THE POWER OF PHILANTHROPY TO IMPACT SYSTEM CHANGE

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“We feel it is our obligation to alleviate pain and suffering, to offer opportunities for joy, and to help others achieve success.”
EARLY FUNDING

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CRIME

‘Superpredators’ Arrive

Should we cage the new breed of vicious kids?

By Peter Annin

On Oct. 13, 1994, 5-year-old Eric Morse and his 8-year-old brother, Derrick, ran into two of the toughest bullies their South Side Chicago neighborhood had to offer. The intimidating boys lured the brothers to a vacant where is the state supposed to put these two killers? A judge is scheduled to rule in the case next week. Around the country, other states are watching. They have their own predators to worry about.

It wouldn’t be a problem if Illinois’s special 30-bed “kiddie prison” weren’t still un...
In September 2001, the Bridgeport Juvenile Justice Task Force commissioned a study of the Bridgeport Juvenile Court. The goals of the study were fourfold: (1) to determine who the children in the juvenile justice system really are, (2) to identify the characteristics of the children in the juvenile justice system, (3) to raise community and policy maker awareness about who these children are, and (4) to mount an advocacy campaign to improve the juvenile justice system.
WHY JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM?

- Commitment to making a difference
- Low public awareness of youth in the criminal justice system
- Current system had poor outcomes
- Opportunity to make a significant difference for large numbers of youth
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CONNECTICUT STATE REFORMS
Between 2000 and 2012

• Status offenders removed from detention

• Raised the Age from 16 to 18

• Continuum of therapeutic and evidence-based services at the community level
• The number of juveniles referred to the court is down 21.3% since 2007, despite full implementation of Raise the Age.
• The “anticipated” doubling of the court intake did not happen.
There was a 38.5% decrease in average daily population of State Centers from 2007 to 2014.
There is a 71% decrease from 1999 to 2014 in the number of court commitments to DCF- the largest decrease in juvenile incarceration in the U.S.
There was an 11% percentage reduction from 2007 to 2014 in rearrests.
JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM IN CONNECTICUT:
How Collaboration and Commitment Have Improved Public Safety and Outcomes for Youth
On April 15, 2015, an African-American man died from an unexplained spinal injury while in police custody in Baltimore, Maryland. Six police officers involved were suspended and later indicted. Pictured: a young boy stands in front of a police cordon on the day of Freddie Gray’s funeral. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)
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GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS INVOLVE GREAT RISK
**Cost**

Annual expenditure for one child in the justice system

- Juvenile Detention: $275,000
- Connecticut Juvenile Training School: $323,381
- Adult Prison: $45,000

COST TO SOCIETY: High risk youth’s life of crime

$3.8 million

**Benefit**

Annual investment for one child on the road to success

- After-School Program: $5,860
- University of New Haven Education: $52,685
- Job Corps Training Program: $33,851

BENEFIT TO SOCIETY: College graduate’s lifetime tax contribution

$1 million
KEEP CALM AND ASK QUESTIONS
Advocacy: An Essential Tool for Social Change
KEYS TO SUCCESS:
STATE OF CHANGE: CONNECTICUT'S CHEMISTRY FOR REFORM
THE TOW FOUNDATION

1. AMPLIFY IMPACT
2. INCREASE RESOURCE EFFICIENCY
3. DRIVE ALIGNMENT

WHY COLLABORATE?

WHAT DO YOU DREAM ABOUT?

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

HOW DO WE SCALE?

INVEST IN SUCCESS

PAY FOR FAILURE

NEW YORK JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM WAS BROKEN

STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS

COMMON VISION

COMMON AGENDA

EFFECTIVE

FAIRNESS

SAFETY

ACCOUNTABILITY

SUCCESS FACTORS

GET DECISION MAKERS IN THE ROOM

PRE-INTERVIEW ALL INTEREST GROUPS/MEMBERS

INSIGHT IN ALL EXISTING PROGRAMS

SUCCESS IN CRITICAL RACE OF PUBLIC/private

EMPATHY

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