
By closing a facility and reducing reliance on other types of out-of-home placements, the state has reinvested $30 million in an evidence-based programs fund since the law passed, allowing expansion of services across the state.
Evidence-based programs now serve more than 4,000 youth and their families each year and allow youth to remain at home and in their communities. Meanwhile, juvenile arrests continue to fall, down 29 percent from 2015 to 2017.

Research shows that for most youth, confinement in a costly juvenile facility is no more likely to prevent recidivism than having them remain in their own homes for intervention and treatment. And for some, it can even increase the probability of reoffending. On the other hand, evidence-based, in-home programming options, such as cognitive behavioral therapy, have been shown to substantially reduce recidivism.¹

Endnote


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