

Youth Reinvestment Fund:

Preventing the Harm of the Justice System

43,000 youth arrested for low level offenses

In 2016, of the approximately 62,000 youth arrested, more than 43,000 youth (69%) were arrested for misdemeanor and status offenses, things like: petty theft, school fights, smoking marijuana, running away, violating curfew.

This proposal would fund community based organizations to provide these vulnerable young people with culturally relevant, trauma-informed services outside of the justice system.

\$100,000,000 investment in youth

- **\$75 Million: Local Diversion Programs.**
 - 85% of funds go to CBOs for education, mentoring, behavioral health services, and mental health services.
- **\$15 Million: Social Workers in Public Defenders Offices.**
 - Integrate social workers with public defenders to address the root causes that bring youth into the system.
- **\$10 Million: Trauma Informed Diversion Programs for Native American Youth.**
 - Address the particular Ensure diversion services to Native American youth are culturally rooted.

Diversion is safer!



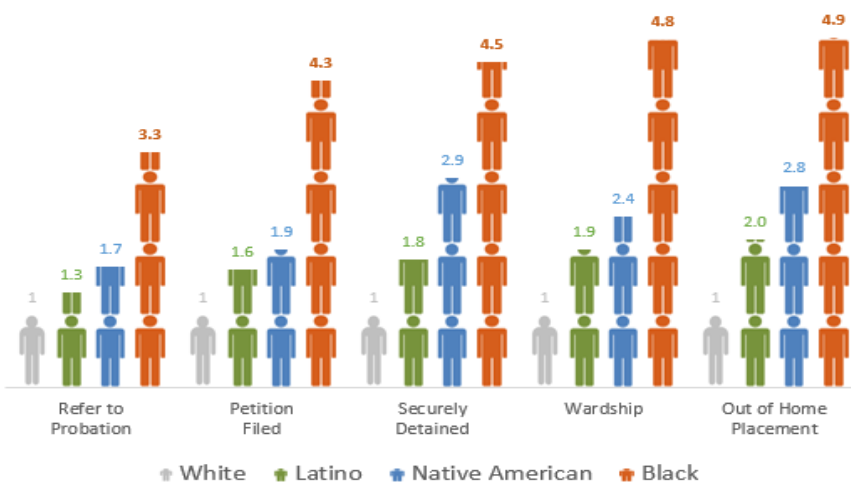
2.5 X less likely to re-offend for pre-arrest diversion

Diversion is a smart investment.

Every \$1 invested in diversion can return up to \$25 to society.

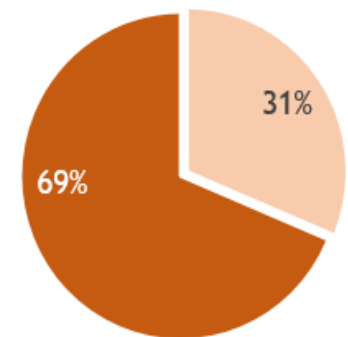


Youth of color bear the brunt of justice system involvement for low level offenses



And once in the system, youth of color accused of low level offenses are more likely than White youth to penetrate more deeply.

The vast majority of youth arrests are for misdemeanor or status offenses.



- Felony
- Misdemeanor and Status Offenses