

**Manhattanville in West Harlem Implementation Plan Report
October 15, 2026 Submission**

Declaration Reference and Key Data

Obligation Section Number: **5.07(c)(xv)**

Obligation Title: **Outreach for Disconnected Youth**

Obligation Page Number: **55**

Obligation Trigger: **Acquisition by ESD or CU of all Initial Stage 1 Condemnation Parcel(s)**

Obligation Start Date: **March 12, 2012**

Obligation End Date: **March 12, 2038* (8 Year Pilot; 25 Years from Commencement)**

Obligation Status: **In Compliance**

Obligation

Outreach for Disconnected Youth. Commencing with the acquisition by ESD or CU of all Initial Stage 1 Condemnation Parcels, CU shall initiate a targeted outreach, in partnership with community based organizations, to identify and engage disconnected youth in the community, ages 16-24 who have not completed high school or obtained a GED, in order to enroll them at no cost in existing NYCDOE high school programs or GED programs operated by community partners. Upon completion of a high school diploma or GED, youth will be referred for skills training, internships and work based learning opportunities through community based organizations. For youth successfully completing the GED program, CU will make a good faith effort to place qualified youth in positions with CU. To ensure coordination of program and placement services CU shall fund a position to coordinate program and placement efforts. The program will be reviewed by CU and ESD after eight years and, if effective, will be continued, subject to subsequent reviews of effectiveness for 25 years from commencement.

*Planning activities were still ongoing upon the obligation trigger date. Outreach for disconnected youth was conducted in 2013, one year after the trigger date. Therefore, this obligation will be in effect until 2038, 25 years from the commencement of the obligation implementation.

Evidence of Compliance

1. Annual report

Columbia University's Implementation Plan and all supporting documentation are made available on the Columbia Neighbors Webpage at <https://neighbors.columbia.edu/content/community-commitments>.

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EOC Checklist for Obligation 5.07(c)(xv):

Please check to verify EOC items submitted for review.

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1. Annual report

Monitor's Notes / Comments:

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Status:

Please check to indicate the status of Obligation 5.07(c)(xv):

- ☐ In Compliance
- ☐ In Progress
- ☐ Not In Compliance
- ☐ Not Triggered

Annual Report: Columbia Youth Resource Network

State Submission Annual Reporting Period: **October 2025 - September 2026**

Executive Summary

Building off the success of the University's Connecting Youth Initiative, the Office of Government and Community Affairs is launching the Columbia Youth Resource Network (CYRN), an expanded collaboration among Columbia University, community organizations, and local public schools with the collective goal of engaging 16 to 24 year olds in Upper Manhattan who have yet to graduate from high school, and/or who are unemployed.

This resource network will support young people in the community for whom traditional academic and career pathways have not been the right fit.

Through strong community-based partnerships and mentorship, the CYRN will connect area young people with resources and opportunities to help them define their own academic and professional goals, then confidently carve a pathway towards success. CYRN is committed to supporting youth in a variety of life circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Navigating re-entry into the community
- Court involvement
- Aging out of foster care
- Homelessness
- Chronic absence, truancy, and/or risk of dropout or aging out of school

Participants will receive recognition for their participation in the CYRN, with lifelong connections to organizations and institutions who can help them thrive.

Participant Criteria

- 16 to 24 years old
- Education Status: Currently not enrolled in school, or enrolled but in danger of dropping out or aging out
- Employment Status: Currently not working
- Residential Status: Living in the following ZIP Codes:
 - Manhattan: 10025, 10026, 10027, 10029, 10030, 10031, 10032, 10033, 10034, 10035, 10037, 10039, 10040

Network Offerings

School and community-based CYRN partners will receive direct referrals from Columbia University and other network members of local youth who would benefit from their services. Columbia, along with partnering community organizations and local schools in the network, will provide assistance with:

- Getting back on track for high school completion in a NYC Department of Education public school;
- Providing referrals to High School Equivalency programs to prepare for TASC (formerly known as GED) examination;
- Providing referrals to alternative school settings (DOE Transfer Schools, YABC programs, or Co-Op Tech and other vocational programs);
- Enrolling or re-enrollment in a college or university;
- Providing referrals to workforce/employment skill development programs;
- Accessing internship and employment opportunities at Columbia University;
- Job applications for positions outside of Columbia University;
- Navigating the court system;
- Finding shelter and/or housing.