Effective juvenile defenders SAVE money by keeping youth in the community.

- **Youth Incarceration Leads to Higher Risk of Poor Outcomes, Such As:**
  - Sexual Abuse
  - Trauma
  - Recidivism
  - Disconnect from School and Work

- **Direct Costs of Incarcerating Youth:** $112,555 per year for one youth. This is nearly 5 times the cost of tuition & fees at a public university, out of state.

- **Direct Costs for Intensive, Individualized Services Provided by a Nationally Recognized Nonprofit:** $23,725 per year for one youth.

Well-Designed Community-Based Programs Can Lead to Better Outcomes, Such As:
- Healthy Development
- Increased Family Participation
- Reduced Recidivism, Keeping Public Safer
- Education & Employment Opportunities

Effective juvenile defense systems increase public SAFETY.

- **One-Year Rearrest Rates for Low-Risk Offenders by Placement Type**:
  - Community Diversion: 28%
  - Probation: 35%
  - Low-Risk Residential Confinement: 48%

  Low risk youth in community-based programs are much less likely to be rearrested than similar youth in confinement, according to a study in Florida.

Effective juvenile defense systems lead to youth SUCCESS.

- **As many as 2 out of 3 youth do not return to school after returning from confinement.**
- Community-based programming keeps youth in school, thus leading to lower rates of re-offending & better outcomes into adulthood.
- **Attorneys** specialized in juvenile defense can advocate for programs that lead to youth success, which saves money and increases public safety.
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