

# cost

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FOR ONE CHILD IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM



Louis in  
juvenile  
detention

Juvenile Detention<sup>1</sup>  
**\$119,000**

Connecticut Juvenile Training School<sup>2</sup>  
**\$295,000**

Adult Prison<sup>3</sup>  
**\$44,000**

**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



Louis attending  
a community  
program

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

Yale University Education<sup>6</sup>  
**\$46,000**

Job Corps Training Program<sup>7</sup>  
**\$37,800**

**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. "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](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](http://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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