

REENTRY IS GOOD.

# BUT NO ENTRY IS BETTER!

Incentivizing youth to perform civic engagement will increase public safety.

DC should fund a pilot program in Ward 7 for five families or 10 children to foster a culture of civic engagement through hospitable interaction and chores for neighbors, building community and public safety one block at a time.

Too many black and brown kids are justice involved because they lack intergenerational relationships that build civic engagement and community involvement.

96%

Of the kids committed to DYRS are **Black or brown.**

[courtexcellence.org](http://courtexcellence.org)

- There were **1,401 kids** arrested in DC in 2021.
- The cost to incarcerate a young person in DC is \$621 per day. ([justicepolicy.org](http://justicepolicy.org))
- Building community connections with neighbors is proven to reduce harmful behaviors. (*The Tools of the Trade*)

In Fiscal Year 2025, DC should grant out \$100,000 of funding for a pilot program that targets five families and/or 10 children, and five businesses in Ward 7.

By contrast, DC spends \$226k per year to incarcerate one youth.

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