

# TRANSFORMING YOUTH JUSTICE

## PREVENT youth from entering the justice system by:

### ADDRESSING DISPARATE TREATMENT AND REDUCING ARRESTS

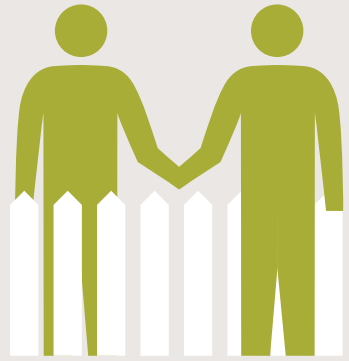


**70%** of students arrested or referred to police at school are Black or Latino.

**50%** of school-based arrests are for "disturbance of the peace," or "disruptive conduct."

**75%** of youth are incarcerated on charges that pose little to no threat to public safety, such as probation violations, status offenses (e.g. running away, skipping school), and property, public order, and drug offenses.

### IMPROVING CROSS-SYSTEM COLLABORATION



#### EDUCATION

**30%** of justice-involved youth have a diagnosed learning disability

#### CHILD WELFARE

**67%** of justice-involved youth have been in the child welfare system

#### MENTAL HEALTH

**65%** of justice-involved youth have at least one mental health diagnosis

## DISMANTLE policies and practices that are:

### DANGEROUS

Youth in confinement, particularly in adult jails and prisons, are at greater risk of physical violence, sexual assault, solitary confinement and suicide



### EXPENSIVE

Most states spend **\$100,000+** every year to incarcerate a single young person



### INEFFECTIVE

**75%** of youth released from juvenile correctional facilities are rearrested within 3 years

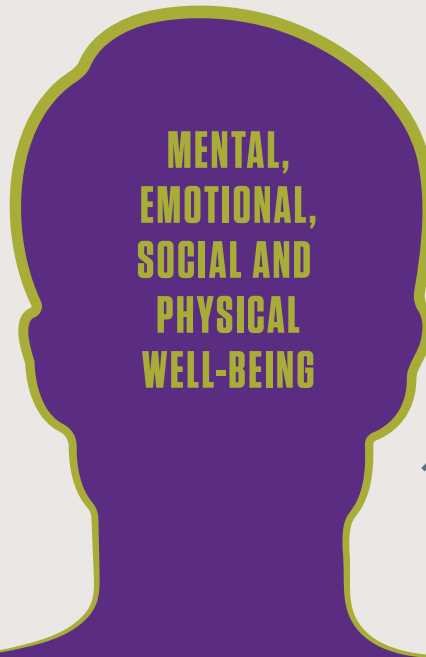


### HARMFUL

Justice-involved youth have a greater risk of homelessness, low educational attainment, poor health, unemployment, and adult incarceration



## INVEST in community-based solutions that are age-appropriate and promote well-being.



- DIVERSION
- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE
- RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
- PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH
- FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
- RACIAL EQUITY

**ACHIEVE** community safety and positive outcomes for youth, including educational success, gainful employment, positive relationships, preparation for parenthood, and civic engagement.

The Youth Justice Work Group envisions a youth justice system that helps foster the healthy development and well-being of all children and youth by building upon their strengths, cultivating their relationships with positive adults, supporting their families and communities, and offering them age-appropriate opportunities for future success.

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