

rebound



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Rebound's mission is to support Durham County high school students on short-term suspension from school by focusing on their **strengths and resilience** so that they may develop the skills, supports, and strategies needed to **reconnect with their schools, communities, and families** and **achieve their goals**.

Program Goals

- **Stay up-to-date with schoolwork**
- **Identify root causes of suspension**, including student behavior and systemic issues
- **Address root causes of suspensions** in order to prevent future suspensions, juvenile crime, and other risky behaviors while out of school.
- **Develop sources of resilience** in youth by:
 - Gaining self-knowledge and improving self-esteem
 - Identifying personal strengths and goals
 - Increasing skills in leadership, conflict management and effective communication skills
- **Promote social connectedness** by reconnecting youth with families, school staff, and the larger community

Program Activities

- **Academic time** with a DPS Certified EC Teacher
- Group and Individual **Counseling**
- **Strengths assessment**, goal setting activities
- **Lunch** and Snacks
- **Recreation** Time
- Professional **Conflict Mediation** for students suspended for fighting (Elna B. Spaulding Conflict Resolution Center)
- **Referrals** to community agencies for long term follow up
- **Workshops** on substance abuse, sexual health, healthy relationships, college readiness, etc.
- **Re-engagement plans** and/or conferences with school staff
- Invitation to **stay at the Teen Center** after program day ends.

Program Hours: 9:00 to 2:00, Monday – Thursday (traditional high school calendar)

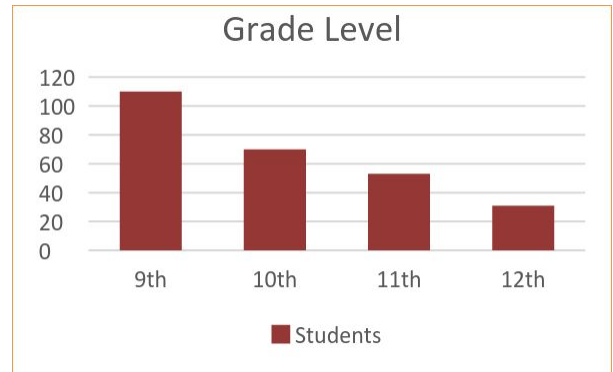
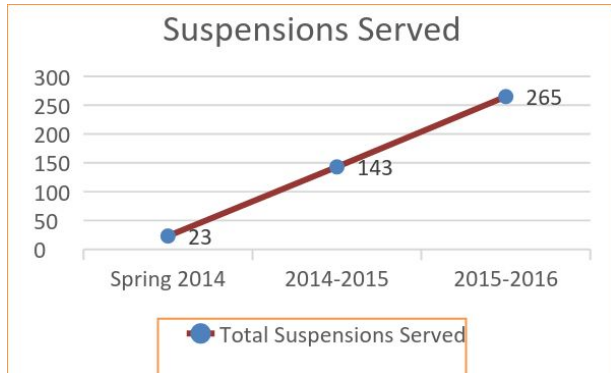
Cost to Students: None

Transportation: Provided by families, bus passes available

Referrals: Made by school, family, social workers, self referral

Staff/Student Ratio: 1:6 or fewer

2015 Program Outcomes and Growth



Key Statistics

938 student Suspension Days Mitigated
(students counted present at school)

42 students who successfully participated in
conflict mediation

26 students referred more than once

229 total students

22 students disclosed past or present
justice involvement

17 students linked with a mentor through
EVOLVE mentoring

9 DPS schools participating

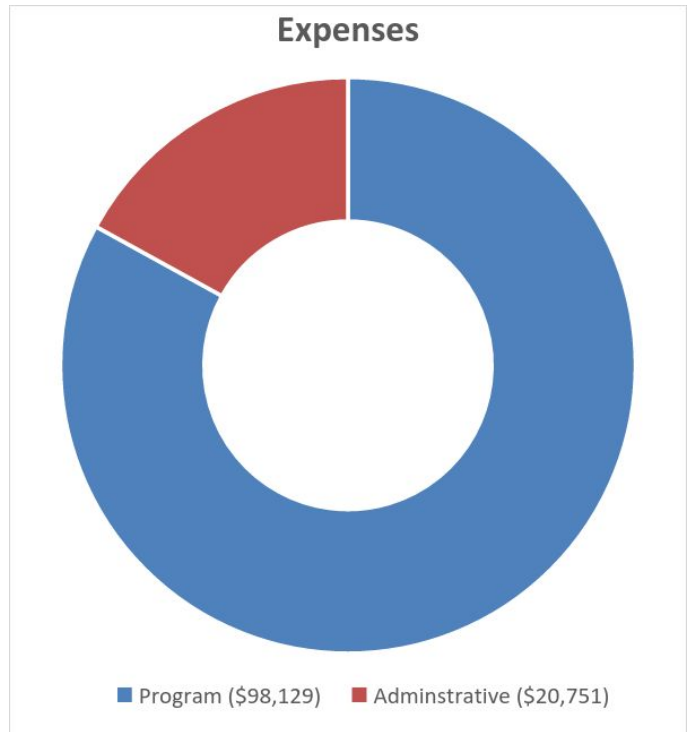
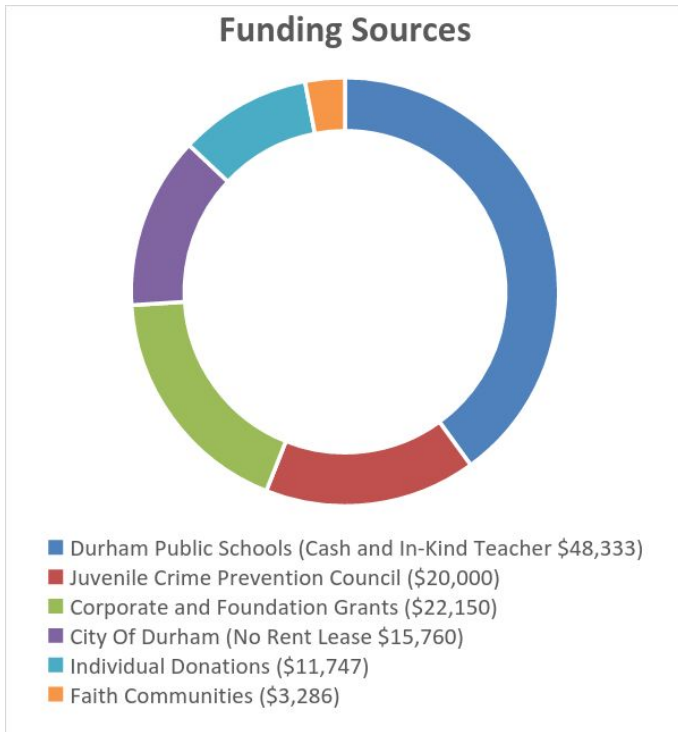
Participating Schools

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| Charter Schools (Kestrel Heights, Voyager) | 6 |
| Durham School of the Arts | 3 |
| Hillside High School | 51 |
| Hillside New Tech | 11 |
| Jordan High School | 67 |
| Lakeview School | 7 |
| Northern High School | 31 |
| Performance Learning Center | 3 |
| Riverside High School | 62 |
| Southern High School | 24 |

“Durham Public Schools is committed to reducing out of school suspensions. Rebound has provided our school with an invaluable resource that allows us to address disruptive behavior and help students simultaneously. I have watched students (who would otherwise be at home) go to Rebound and receive academic support, counseling, and the opportunity to resolve conflicts with other students. In short, Rebound provides the necessary services we wish we could provide on a daily basis for all of our struggling students.”

-DPS Administrator

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