

Early childhood development **cuts crime.**

For every child who participates in a high quality preschool program, the public benefit is \$70,000 in avoided crime costs.

It's impossible to arrest and imprison our way out of the crime problem. Reducing crime increases public safety and saves millions of dollars. Quality child care and after-school programs are the most effective strategy for reducing youth violence and crime.

Research has shown that children who did not attend school-based early childhood education programs were 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime by age 18. Another 15-year study followed nearly 1,000 low-income children who attended high-quality, comprehensive pre-kindergarten. Those kids were 33% less likely to be arrested and 42% less likely to be arrested for a violent crime compared to children in the control group.



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