

DROPPING BACK IN

Meet some of America's dropouts, the issues they face, and the people and programs helping them drop back in and get on with their educations and lives. While they face similar struggles, each person's story is unique, complicated, messy, revealing, and compelling. The result is a series of documentaries that are both enlightening and inspiring and include a diverse mix of people, programs, experts, and explanations.

Second Chances

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When an individual drops out of school, the personal and public costs are tremendous. So are the potential gains of second chances.

More than a Statistic

[broadcast date/time]

The longer someone is out of school, the harder it is to go back. Visit alternative schools and programs designed to reach young dropouts as quickly as possible.

Complicated Lives

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Why does someone drop out of school? Why does it take some dropouts years to attain a GED[®] credential? The challenges dropouts face go far beyond academics. Helping to meet the demands of their complicated lives is a key success for these featured adult education programs.

Working for the Future

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Helping America's dropouts attain college and career readiness requires new thinking about high school equivalency and post-secondary education. As a result, community colleges and other higher education institutions are changing.

New Program!

Building a Better Life

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The new program in the series looks at successful apprentice and training-based programs that are preparing undereducated and underemployed people for available jobs by teaching marketable skills.



"I don't believe in lost causes. Some of us, we just get started so far behind that it can take a lifetime for us to just have that turning point to transform our lives."

— Victor Rios

Former dropout and gang member, now a professor of sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara



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