

# TRENT'S trajectory



This is Trent...

... a bright 16 year old who struggles in school. He has lived in several foster homes and, at times, has difficulty controlling his anger.

He recently became involved in a gang and deals drugs to support his own substance use

Despite this, he shows potential. He is charismatic and experienced for his age. He is also willing to accept assistance.

## What will the future hold?

### CURRENT PATH



Trent and his friends are bored on a Friday night, so they decide to break into a school and have some "fun" smashing computers and spray-painting graffiti. They trigger an alarm and are caught by the police. Trent receives a one-year probation sentence.

JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS \$18,000

At 18, Trent and his friends think it would be cool to buy a firearm, and they buy one together. A few days later, Trent, in possession of the firearm, tries to break into a car. After a neighbor calls the police, Trent is caught and receives an 8-month provincial conditional sentence for a criminal offense where a firearm was present.

JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS \$5,214.82



Before the end of his sentence, Trent breaches one of the conditions and spends 15 days in provincial custody.

JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS \$6,810

While in custody, Trent received a 10-day eviction notice which he disregards. Upon his release, Trent needs a place to stay, so he moves in with Katie, a woman he just met. One night during a heated argument, Trent becomes angry and assaults Katie with a knife. A nearby neighbor hears Katie's cries and calls the police. Trent is sentenced to four years in federal prison for aggravated assault, assault causing bodily harm, and assault with a weapon.

JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS \$485,408



TOTAL JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS \$515,432.82

### PREVENTION PATH



Trent and his friends attend a weekly drop-in program at the local recreation center on a Friday night. While there Trent meets Jen, a youth worker, and they talk about other youth events that Trent might be interested in. For 1 youth attending 4 drop-in sessions:

PROGRAM COSTS \$20.00

Trent enjoys attending different events for youth suggested by Jen. She sees Trent at one of the youth events and asks how he is doing.

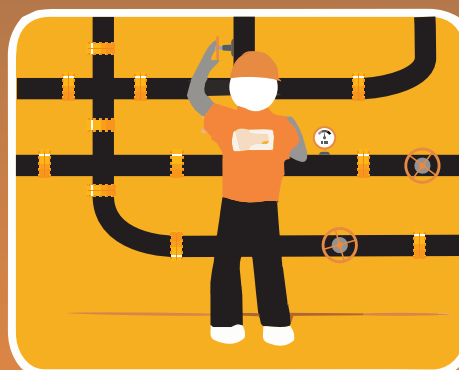
This group of guys told me how much money I can make selling vapes, so I sold a few at school and yesterday I was vaping in the bathroom with my friend to get him to buy one and we were caught.

That's tough... I'm sorry that that happened. I know we talked about connecting with others that can help you find work. Would you be interested in that now? I know one of the youth outreach workers at the local community youth centre. I can reach out if you like or we could do that together?

Yeah, we can do that together.

Trent attends the programs that Jen suggests and gets help in addressing his anger issues, developing healthy coping skills and finding stable housing. Combined prevention for 1 youth in outreach for 2 years:

PROGRAM COSTS \$24,648



Trent no longer needs support from the community services and finds a full-time job. A few months later Trent and his new girlfriend are still together, he is saving money and he plans to go to school to become a plumber.

TOTAL PREVENTION RELATED COSTS \$24,668