

Our collective of seven
Connecticut nonprofits works to
directly address the issues facing
119,000 disengaged and
disconnected youth in our state.

Together, we're working to:

- Build nonprofit capacity for those serving disengaged and disconnected youth.
- Expand workforce development opportunities for disconnected youth, including those formerly incarcerated.
- Improve visibility of disengaged and disconnected youth and strengthen accountability at state, regional, and local levels.



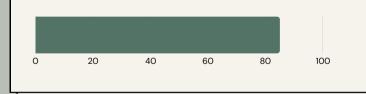


Teach us more hands-on, vocational stuff: fixing cars, workshop, culinary arts, life skills. You put your hands to work, gets your mind right.

— CT vouth

Our impact on young people:

Across the partnership, 85% of young people who graduated from our programs were still enrolled in school or work 12 months after program graduation.



Our History:

Each of us has been focused on this population for many years—in some cases, over 50 years. The words *disengaged* and *disconnected* are not a fad for us. We each have worked on our own and as a group with nationally known experts on improving our practices and measuring our impact. Over time, we've created and refined our work into evidence–supported practices which result, year after year, in significant change in thousands of lives.



Learn more about our state's disconnected and disengaged young people: Read this <u>Young People First plan summary</u>, which includes statistics about the youth we're working to support and where our organizations are referred to as leaders in the field.



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Our Piece of the Pie

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Gaps IDed by youth and stakeholders:

- · Lack of engagement, belonging, and empowerment.
- Insufficient educational resources and infrastructure.
- Insufficient workforce development opportunities.
- Fragmented, underfunded patchwork system of services.
- Lack of data transparency and usability.
- · Lack of accountability across various stakeholders.

Youth aged 14 to 24 who are...

- Enrolled in high school and have significant attendance and/or behavioral issues at school, which puts them at high risk of not graduating (disengaged).
- Not engaged in pro-social institutions and/or not on track for gainful employment, including young people who are not employed, have not attained a high school diploma/equivalent, and/or are incarcerated (disconnected).

5 Fiscal Impact on Individuals & Taxpayers:

- Median annual salary of a CT high school graduate: \$37,656; of a nongraduate: \$25,926.
- CT taxpayers would gain \$210k in revenue for each disconnected student who gets back on track.
- CT spends \$102,942 per person to incarcerate someone but \$0 helping individuals re-integrate into their community.

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