

[Reconnecting New York City's Disconnected Youth](#)

Disconnected. Isolated. Disjointed. These words define the lives of an increasing number of Americans between the ages of 16 and 24. Neither in school nor actively seeking work, nearly one in six New Yorkers are part of what analysts have dubbed a “quiet crisis.”

Researchers say the issue has recently received the attention it deserves. A report released by the [Center For An Urban Future](#) in May 2006 estimates that by 2008 “there will be as many as three million of them [disconnected youth] nationwide.”



New York City bears the brunt of the problem, housing the most disconnected youth of any American city. Despite what surely seems to be a morbid fate for New York City’s youth, educators and officials are stepping up to reconnect disengaged youth to the prospect of a bright future.