

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 conforming to 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 juveniles
- Increased adult criminal 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 justice-involved youth 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 can remain intact; and young people have the chance to grow, succeed, and contribute.

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.

Read the Research

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