

Operation About Face

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Summary

The Operation About Face Program is an educational community outreach program for in-school youth ages 13-18 who are economically disadvantaged and at-risk of becoming high school dropouts. Operation About Face is a preventative program to help at-risk students improve their academic skills by assisting with school work, providing life coping skills, providing a work setting to obtain work experience, establishing strong mentor and role model experiences, and preparing students with job search and job retention skills.

Operation About Face has served over 33,000 youth to date with a 90% completion rate. Pre- and post-program assessments demonstrate a 91% increase in high school competency skills in participants. Currently, the Operation About Face Program is offered in five States: the District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Mississippi, and North Carolina.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What are the desired outcomes for the Operation About Face Program?

A. The following are desired outcomes for the Operation About Face Program:

- Reduce the high school dropout rate
- Provide youths with strategies needed to be successful in life and become responsible, productive members of society
- Provide a safe place for youths to come together and interact with caring adults while learning valuable life skills
- Increase the value and strength of communities
- Reduce the likelihood of future welfare dependency

Q. When and where are sessions held?

A. After school sessions are held Monday through Thursday. Summer sessions are held for six hours per day, Monday through Friday, for three consecutive weeks. Sessions are held at local Army National Guard Armories and other community facilities.

Q. Are participants required to enlist in the Army National Guard?

A. No, participants are not required to enlist in the Army National Guard.

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Links

- [Army National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment Homepage](#)
This comprehensive website serves as the premier source for education, incentives, and employment services information as it applies to Army National Guard Soldiers.
- [Army National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment: Operation About Face](#)
This website provides information about the Army National Guard Operation About Face Program.

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References

Documents and Forms

- [National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment: Education Benefits Handbook](#)

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Points of Contact

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