

BUFFALO HILLSIDE WORK-SCHOLARSHIP CONNECTION (HW-SC)

GRADUATION. COLLEGE. CAREER.

Who We Are

Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection (HW-SC) is a nationally recognized, evidence-based dropout prevention program proven to dramatically increase graduation rates for at-risk youth.

What We Do

HW-SC empowers at-risk youth to graduate from high school and become college and career ready. Part-time jobs, new life skills, and community investments are at the core of our proven model. Graduation is just the beginning because we're serious about life-long success. Key services include:

- Youth Advocates – full-time, professional mentors
- Job Training & Part-time Employment
- Individualized Academic Services
- Year-round enrichment programming and skill development
- College preparation and planning

What Makes Us Different

- **Consistency**- our program is year round, from enrollment through 2-years post- graduation. Students have the same Youth Advocate for up to six years (assumes enrollment in 9th grade). Most develop lifelong attachments that help drive their future success.
- **Results-Oriented** –we are recognized as a leading solution to the dropout crisis because we deliver consistent, measurable results for school districts and their students. HW-SC's model is data-driven. For the past 25 years, HW-SC students have graduated at much higher rates than their peers (69% of HW-SC Rochester students graduated in 2010).
- **Collaborative** – we partner with schools, teachers, administrators, parents, students and many other community resources to achieve success. Our model relies on a team approach to maximize the community's existing resources on behalf of our students instead of duplicating what's already working.

Why We're Needed

Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection is a smart investment for the entire community. Less than half of Buffalo Public School students graduated (47.4%) in 2010. For the 120 South Park High students enrolled in HW-SC this year, by the time they graduate and reach age 30, the community will have achieved \$2.7 million in savings from reductions associated with dropouts- imagine what this number could be if HW-SC were expanded to the entire district!