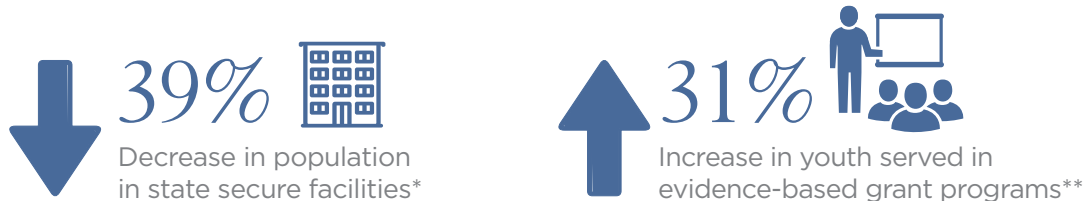


Creating Lasting Change in Georgia's Juvenile Justice System

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In 2014, Georgia enacted sweeping juvenile justice system improvement legislation that has led to fewer youth in secure facilities, more youth served in evidence-based programs in the community, and increased funding for those programs. Research shows that providing services to youth while keeping them at home increases likelihood of success.

THE 2014 LEGISLATION RESULTED IN FEWER YOUTH IN SECURE FACILITIES AND GREATER INVESTMENT IN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS



PLACING YOUTH IN SECURE FACILITIES IS BOTH AN INEFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO BEHAVIOR AND IS VERY COSTLY

Cost per bed in secure
Youth Development Center

\$90,000

Cost per youth in evidence-based
grant programs

\$4,600

By focusing on what works, Georgia has saved money by diverting youth from secure confinement and instead invested in evidence-based community programs. Since 2014, Georgia has shifted resources to the community – investing \$37 million in more than 8,100 children.