END-OF-YEAR REPORT

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT - FISCAL YEAR 2026 (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)

About School Engagement

Domus' School Engagement Program provides intensive, relationship-based support to students who are disengaged from school, helping them reconnect with learning, strengthen relationships, and graduate with a plan for post-secondary. Beginning in ninth grade, students are connected with Family Advocates who remain alongside them through high school graduation. These staff members help students to remove the obstacles that prevent them from finding school success.

Family Advocates are at the heart of the School Engagement Program. Guided by Domus' Relational Model, they build consistent, loving relationships with students and provide individualized, trauma-responsive support that helps them regulate emotions, strengthen relationships, and make healthy decisions. Every interaction is designed to increase connection, belonging, and long-term success.

Through partnership with Stamford Public Schools, Domus serves students at Stamford High School, Westhill High School, the Anchor Program, and Adult Education. Students are referred to the school engagement program because of behavior and/or attendance challenges that put them at risk of not graduating from high school.

> ***[Domus School Engagement] is good at helping you achieve goals, stay focused, and build yourself [toward] future goals.***
>
> ***- School Engagement Young Person***

The Young People We Serve

352
Students Served

97% Young People of Color

93% of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch

28% of Students Receive Special Education Services

15% English Language Learners



Compared with the overall Stamford Public Schools student population, the School Engagement program serves a disproportionately high percentage of students of color, students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, or those receiving special education services.

Creating Lasting Change

Relationships are the intervention.

Building relationships through the Domus Relational Model, family advocates meet weekly with students for at least 30 minutes, for **15,814 meaningful interactions** (94% in person). Connected monthly with family members for **3,189 family contacts** (37% in person) and engaged in **4,832 teacher connections**, including participation in PPTs and other school-based meetings.

How Domus Engages for Success

86% Graduates from 2025 on a path to self-sufficiency (1 year later)

93%	Students remained enrolled through the last day of school
84%	Average Daily Attendance
89%	Students with no out-of-school suspensions
82%	Promoted to Next Grade*
97%	Seniors Graduated

**Excludes 23 youth no longer enrolled at year-end (none were seniors).*



FY26 Highlights

School Engagement expanded its impact by launching its first-ever Post-Secondary Coordinator role, providing individualized guidance that helped 88 graduating students navigate their next steps. Through this support, 56 students completed the FAFSA, 3 successfully applied for and earned scholarships, and 81 secured acceptances into college or trade schools.

To broaden young people's horizons and support their long-term growth, the program created more experiential learning opportunities through field trips and enrichment activities, with an emphasis on college visits and volunteer service. These experiences helped students discover new opportunities, connect with their communities, and gain confidence in planning for their future.

Through a successful partnership with Family Centers, 9 Domus Anchor students completed internships that introduced them to potential career pathways while developing valuable workplace skills.

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Looking Ahead

Domus remains committed to ensuring every young person enrolled has access to a network of trusted adults who love them and the individualized support needed to succeed.

During the coming year, we will continue to expand the perspectives of our students by exposing and connecting them to new service-learning opportunities, college and career exploration, recreational opportunities, and resources which help them focus on their future.

1,250 young people served across Domus programs this year.