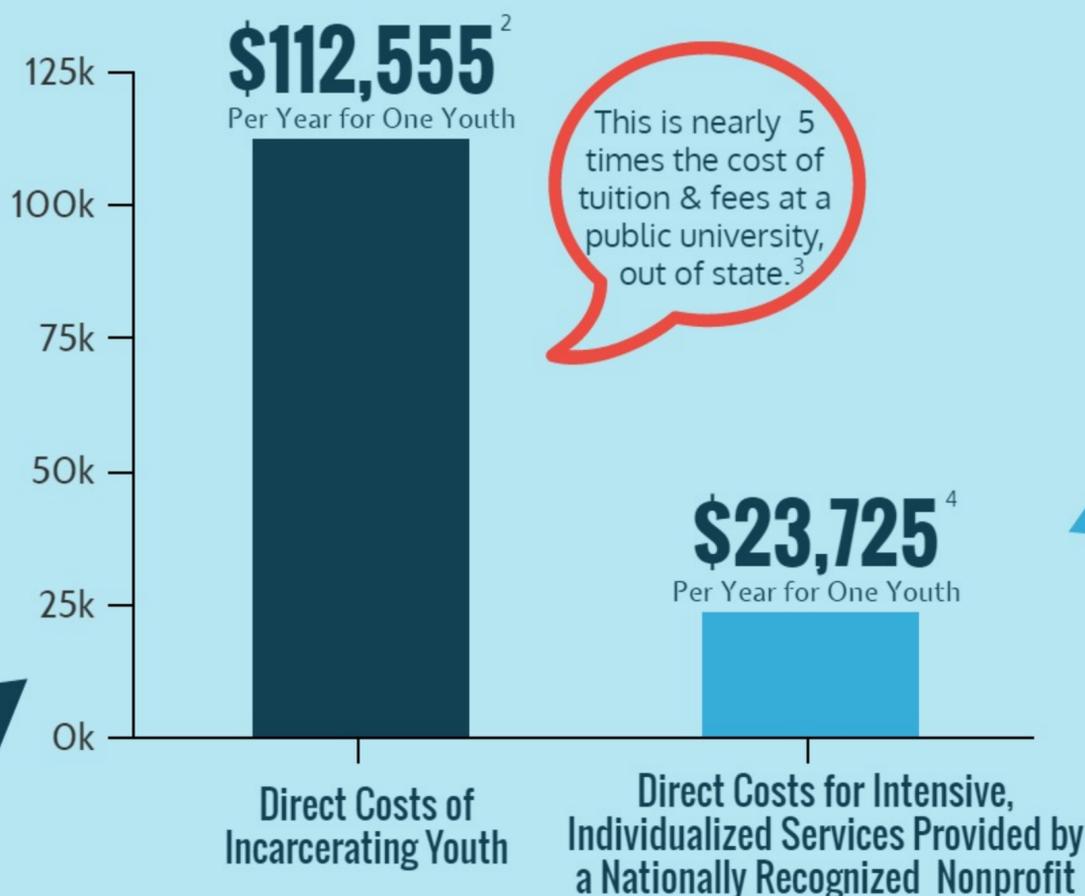


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## ON JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE



Effective juvenile defenders **SAVE** money by keeping youth in the community



**Youth Incarceration Leads to Higher Risk of Poor Outcomes, Such As:<sup>1</sup>**

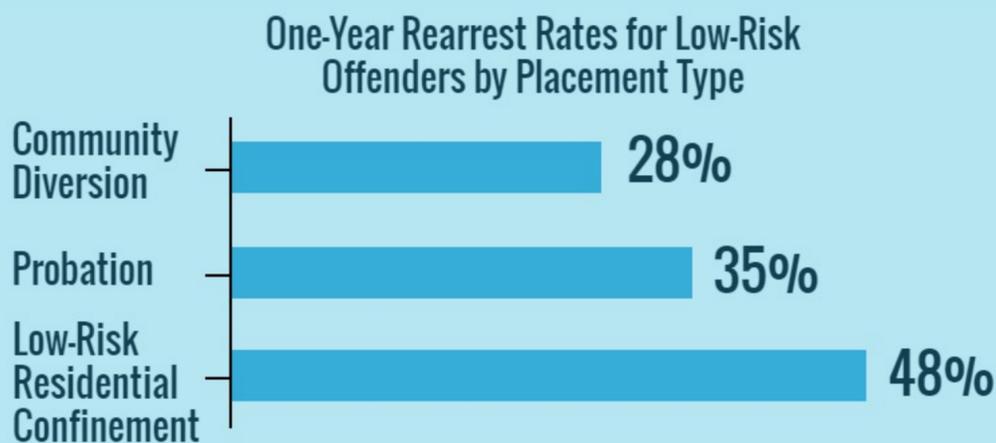
- Sexual Abuse
- Trauma
- Recidivism
- Disconnect from School and Work

**Well-Designed Community-Based Programs Can Lead to Better Outcomes, Such As:<sup>5</sup>**

- Healthy Development
- Increased Family Participation
- Reduced Recidivism, Keeping Public Safer
- Education & Employment Opportunities



Effective juvenile defense systems increase public **SAFETY**



Low risk youth in community-based programs are much less likely to be rearrested than similar youth in confinement, according to a study in Florida.<sup>6</sup>



Effective juvenile defense systems lead to youth **SUCCESS**

As many as **2 out of 3** youth do not return to school after returning from confinement<sup>7</sup>

Community-based programming keeps youth in school, thus leading to **lower & better** rates of re-offending outcomes into adulthood

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specialized in juvenile defense can advocate for programs that lead to youth success, which saves money and increases public safety

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