



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 youth

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 [*Young People First* plan summary](#), 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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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*).

Fiscal Impact on Individuals & Taxpayers:

- Median annual salary of a CT high school graduate: \$37,656; of a non-graduate: \$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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