



Reintegration Support Network (RSN) is recruiting new Board of Director members to work together to promote youth-centered programming that supports youth under-resourced by the local community, disadvantaged by intersectional social identities (race, ethnicity, culture and language, gender), and disproportionately impacted by poverty, mental health, substance use, and justice involvement.

Who is RSN? Reintegration Support Network (RSN) has been leading local efforts to adapt an evidenced-based, adult peer-support model to meet the unique needs of our community's youth. RSN uses specially trained mentors (NC certified peer support specialists, or Recovery Coach Academy trained) to interrupt the daily systemic and structural pressures that create gaps in opportunities for youth (ages 13-20) with challenges related to mental health, substance use, and/or juvenile justice involvement.

What does RSN do? RSN mentors provide one-to-one support and/or facilitated Life Skills Support Groups, creating a safe and resilient space for young people to center their needs and build agency while increasing their engagement with self, school, and the community.

Who does RSN serve? The majority of RSN's referrals were from Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (29.9%); youth-focused partner organizations (31.%). Participants were from Orange (42%) and Durham (31%) counties. Of these participants, 66.3% were male-identified, 33.7% female-identified and 77.6% identified as Black, Indigenous and youth of color.

Where is RSN right now? RSN is currently adapting its strategic plan to one suited for its next three years. This strategic plan will ensure the long-term sustainability of RSN by: a) implementing lessons learned in the field; b) undertaking programmatic and organizational changes that will continue to interrupt systemic racism, and c) enhancing and expanding to provide vital services to youth of color and communities with limited resources. As RSN scales up its operations, we have a unique opportunity to ensure anti-racist values and actions are embedded in the infrastructure we are creating.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please go to the link below and complete and submit the interest form no later than May 15, 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email boardchair@rsnnc.org

The Board of Directors encourages interest from: (1) all ages and young people (18-25 years old), (2) people with legal and/or accounting professional experience, (3) Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC); (4) people with lived experience of substance use, mental health, or justice involvement, homelessness, or poverty; (4) LGBTQIA+ people; and (5) people with disabilities.

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