

The Cost: Violence vs. Prevention

The cost to taxpayers for violence is staggering ...

- Though other crime rates have been reducing, there has been **little decrease in violent crime rates** in the state of Ohio over that past 10 years (*robbery, rape, murder, 1996-2006, ODPS*).
- There has been a **294% increase in the number of Ohio prison inmates** [17,000 in 1997 to 50,000+ in 2007] at a cost of **\$25,000 per inmate** per year or **1.25 billion dollars** [June 2008] (*ODRC*).
- Violent Crimes are especially costly per offense, estimates range from **\$110,000** for Robbery to **\$8 million** for Murder (*McCollister, K. The Cost of Crime to Society, 2004*).
- **Loss in stable communities and tax revenue** from homeowners who move in fear of violence.
- **Loss in employment opportunities** for community members who live in violent neighborhoods.
- **Loss of quality of life and missed opportunities** when decisions are made out of fear.

The return on investment with SAVE is substantial ...

- **A child is provided the opportunity to learn and practice life saving and life changing skills, knowledge and attitudes, for \$112 - \$1,300 annually.**
- **A child is provided programs with a proven record of effectiveness by professionals who are leaders in their field.**
- **A child who was born into disadvantaged circumstances is provided an advantage that can enable them to beat the odds, overcome obstacles and become healthy responsible adults.**