

# 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](mailto:info@nccdglobal.org) or (800) 306-6223.

### Read the Research

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