

Developmental Approach to Juvenile Justice Reform

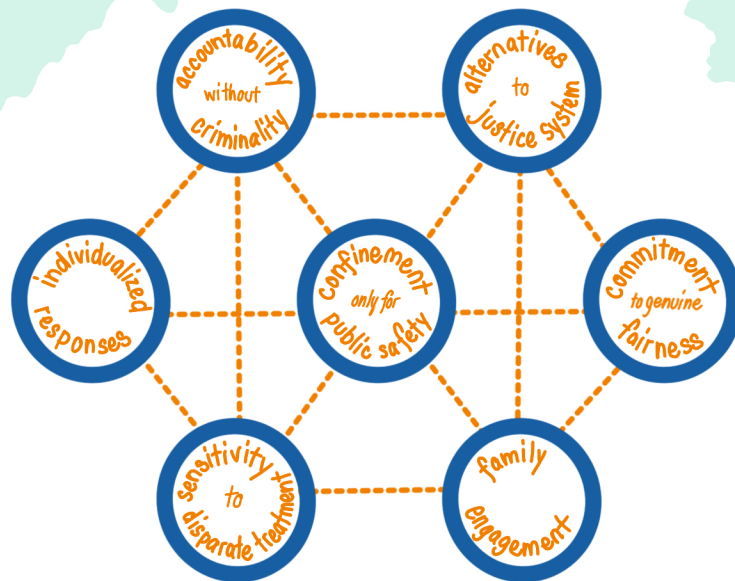
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our guide

- consider kids' needs
- understand brain development



SUCCESS

but for who?

white youth are benefitting more from these policies than youth of color → what changes can be made to rebalance this?

72%↓

youth charged as adults in Baltimore

What's behind the numbers?

new
JAIL
in BALTIMORE

= opportunity for change



youth can come together to learn from each other

55%↓
decline in juvenile detention center population from 2008 to 2018

carefully look at how you can use it!
real results



SKILLS

BUILDING

what are we doing?

2 DAY intensive for all staff involved

racial impact lense

? HOME PASS

what are other factors to see?



collect **ALL DATA**

use it to make decisions