

cost

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FOR ONE CHILD IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM



Louis in
juvenile
detention

Juvenile Detention¹
\$119,000

Connecticut Juvenile Training School²
\$295,000

Adult Prison³
\$44,000

COST TO SOCIETY
High risk youth's life of crime⁴

\$3.8 million

benefit

ANNUAL INVESTMENT FOR ONE CHILD ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS



Louis attending
a community
program

After-School Program⁵
\$3,800

Yale University Education⁶
\$46,000

Job Corps Training Program⁷
\$37,800

BENEFIT TO SOCIETY
College graduate's lifetime tax contribution⁸

\$1 million

see footnotes on back

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

Footnotes

1. "Connecticut Juvenile Jurisdiction Planning and Implementation Committee Final Report." February 12, 2007: 8. Average detention costs vary by jurisdiction to a high of \$145,000 per bed in Bridgeport.

2. "Connecticut Juvenile Training School Advisory Board Report." February 2008: 28. Projected average per child cost is \$807 per day or \$294,555 per year for FY2008.

3. Connecticut Department of Correction. FY2006. The average per inmate cost was \$121 per day or \$44,165 per year.

4. Cohen, Mark A. and Alex R. Piquero. "New Evidence on the Monetary Value of Saving a High Risk Youth." December 2007: 47. 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. http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1077214

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

6. Yale University undergraduate tuition, fees, room & board in 2008/2009. www.yale.edu

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

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

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