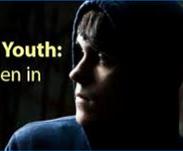


**Disconnected Youth:**  
A problem hidden in  
plain sight.



## St. Lucie County/National Disconnected Youth Data:

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR) says the percent of St. Lucie County teens and young adults ages 16-24 who are neither working or in school (2010 – 2014) was 18% compared to 15% for the state. Nationally in 2016, the youth disconnection rate was 11.7%, a 20% decrease from 2010. Clearly, opportunities for this group expanded alongside an expanding economy. However, 4.6 million youth remained disconnected in 2016.

The Bridges to Prosperity Network (B2P) reviewed data for twelve county census tracts where at least 25% of individuals were at or below 100% of the poverty level. A data compilation will be made available upon completion.

IT'S TIME TO  
**RECONNECT**



## Review of Promising Programs:

B2P reviewed existing literature and research on programs that have shown a significant impact on reducing the number of disconnected youth. Components with the most significant impact include:

- Cross system collaboration including written agreements on referrals, transition, support, resource access, and data sharing
- Public health tools used to identify populations at high-risk with monitoring of protective and risk factors
- Use of coordinated data systems; blended funding; involvement of youth in the design and implementation of interventions; systematic approach to scaling up prevention and re-engagement interventions
- Provision of wrap-around support services such as childcare and transportation, as well as ongoing support after job placement and program exit
- Multiple entry, exit and re-entry points along the educational continuum
- Two generation strategies; resource development; and goal setting
- Rich workplace experience; subsidized employment; internships; paid or stipend community service; on-the-job training; part/full-time employment; and college work study



## Join us:

The B2P network meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month from 12–1:30 at the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County, 5150 NW Milner Drive, PSL. Please email Wydee'a Wilson at [wydeea.wilson@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:wydeea.wilson@djj.state.fl.us) for more information.