

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 addiction.

Despite these challenges, Trent shows potential. He is charismatic and experienced for his age. He is also willing to accept assistance when it is offered.

What will the future hold?

CURRENT PATH



Trent and his friends have nothing to do on a Tuesday night so they decide to break into an elementary school and have some "fun" smashing computers and spray painting graffiti. They trigger an alarm and are caught by police. Trent receives one year probation.

JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS **\$7,050**

While on probation, Trent breaks into several cars taking money and other items. He is caught when a car alarm goes off. While being arrested Trent punches the arresting officer, breaking his nose. Trent receives two months in a youth detention facility.

JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS **\$11,766**



After turning 18 Trent moves in with his girlfriend and begins dealing a variety of drugs from their apartment. He is caught after a short police investigation and sentenced to six months in provincial jail.

JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS **\$26,402**

While waiting for his court appearance Trent is caught drinking which breaches his bail conditions. He spends 15 days in provincial jail.

JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS **\$4,508**

Soon after he is released from prison, Trent and his girlfriend get into an argument. Trent strikes his girlfriend repeatedly with a blunt object breaking multiple bones. The neighbours call the police. Trent is sentenced to three years in prison for assault with a weapon causing bodily harm.



JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS **\$127,479**

TOTAL JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS*: **\$177,205**

*Includes police, court, probation and parole, incarceration costs. A common example may have more minor charges and fewer serious ones.

inREACH PATH

Trent and his friends play in a regular Tuesday night basketball game organized by inREACH, a local street gang prevention program. After one of the games Trent meets Jen, an inREACH worker, who invites him to a community BBQ.

Feeling welcome at the BBQ, Trent soon begins to regularly attend inREACH events and activities.



Don't be too disappointed, but I got suspended again. The principal totally has it out for me. Jack and I were smoking up and I'm the only one who got into trouble!

That's tough ... Do you think you might be interested in visiting the inREACH office and seeing if they can help you?

I can have Ken talk to you if you want. You remember Ken, you met him at the BBQ.

He seemed okay, sure.

Maybe...

Trent attends the inREACH program and gets individual support to finish high school, address his anger issues and leave his gang. When he turns 18, Trent leaves foster care and inREACH staff help him find an apartment with his girlfriend.

inREACH provides skills training and helps Trent search for work. He gets a job stocking shelves at a local grocery store. Trent also receives drug counseling. He still occasionally smokes marijuana but no longer sells drugs.



A few months later Trent completes the inREACH program. He and his girlfriend still live together. He is saving money and has plans to go to school to become a plumber.

TOTAL inREACH COSTS*: **\$15,670**

*Includes inREACH costs to support one program participant.