

YOUR INVESTMENT SAVES \$\$\$ AND LIVES:

When you invest in the lives of youth today, you are contributing to a potential national savings of:

\$38.1 BILLION A YEAR.

Yes. That's the math when you apply the research findings of implementing a social emotional learning (SEL) program. You see, besides academic improvement and better on-the-job skills, youth exposed to SEL programs show a 10% reduction in negative behaviors. Without such programs, youth are more at risk for making poor decisions for which we all pay a price. To break this down across just a few domains:

INCARCERATION COSTS:

68% of U.S. prison inmates are drop outs. The overall incarceration cost to our nation is \$63.4 billion a year. 68% of that (representing inmates who are drop outs) is \$43.1 billion a year.

A 10% DECREASE MEANS A SAVINGS OF \$4.3 BILLION IN INCARCERATION COSTS ALONE.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COSTS:

\$68 billion per year is the price tag for underage drinking and \$14.4 billion in substance-related juvenile justice programs each year. (Every 15 minutes a teen dies from drug or alcohol use.)

A 10% SAVINGS IN DOLLAR TERMS (LET ALONE LIVES) IS EQUIVALENT TO \$6.8 BILLION AND \$1.4 BILLION

TEEN PREGNANCY COSTS:

750,000 teens become pregnant each year. Each teen pregnancy costs taxpayers \$12,500 a year or, \$9.4 billion total.

A 10% SAVINGS IS \$940 MILLION.

MENTAL DISORDERS COSTS:

In the United States, the cost (including health care, use of services such as special education and juvenile justice, and decreased productivity) of mental disorders among adolescents was estimated at \$247 billion annually.

A 10% SAVINGS IS \$24.7 BILLION.

REMEMBER: YSS IS ONLY \$22.00 PER STUDENT PER YEAR. TALK ABOUT A SMALL PRICE TO PAY;)

ON THE FLIP SIDE: