

# Community Justice Council Meeting June 28, 2017



## Overview

- **Welcome**
- **Highlights of Alternatives in Milwaukee**
- **Continuum of Care & Why Youth Prisons Should Be Closed**
- **Racial Disparities**
- **Risk & Need**

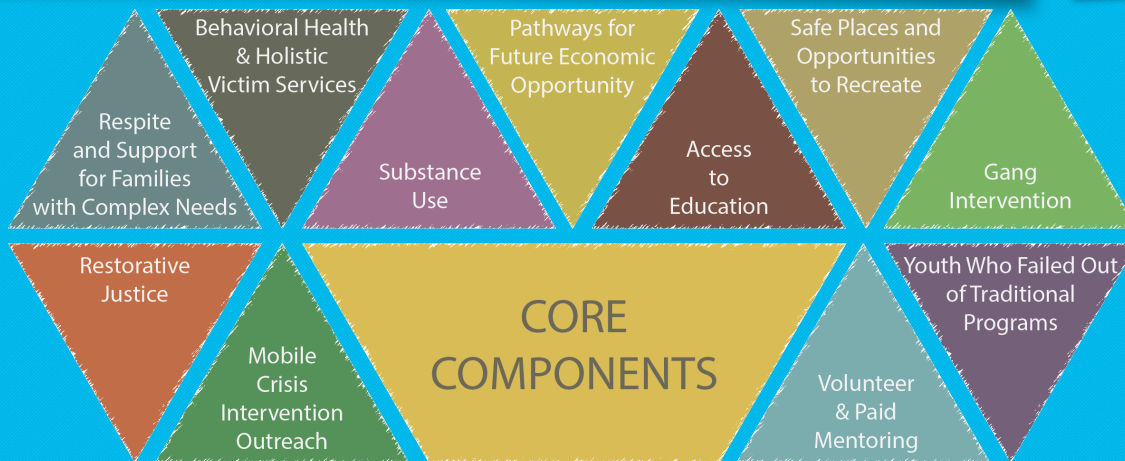


Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2Wo7ZqDGn4>

## Credible Messengers Initiative – Washington DC, Department of Youth and Rehabilitative Services

The “Credible Messenger Initiative” at the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) is a transformative mentoring intervention program for youth committed to the agency, with a restorative justice philosophy for young people in the community at large. The mission of the initiative is to connect all young people in the care and custody of DYRS to healthy homes and supportive communities, and to provide preventative supports to all youth in Washington D.C.

## Core Components of a Continuum of Care



## How we define "continuum of care"

**Definition:** A continuum of care is an array of meaningful non-residential community-based programs, supports, resources and services specifically designed to meet the individual needs of young people and their families in their homes. Continua of care cultivate the strengths of youth and families and provide them with what they might need at different stages of intensity in order to keep young people out of the juvenile justice system and confinement.

**Impact:** In a continuum of care, youth will be able to develop AUTONOMY, COMPETENCE and a SENSE OF RELATEDNESS or belonging to their families and communities in a way that helps to ESTABLISH OR IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY IN THEIR HOME COMMUNITIES.

**1** GUIDING PRINCIPLE  
Promote positive youth justice/development and an increased sense of relatedness for young people.  
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**2** GUIDING PRINCIPLE  
Define public safety as more than law enforcement.  
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**3** GUIDING PRINCIPLE  
Shift from a slot-based system to a needs-based system.  
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**4** GUIDING PRINCIPLE  
Services must be culturally competent and neighborhood-based.  
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**5** GUIDING PRINCIPLE  
Ensure that services, programs and resources are family-centered.  
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**6** GUIDING PRINCIPLE  
Include young people's ideas when creating the continua.  
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**7** GUIDING PRINCIPLE  
Identify community strengths and assets.  
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Wisconsin's juvenile justice system costs a total of \$162,800,000 each year.

In 2013, the annual cost to incarcerate one youth at Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake surpassed \$100,000.

## The Problems with Prisons

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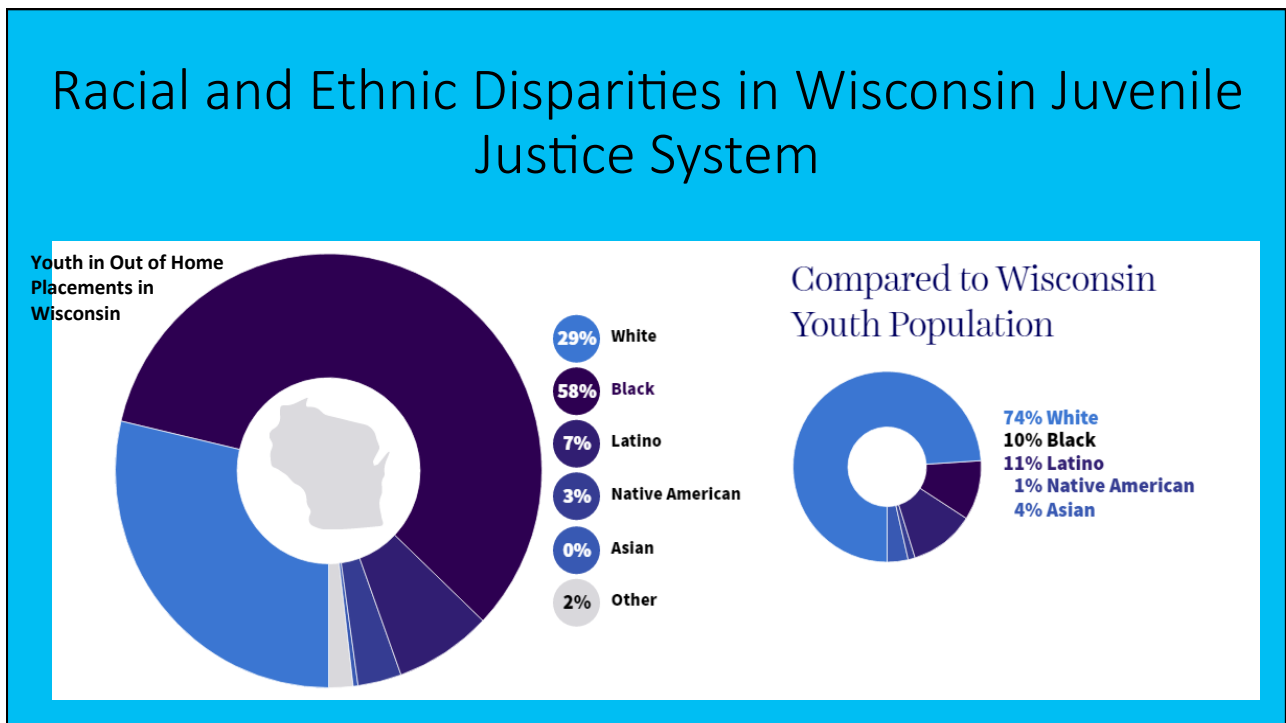
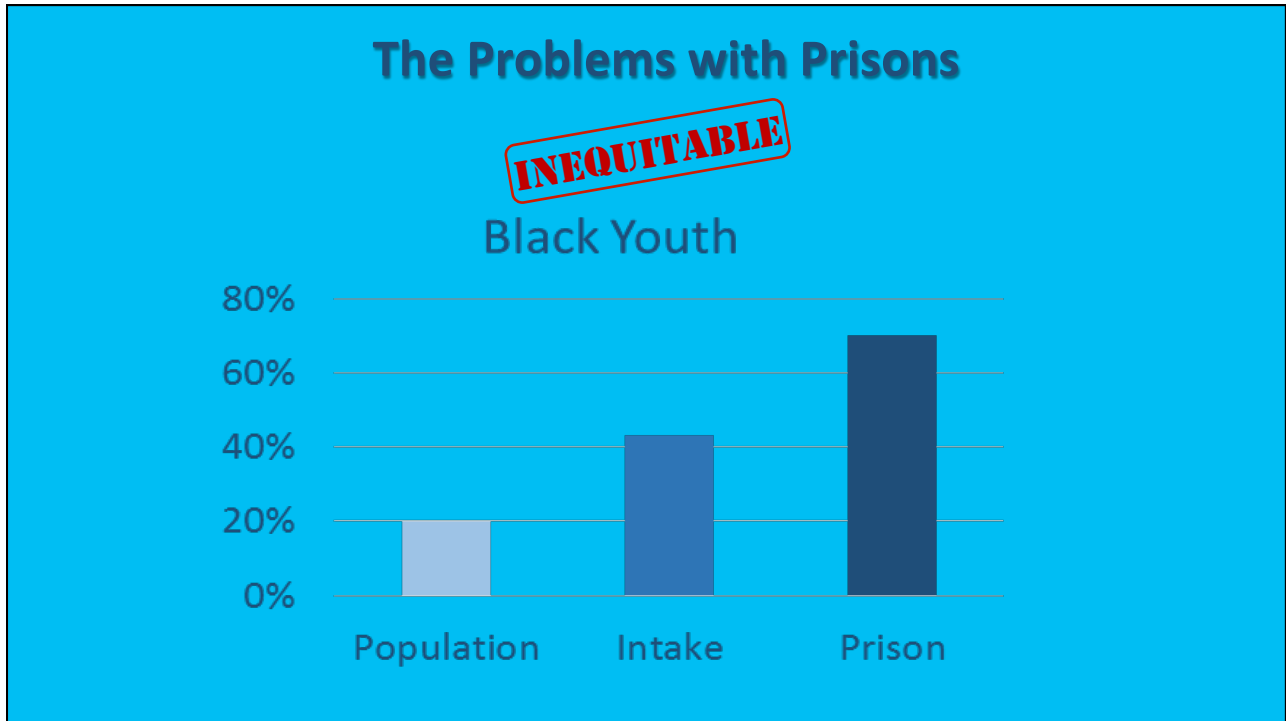


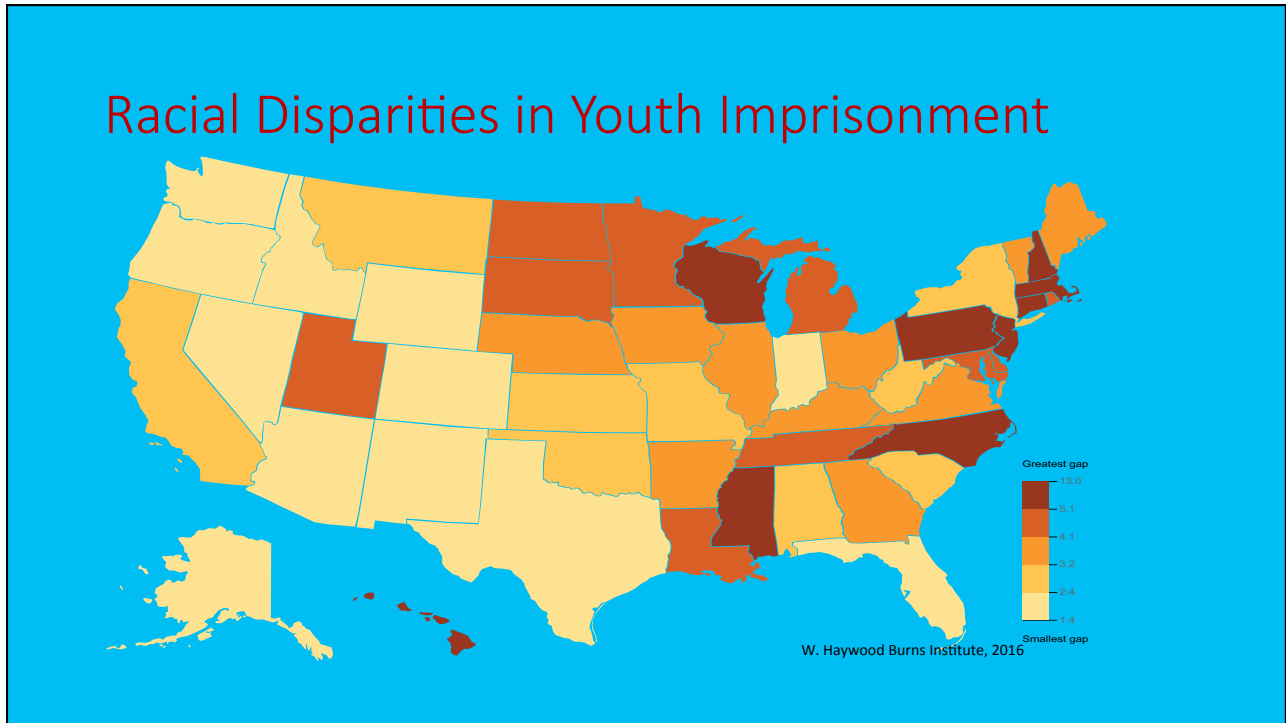
**73.4%**

3 year re-conviction rate

**33%**

probability of re-arrest for every year a youth remains in custody





## ***Why Youth Prisons Should Be Closed***

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