

# HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUT DOMINO EFFECT



The consequences of dropping out of high school can have serious, long-term repercussions not only for individuals but for families, communities and society at large.

## STUDENTS WHO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL ARE MORE LIKELY TO...

## ChalleNGe...

### Be uneducated



1 in 4 students drop out of high school

### Increases:

GED and high school diploma attainment by **29%**  
College attendance by **86%**

### Be un or underemployed

**15%** unemployment rate for HS dropouts **VS** **9%** of HS graduates

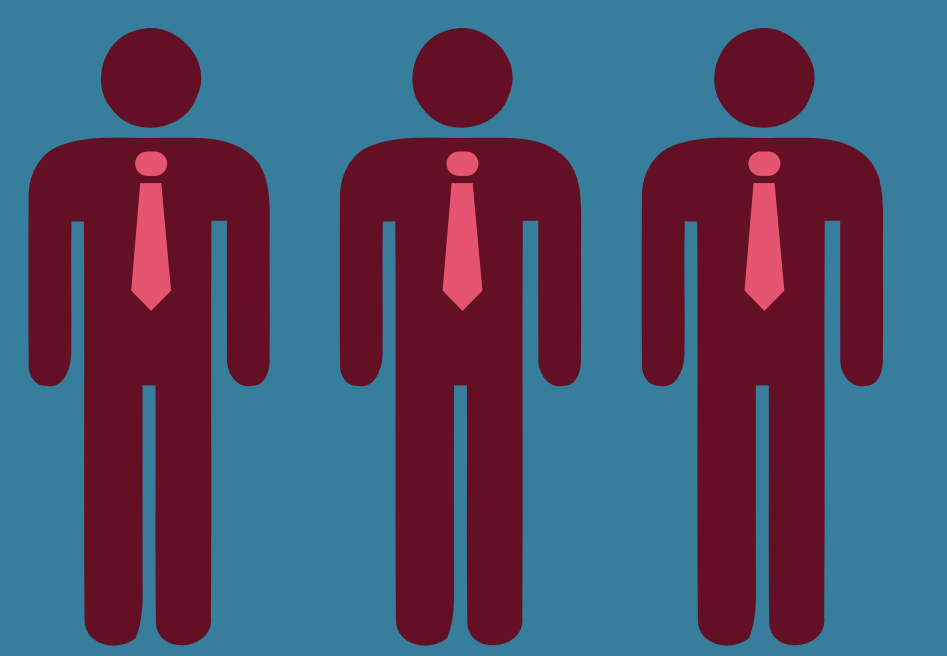
After ChalleNGe, NGYF provides mentoring and guidance, and facilitates internships and jobs; annual earnings increase by 20%



### Depend on public money for welfare

Dropouts can expect to earn **\$10,000 less per year** compared to HS graduates

After ChalleNGe NGYF opens the doors to job transition; 45% join the workforce



### Engage in criminal behavior and be incarcerated

Dropouts are 3.5 times more likely to be arrested and comprise up to 70% of the US prison population

Provides intervention, mentorship and a sense of responsible citizenship and service to the community

### Suffer poor health

Dropouts have a life expectancy of **9.2 years less** than HS graduates

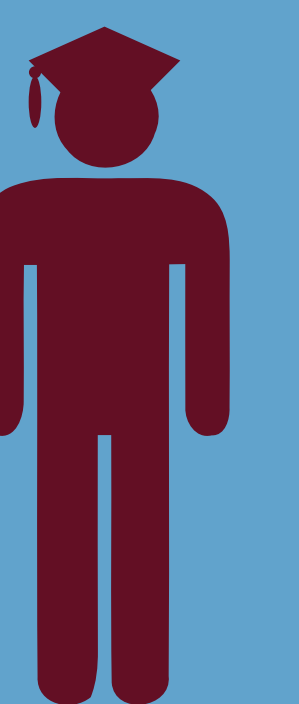
Teaches importance of health, nutrition, physical fitness and hygiene



### Impact the economy and affect our global competitiveness



Arms youth with skills to compete for quality jobs, teaches leadership and enhances the pool of educated and qualified skilled youth to fill jobs



### Weaken our society



Inspires engaged youth to build a better America; to date, 130,000 youth have graduated from ChalleNGe



Every \$1 spent on the program yields a return of \$2.66 in benefits to society.



The National Guard Youth Foundation supports ChalleNGe graduates.  
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