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

**Increased Offending**
Increased arrests as youth
Increased involvement in adult justice system
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.

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**Find Out More**

NCCD works to improve outcomes for young people by helping systems make better decisions. For more information, contact NCCD at info@nccdglobal.org or (800) 306-6223.

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