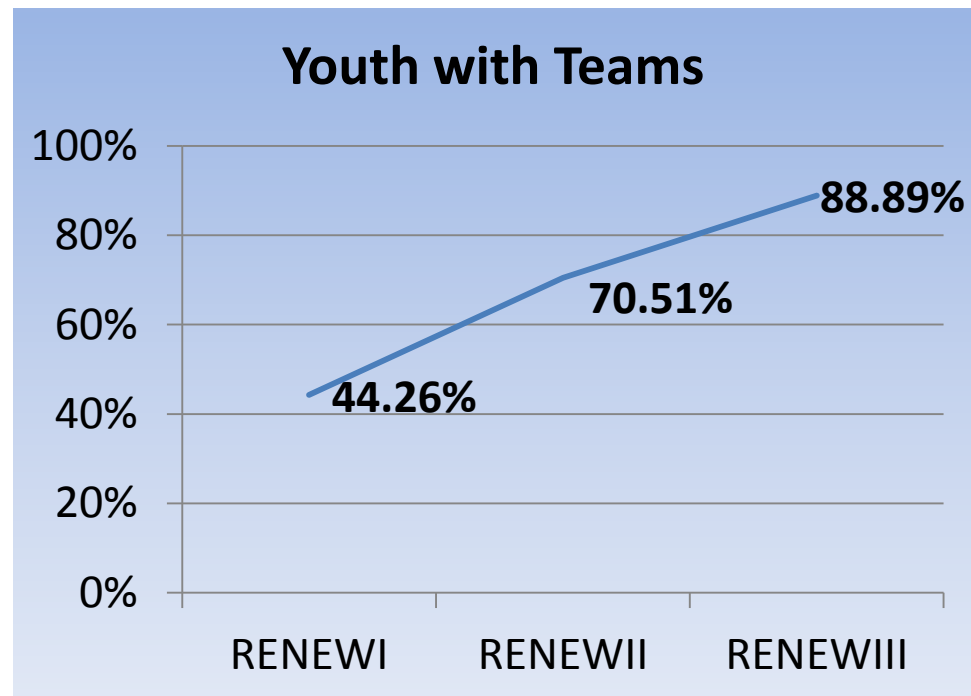
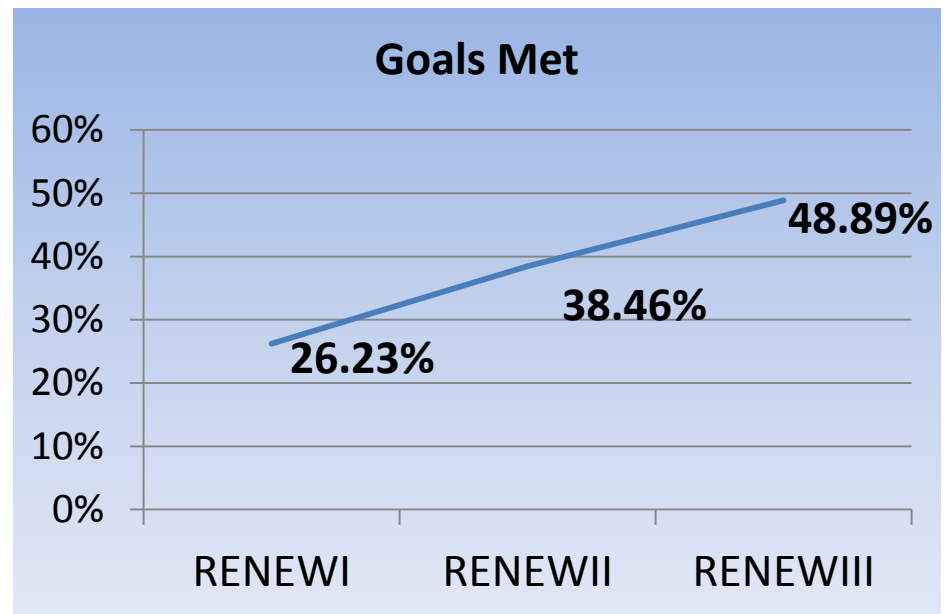
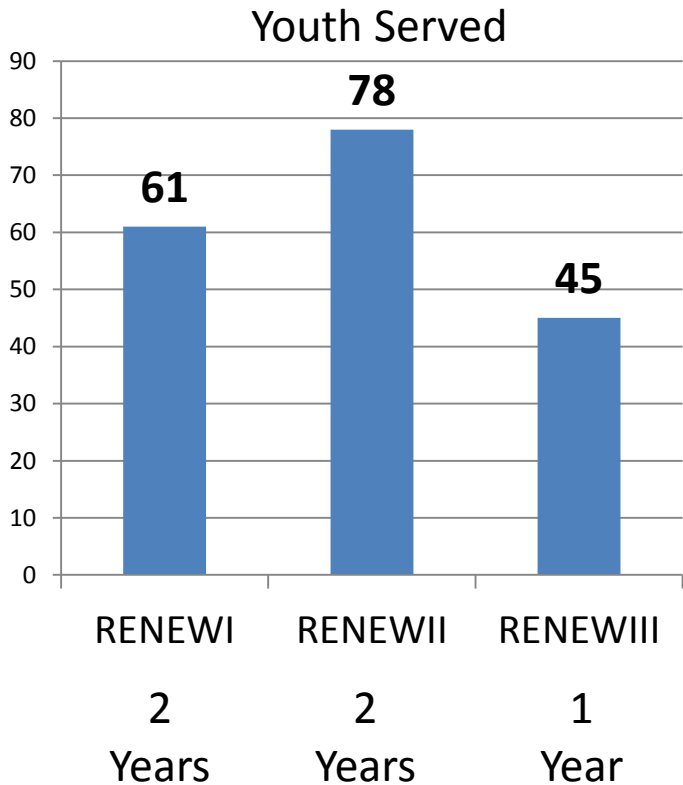
# Outcomes for the Youth

- Client obtained license before age 18. Funded by Vocational Rehabilitation.
- With ability to drive, client's job search began and was successfully able to connect with a job at a local Auto Repair Shop.
- After enough money was saved, client visited and applied to 4 technical colleges around the country.
- Client graduated High School With a 2.9 GPA and was accepted to Ohio Technical Institute

# RENEW Assisted Referral Process

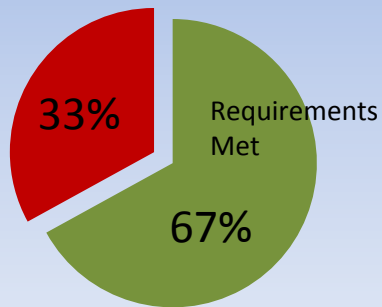


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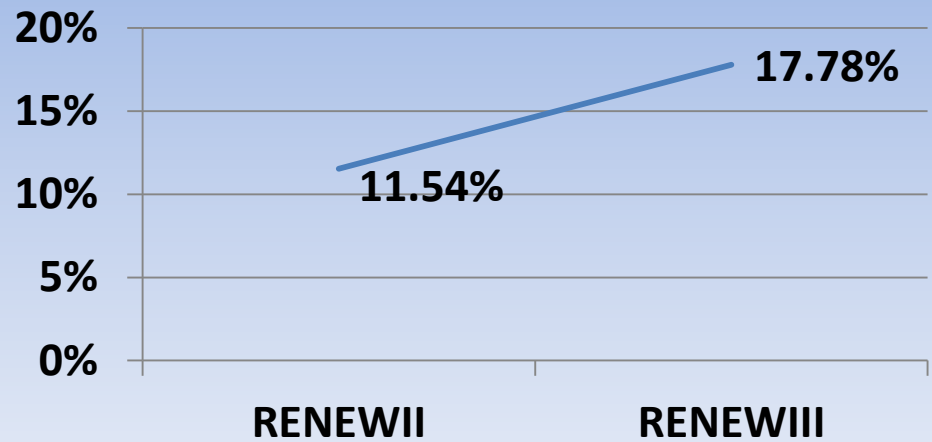


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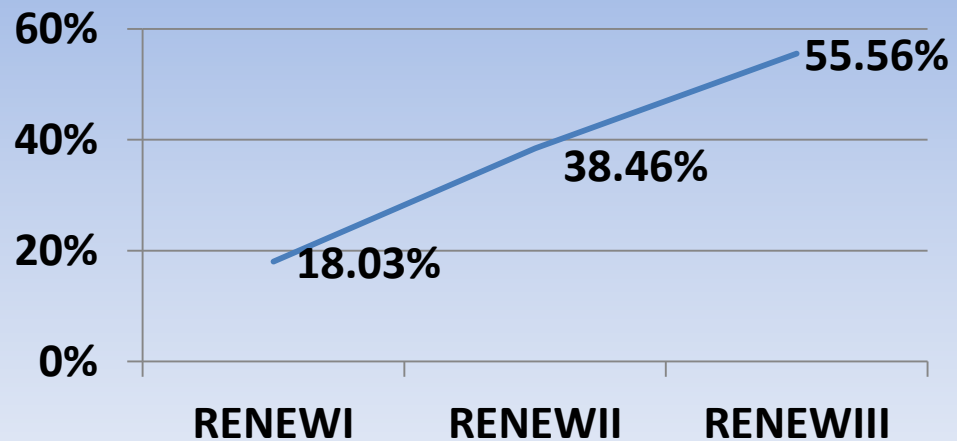
## Met Probation Requirements (n=27)



## Graduated/GED



## Jobs Obtained



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