



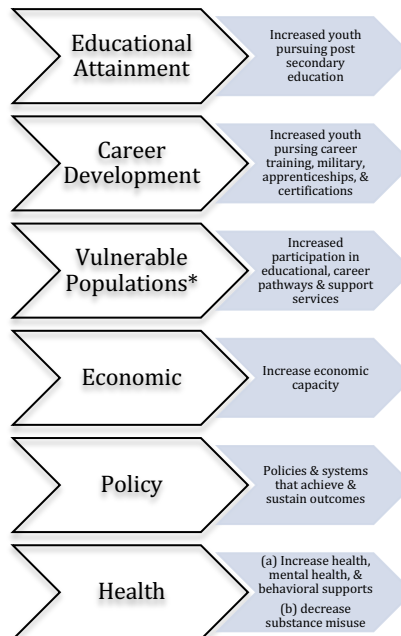
Roundtable Networks Collaborate

Strong partnerships are critical to identifying and building strategies for prevention and interventions to reduce youth disconnectedness. The Bridges to Prosperity Network (B2P) has initiated meetings with representatives of the (a) Child Welfare Network and the (b) Teen Pregnancy Prevention sub-committee of the Child & Adolescent Health Network as part of this process. Special thanks to Lisa von Seelen, Chris Martinez, Paul Nigro, Tessa Falatovich, and Tonya Andreacchio for their support.

The willingness of the Network members to share their time, knowledge and experience has provided insight into issues facing youth in foster care and pregnant and/or parenting youth - two populations vulnerable to becoming disconnected. B2P will be reaching out to the other Networks to identify shared strategies that will support increased educational attainment and embarkation on a career path.

Key Target Areas

Disconnected youth are teenagers and young people, ages 16-24, who are neither working nor in school. The B2P plan is to prevent and reduce youth disconnection by utilizing strategies that target the key areas below.



* This could include the following: (a) pregnant/parenting youth, (b) foster care youth, (c) homeless youth, (d) youth with disabilities.

Join us: The B2P Network meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month from 12-1:30 at the FL Dept. of Health SLC at 5150 NW Milner Dr. Please contact Wydee'a Wilson at wydeea.wilson@djj.state.fl.us for more information.

