

What Does Peer Mediation And Skills Training Do?

Did you know that...

³⁵₁₇ Canadian Adult Prisons cost Taxpayers (Stats Can) **\$10,673,000 PER DAY** and that's only the cost of incarceration and does not include societal costs for courts, police, probation, legal aid, victims, rehab programs, property damage, etc.

³⁵₁₇ How many of these criminals were once juvenile offenders or "youth at risk"? Mark A. Cohen, Professor of Management and Law at Vanderbilt University says "We estimate the present value of saving a 14-year-old high risk juvenile from a life of crime to range from **\$2.6 to \$5.3 million**" including societal costs.

³⁵₁₇ Bullying, conflict and violence are the most difficult and important issues facing youth today and social media has just increased that exponentially.

³⁵₁₇ About 1/3 of Alberta households surveyed said that bullying has directly affected their family members (Ispos Reid 2006).

³⁵₁₇ In 2013 STATS CAN determined teenage suicides were over 19 per 100,000 population. For the population of Calgary (2015), that equates to over 235 teen suicides a year.

What if...

³⁵₁₇ We could change some of these young lives?

³⁵₁₇ We could take a pro-active approach and provide our youth with the necessary skills to deal successfully and peacefully with the conflict in their lives?

While PMAST agrees that counseling and bullying awareness programs are important - they are not enough. To really create change for today and tomorrow, we need to change the dynamics of these youth, their families and those around them for this and future generations.

PMAST programs were developed and presented in Calgary since 2000 and have researched based prove to do just that. Our programs have been implemented in Saskatchewan, so successfully that the provincial Government has made it a line item in their budget and are working toward expansion to all high schools in that province over the next few years.

To provide PMAST's programs and services on a full-time basis to 600—2000 youth (depending upon the size of the school), their families and school staff; costs approximately 1% of Federal Costs - \$120,000 per school per year. If we used what Canada spends on incarceration in **one day** towards this pro-active approach - it would provide PMAST programs in 89 schools, helping over 133,000 youth.

Now THAT's a good Deal!

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