A University of Minnesota evaluation of youth restorative justice (RJ) diversion in Minneapolis showed youth diverted after a misdemeanor arrest between September 2014 and December 2018 were 2.5x less likely to be arrested in the next year, leading to \$1.6M in societal benefits.<sup>2</sup>



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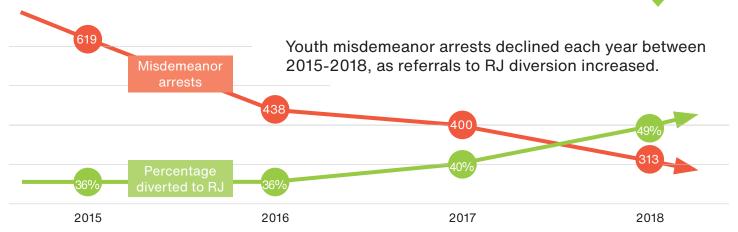
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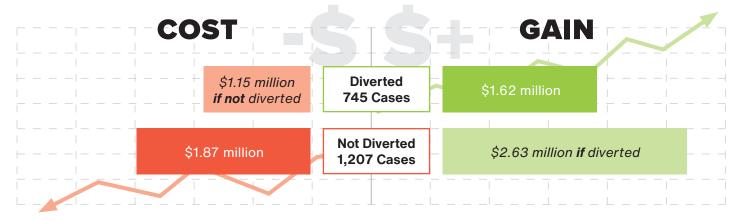
**Reduces by 2.5x odds** of further arrest in next year

2.5x



## **Cost Benefit**

Each diverted case leads to \$2,178 in total societal benefit compared to \$1,550 in costs for each case that is not diverted.



<sup>1</sup> Beckman, K. (2020). Effectiveness of MPD Restorative Justice Diversion Program. Healthy Youth Development - Prevention Research Center,

Department of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

<sup>2</sup> Beckman, K. (2020). Costs, savings, and societal benefit estimates of MPD RJ diversion. Healthy Youth Development • Prevention Research Center, Department of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

## **Accountability as Making Things Right**



For restorative justice practices to be developmentally tailored, young people need to have an opportunity to consider how their actions impacted both others and themselves. Youth complete meaningful accountability plans that make right the harm they caused and help address any healing needed to move forward.

