Neighbors

Helping

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WHO CAN BEST HELP YOUTH IN NEED?



\$75

Youth well-being is best achieved in communities where young people can be safe, with their families and access services that address their individual needs. Communities can also hold youth accountable without resorting to incarceration. Anything that can be done in an institution can be done in a community, only better.

Unsustainable Improvement:

temporarily removes youth from the community and the family

Zero **Tolerance**

No or Limited Opportunities to Develop

No Positive Role Models

> Dependent on Uniformity

Limited Education

Isolated

Poor Emotional Development

Breaks Crucial Family Ties / **Limited Family Contact**

Deficit-based



Separation from Family



No Family or Youth Voice or Choice



Black youth represent 15% of the population generally

Civic Engagement/

No Reject **Policies** Available, Accessible &

Giving Back

Sustainable Improvement: the community supports the

youth and family to address youth needs and build on youth strengths

and interests, in the context of their own homes and neighborhoods

Planning

Crisis & Safety

No Eject

Policies

Flexible services

Mutual Support

Long-term Connection to Community Supports

Strength-based Cultural Approach Competence

Access to Work

Individualized Services

> Youth & Family Voice, Choice & **Ownership**



Black youth represent 60% of incarcerated youth

Family

Focus



Minority youth represent 68% of incarcerated youth

*Youth = 10-17

