



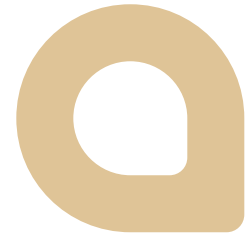
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT



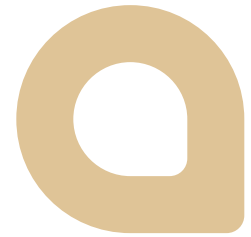
2022-2023

MDC'S MISSION

MDC works with and advocates for people experiencing poverty to ensure access to services, resources and tools needed to create a more equitable community.



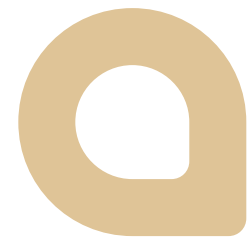
Encourages Higher Learning Education



Access to Education and Employment Opportunities



Focused Service Engagement to Empower Participants



Leads to Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Inequity

We envision an equitable community with engaged individuals, working together to improve the health and well-being of all community members. We want a safe place to live, to raise a family, and to find meaning and purpose in our daily lives.

MDC'S VISION

➤ Our Purpose

We Exist to Disrupt Generational Poverty and Cycle of Marginalization.

We are Agile.

We are Innovative.

We Meet People Where They Are To Bridge Opportunity and Service Gaps.





Education

MDC Education programs help students from low-income, first-generation families reach their educational goals - from finishing high school and attaining their GEDs, to enrolling into college and getting their Associates and Bachelors Degree, including learning about their career interests and preparing for it.

**Youth Education:
Upward Bound**

**Adult Education:
Educational
Opportunity Center**

**Adult Education:
Financial Aid Access and
Support**



Upward Bound Program

Serves High School Students in Tacoma, Bethel and Franklin Pierce School District

Provides fundamental support and mentorship to students in preparation for college entrance, and opportunities to succeed in pre-college performance and ultimately in higher education pursuits



Youth Education Services

Provide One-on-One Education Advising

Weekly Engagement: Educational, Personal

Cultural Activities, College Visits and Field Trips

Summer Programming

Stipends

Tutoring and other Academic Support

Apply for Financial Aid and Assist in searching and applying for scholarships

Assistance applying to in-and-out state colleges and universities

Provide information about other available resources onsite and in the community



Eligibility

- **Low-Income and First-Generation**
- **US Citizenship or Permanent Resident**
- **8th Grade Completion**
- **Ages between 13-19 (Until High School Completion)**
- **Need academic support or at high risk for academic failure**

UB CO-LOCATED SITES

Feel free to reach out!

Lincoln High School

701 S. 31st St.
Tacoma, 98418
253-306-2086

Mt. Tahoma High School

4634 S. 74th St.
Tacoma, 98409
253-278-8996

Foss High School

2112 S. Tyler St
Tacoma, 98495
253-677-8790

Franklin Pierce High School

11002 18th Ave E.
Tacoma, 98445
(253) 344-6996

Stadium High School

111 N. E. St.
Tacoma, 98403
253-344-0977

Silas High School

1202 N. Orchard St.
Tacoma, 98406
253-722-3429

Spanaway Lake High School

1305 168th St. E.
Spanaway, 98387
253-302-9906

Washington High School

12420 Ainsworth Ave. S
Tacoma, 98444
253-344-6490



Educational Opportunity Center Program

Serves Adults and Disengaged Youth in Pierce County

Provides advising and fundamental support to participants in obtaining their GED, in preparation for college entrance or continue higher education, and opportunities to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants



EOC Services

Provide assistance paying for GED practice and official exams, enrollment fees, college applications and/or college placement exams, transcript fees

Assistance applying to in-and-out state colleges and universities

Explore careers through virtual job shadowing

Apply for financial aid

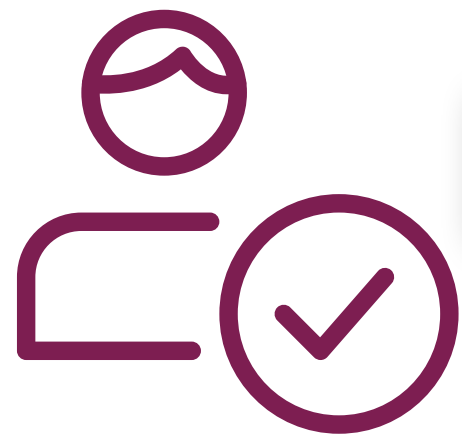
Assist in searching and applying for scholarships

Navigate student loans and loan default

Provide information about other available resources through MDC, onsite and in the community

Provide financial literacy and budgeting plans

Weekly Workshops: Educational, Employment



Eligibility

- **Low-Income and First-Generation**
- **US Citizenship or Permanent Resident**
- **Expresses interest in pursuing Higher Education**
- **Ages 19 and older, or youth who has dropped out of high school**
- **Pierce County Resident**

*** Anyone who does not meet any of these criteria is still encouraged to apply and meet with us.**



Employment

EOC offers access to Employment resources to help individuals build assets and find a path to independence.

EOC Employment

Employment Services:

- > Career Assessments
- > VirtualJobShadow.com/Pathful Explorer
 - > Job Search, Resume Building, Interview Support
 - > Career Videos
- > Referrals to Worksource and Job Fairs
- > Referrals for Assistance with Removing Barriers
- > Career Advising

EOC CO-LOCATED SITES

Feel free to reach out!

MDC Learning Center

721 S. Fawcett Ave.,
Room 203
Tacoma, 98402
253-320-1901

Tacoma Community House

REACH Center
1314 S. L St.
Tacoma, 98405
253-341-0624

Clover Park Technical College

4500 Steilacoom Blvd.
SW, Bldg. 17
Lakewood, 98499
253-677-8790

Tacoma Community College

6501 S. 19th St., Bldg 7
Tacoma, 98466
253-306-1033

Pierce Community College

9401 Farwest Drive SW
Lakewood, 98498
1601 39th Ave SE
Puyallup, 98374
253-722-3429



Financial Aid Access and Support Program

Serves Adults in Pierce County

Provides mobile education advising and fundamental support to participants with completing FAFSA and WASFA applications and in preparation for college entrance or continue higher education, and opportunities to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants

CO-LOCATED SITES

More Coming Up Soon!

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Pierce County Libraries

Nourish Food Banks

Community Centers

Parks and Recreation

• Enrollment

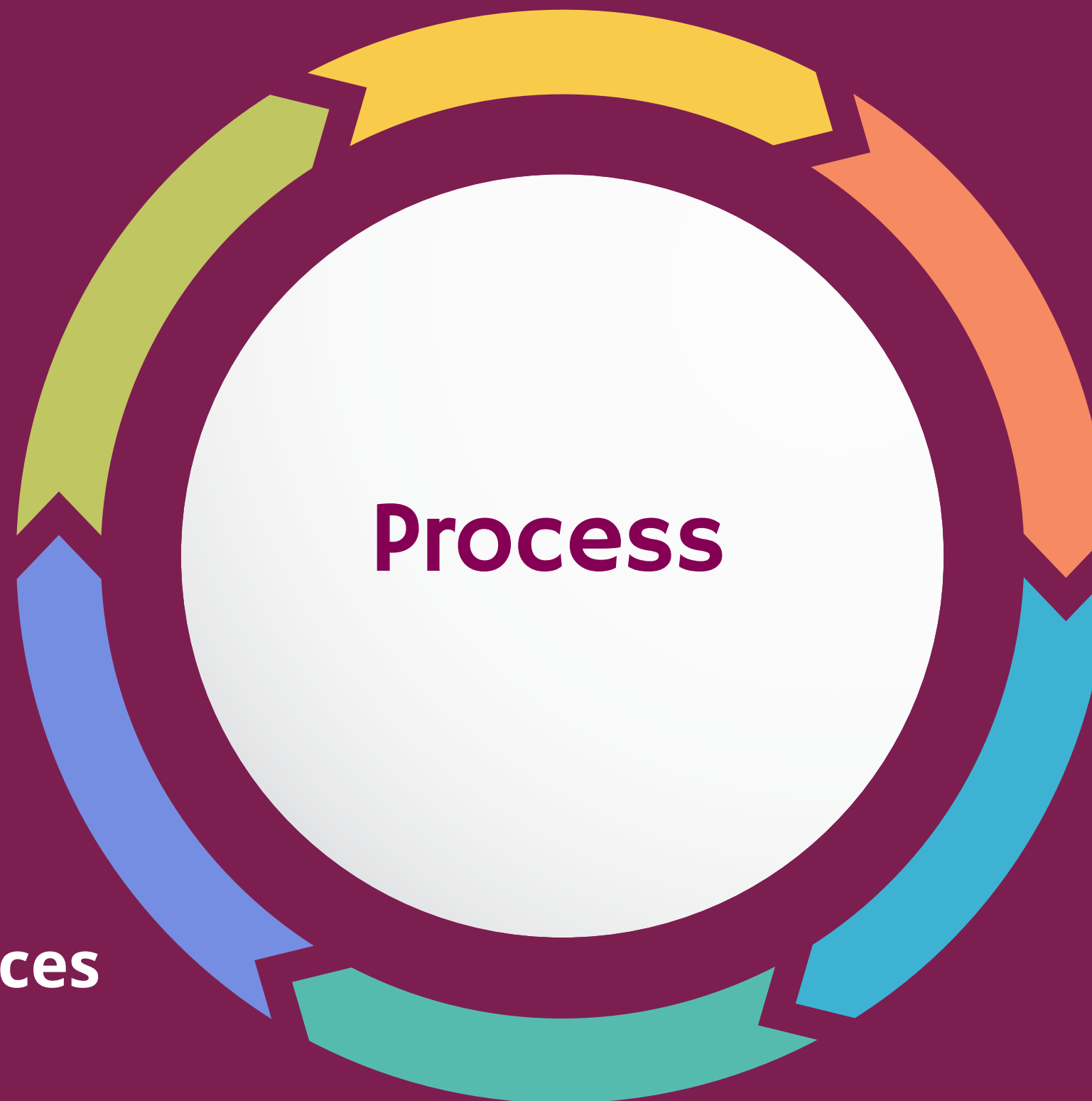
• Eligibility Review
• Contact Client

• 1:1 Advising
• Needs Assessment
• Goals and Action Plan

• Supportive Services

• Accountability
• Engagement

• Referrals to MDC
• Referrals to
Community Resources



A low-angle shot of graduates in black gowns and caps, with several caps tossed into the air against a clear blue sky. The graduates are looking up and cheering, with their arms raised.

Be a Part of a Story of Hope

This presentation is to help you better understand our Education and Employment Programs and how to be part of our mission for the betterment of our community.

CALL TO ACTION

How could we, as an organization collectively, help our community succeed beyond the educational spaces and disrupt generational poverty and trauma?

How can our department show up in your programs?

How can your programs help our students or participants?

How do we provide HOPE together?

Ask yourself, *"What narrative am I helping to write?"*



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Thank you!

Any questions?