

EVIDENT CHANGE

Inform Systems. Transform Lives.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE LOCK KIDS UP?

SECURE CONFINEMENT CAUSES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING



IMPAIRED DEVELOPMENT

Problems in areas related to decision making and maturity

Problems respecting the rights of others

Problems complying with laws

Problems functioning in educational and work environments

Problems with maturity, impulse control, suppression of aggression, and responsibility

Need for intensive interventions



MORE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE SYSTEM

Increased arrests as youth

Increased adult justice involvement

Reduced community safety



LONG-TERM BARRIERS AND COSTS

Less likely to complete high school

More likely to be incarcerated later in life

Problems functioning in group work environments

WHAT DO YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM NEED?



COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION

Return to family and community as soon as possible

Positive youth development and evidence-based practices

Consistent, quality education

WHO BENEFITS?



WE ALL DO

When young people succeed, we all benefit. Taxpayers and governments save money; communities are safer; families remain intact; and young people have the chance to grow, succeed, and contribute.

READ THE RESEARCH

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