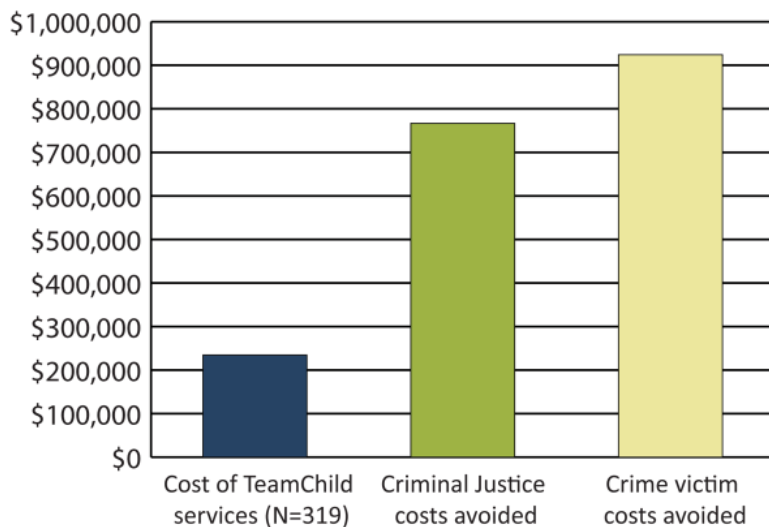




TEAMCHILD PRODUCES COST-SAVINGS FOR THE STATE

- ▶ TeamChild reduces criminal justice and detention costs by ensuring our most vulnerable youth are in school, getting treatment and living in safe and stable homes.
- ▶ The Washington State Institute for Public Policy found that taxpayers save almost \$4,000 for every juvenile who receives full assistance from TeamChild.¹
- ▶ Every dollar spent on TeamChild yields \$2.23 in criminal justice system savings.²
- ▶ While these taxpayer savings affect both state and local juvenile justice systems, TeamChild’s advocacy and collaboration with public defenders have saved the state over \$1.4 million in Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA) and Department of Corrections incarceration costs.³
- ▶ Preserve TeamChild funding in the supplemental budget.

Costs Saved by TeamChild, 2003-04
Based on WSIPP’s Cost-Benefit Study, 1998



TeamChild’s work helps the state realize immediate and long term cost savings by stabilizing and improving the lives of young people.

PRESERVE TEAMCHILD FUNDING

- ▶ No other organization in Washington State provides TeamChild’s unique legal services for youth. A loss of funding would lead to office closures, eliminating these critical services and leaving hundreds of youth without help.
- ▶ Elimination of TeamChild will put more kids in detention, leave more kids out of school and on the streets - the costs to the State will far exceed the savings.

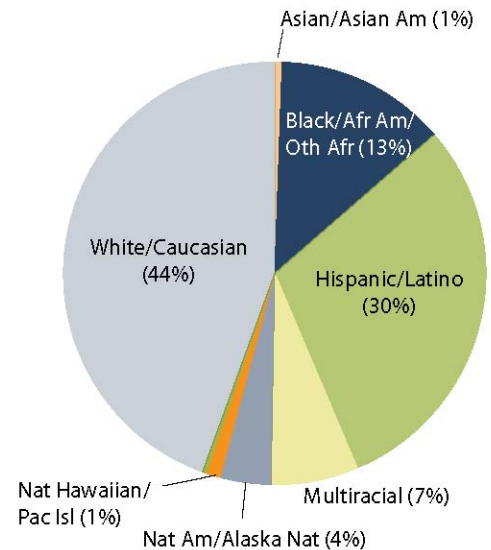
1. Washington State Institute for Public Policy, *Watching the Bottom Line: Cost-Effective Interventions for Reducing Crime in Washington*, January 1998. Chart reflects cost savings values adjusted from 1998 to 2003 dollars.

2. Rainier Research Associates, *TeamChild-Snohomish County Project*, December 2004. Principal evaluator, Ernst Stromsdorfer, Ph.D.

3. This cost savings figure was calculated based on a review of cases handled in the 2009-2011 biennium where youth were facing adult criminal sentences or JRA dispositions ranging from 15 weeks to 2 years. For juvenile standard ranges, the lowest number of incarceration days was used and multiplied by the average daily cost of JRA or DOC incarceration. These savings are being realized in just nine cases that were handled by TeamChild during the last biennium.

YOUTH SERVED BY TEAMCHILD

- ▶ TeamChild received over 1,200 referrals and served over 1,000 youth in 2010. TeamChild serves Washington’s most marginalized youth.
 - 58%** - youth out of school at the time of referral
 - 57%** - youth living with disabilities
 - 51%** - youth living in single-parent households
 - 11%** - youth who were homeless
- ▶ TeamChild responds to the needs of youth who are disproportionately impacted by school discipline and the juvenile justice system.



TEAMCHILD PREVENTS DETENTION TIME AND KEEPS YOUTH IN SCHOOL

- ▶ TeamChild's legal intervention prevents detention time, keeps kids in school and sets them back on a path to succeed.
- ▶ Of youth who received legal representation to address education issues, 8 out of 10 out-of-school youth are back in school as a result of TeamChild advocacy.

Because of **Barry**'s mental health issues, he was kicked out of his group home. He risked being sent to the state juvenile rehabilitation facility because DCFS did not have an alternative placement for him. TeamChild helped Barry get mental health evaluations and access a community treatment program. Instead of extended incarceration, Barry remains successful in his current placement with better support for his mental health needs.

James suffers from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and agoraphobia and had a truancy petition filed against him for not attending school. TeamChild addressed the root causes of James's absences – his truancy petition was dismissed and he successfully returned to school.

Eddie has severe disabilities and upon turning 18 was living on the streets with no access to services. With TeamChild intervention, Eddie is in permanent housing, eligible for DDD in their dual diagnosis program and finishing high school as a special education student.

Daniel got into trouble at a new school while his family struggled with homelessness. He was facing criminal charges and expulsion. TeamChild advocated for Daniel to attend an alternative school equipped to meet his special education needs. He returned to school and was eligible for a deferred disposition to avoid detention time.