



## Families Remain Together

Of the 670 Westchester County foster care youths who were reunited with their families in the past four years after being in residential treatment, 95% (636) stayed together for at least a year thanks to our STEP Program. Prior to this family support program, 23.5% of Westchester foster care children were re-admitted into foster care within the first year.

**Public Cost Savings Over Four Years: \$13.6 million**

*Average cost of residential care is \$110,000 per year. 124 more youth remained at home (95% vs 76.5%) thanks to STEP.*



## Struggling Students Become Graduates

Of the 125 students in our WAY Home Program, all of whom came to us with serious educational deficits, 91% (114) have either graduated (64) or are still in school and passing (50). According to the New York State Education Department, only 52.7% of NY City students graduate high school within five years and the percentage of students in special education is even lower.

**Lifetime Public Cost Savings: \$8.9 million**

*According to The Center for Cost-Based Studies at Columbia University, each additional black male high school graduate saves \$186,500 in taxes paid and reductions in health care, crime and welfare. 48 more black male students graduated or are expected to graduate (91% vs 52.7%) because of the WAY Home.*



## Youth Offenders Avoid Re-Arrest

Of the 340 teens who were released from incarceration last year and participated in our Multisystemic Therapy Program (MST), 86% (292) avoided re-arrest. According to the Children's Defense Fund, the youth re-arrest rate in New York State is 75% in three years.

**Annual Public Cost Savings: \$25.6 million**

*Youth incarceration in New York costs \$210,000/year. If we assume a 50% re-arrest rate in the first year without MST (a conservative assumption based on our experience), then 122 youth (86% vs 50%) avoided rearrest because of MST.*



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