

What is a Tennessee Reconnect Ambassador ?

A Tennessee Reconnect Ambassador is an individual with ties to their neighbors, coworkers, and community members and who provides encouragement and support to adults they know who are interested in finishing a college credential. In addition to becoming an active player in an adult learner's support network, Ambassadors will ultimately connect interested adults to Reconnect Community Navigators, institutional representatives, or online resources to assist them with taking the next step of developing a plan of action for returning to college or going for the first time.



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Reconnect Ambassadors in your community

The Middle Tennessee Reconnect Community will train local TN Reconnect Ambassadors at employers, community-based organizations, and education providers across middle Tennessee.

If you're interested in hosting or participating in TN Reconnect Ambassador training in your community, contact Laura Ward at lward@nashvillechamber.com



WHY IS THE ROLE OF AN AMBASSADOR IS SO IMPORTANT

One of the first – and most difficult – steps for an adult who is thinking about going back to college is reaching out to someone for information and help. Adults often feel more comfortable talking to someone that they can connect with, either in experience or in background. This is why community-based services are so important to guide adults through the process of returning to higher education. Adult learners who are successful in completing a credential often cite their support network as essential in helping them finish.

The Three Tasks of a Reconnect Ambassador

1. Identify potential Reconnectors;
2. Talk to and encourage potential Reconnectors about completing college;
3. Refer potential Reconnectors to Reconnect Community Navigators, institutional representatives, and resources.

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Inspirer	Expert
Resource	Financial Aid Advisor
Referrer	Academic Advisor

An Ambassador opens the door to a conversation that someone has wanted to have, but didn't know how to start, or who to talk to. An Ambassador supports Reconnectors with encouragement and provides just enough information so they can take their next step on their path to college. At the same time, they are also supporting their community in meeting the Drive to 55.