

# cost

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FOR ONE CHILD IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM



William in  
juvenile  
detention

Juvenile Detention<sup>1</sup>  
**\$77,000**

Missouri Juvenile Correctional Facility<sup>2</sup>  
**\$61,000**

Adult Prison<sup>3</sup>  
**\$20,900**

**COST TO SOCIETY**

High risk youth's life of crime<sup>4</sup>

**\$3.8 million**

# benefit

ANNUAL INVESTMENT FOR ONE CHILD ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS



William attending  
a community  
program

After-School Program<sup>5</sup>  
**\$3,800**

University of Missouri Education<sup>6</sup>  
**\$22,200**

Jobs Corps Training Program<sup>7</sup>  
**\$39,700**

**BENEFIT TO SOCIETY**

College graduate's lifetime tax contribution<sup>8</sup>

**\$1 million**

*see footnotes on back*

Are you  
satisfied  
paying for  
failure  
or are you  
ready to  
invest in  
success?

## Footnotes

1. Correspondence between Carolyn Kampeter, Missouri Juvenile Justice Association and Jay Rodieck, Delinquency Coordinator, Office of State Courts Administrator, September 2011. Average daily cost in a typical Missouri juvenile detention center is \$211, or \$77,015 annually.

2. Correspondence between Carolyn Kampeter, Missouri Juvenile Justice Association and Bill Heberle, Deputy Division Director, Division of Youth Services, August 2011. FY11 daily cost for secure care is \$167, or \$60,955 annually.

3. Correspondence between Carolyn Kampeter, Missouri Juvenile Justice Association and Joe Eddy, Director, Budget and Research Section, Department of Corrections, October 2011. FY11 average daily cost for an adult prison bed is \$57.16, or \$20,863.40 annually.

4. Mark A. Cohen and Alex R. Piquero, "New Evidence on the Monetary Value of Saving a High Risk Youth" (December 2007):47, [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1077214](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1077214). Monetary value of saving a high-risk 14-year-old youth from a lifetime of crime in 2007 dollars ranges from \$2.7 million to \$4.8 million.

5. Christianne Lind, et al., "The Costs of Out-of-School-Time Programs: A Review of the Available Evidence," The Finance Project and Public/Private Ventures (May 2006):1, <http://76.12.61.196/publications/litreview.pdf>. Annual costs ranged from \$449 to \$7,160 per child.

6. Average University of Missouri, Columbia undergraduate in-state tuition, books, fees, personal expenses, room and board for 2011-2012 are \$22,216, [www.missouri.edu](http://www.missouri.edu).

7. U.S. Department of Labor, Administrative Data, <http://jobcorps.dol.gov/>. Annualized operating cost per Job Corps slot for FY2006 was \$37,850; figure has been adjusted for inflation.

8. Philip A. Trostel, "The Fiscal Impacts of College Attainment," New England Public Policy Center at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Working Paper (2007):20, 22, <http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/neppc/wp/2007/neppcwp0702.htm>. Estimated lifetime local, state and federal taxes paid by a person with a bachelor's degree is \$954,296.

In order to protect the privacy of system-involved youth, the National Juvenile Justice Network has used photos of models in this document. The Network thanks the models and their families for their participation in this project.

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