



# TeamChild 2018 Annual Report

## THANK YOU TO OUR INVESTORS AND PARTNERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

TeamChild aims to break the cycles of exclusionary school discipline, arrest and incarceration that hold youth back. Working toward replacing these outdated and ineffective approaches with restorative and community driven responses, we are building a vision of power and unconditional belonging for youth.



## DIRECT LEGAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH

We support individual youth in overcoming barriers within the systems that are supposed to support them. We know that youth of color are disproportionately incarcerated and excluded from school. As we move forward we are looking to engage with impacted youth and families to inform our work.



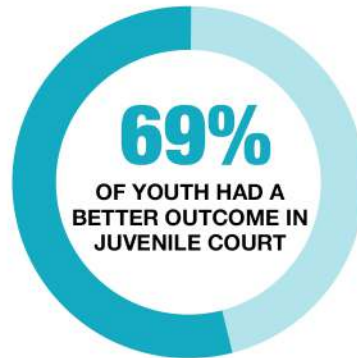
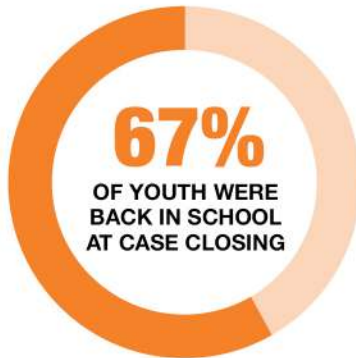
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YOUTH

GAINED KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS THROUGH REPRESENTATION OR COUNSEL AND ADVICE

- 39% living with disabilities
- 31% out of school when referred
- 21% experiencing homelessness when referred
- 86% living in low-income households
- 80% experiencing juvenile court involvement



## IMPACT OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION for clients who received full services:



*I have seen the tremendous difference a TeamChild attorney can make in school and other provider meetings that involve a child's rights to an education and a safe living environment.*

CANDI SHUTE, JUVENILE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, YAKIMA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

## GAVIN'S STORY

*Developed with Gavin and his TeamChild attorney*

**Gavin**, at 16 years old, liked sports and playing basketball. He lived with his grandparents, who supported him a lot. Gavin struggled in school and with drugs and alcohol. He had only one juvenile charge before and was just starting probation for the first time when he got caught up in a dangerous situation. Gavin was charged with robbery in adult court. When that happened, he was detained in jail with adults, even though he was only 16. There, he was often isolated or placed in solitary confinement. He didn't have access to his mental health medications and he received limited educational services. TeamChild helped Gavin advocate for himself about his conditions and this contributed to getting him transferred to a juvenile detention facility. We worked with Gavin, his grandparents, his doctor in the community, and detention staff to get his needed medications so he could manage in this difficult environment. Moving back to a juvenile facility allowed Gavin to access more education, and he set his mind to work and earned several high school credits. He says TeamChild did a lot for him personally by visiting regularly and advocating in court. Gavin's case was resolved in juvenile court, instead of adult court. In addition to his own conditions, Gavin wanted fairness for others. **He was one of several young people who helped TeamChild advocate with the County that juveniles should never be detained in the adult jail.** Gavin is still in school, studying for his diploma or GED. He is interested in welding or another hands-on, technical career.



## POLICY ADVOCACY & TRAINING

- ✔ TeamChild helped advocate for the passage of ESSB 6550, spearheaded by Senator Jeannie Darnielle, which significantly expanded the ability to divert youth out of formal processing in the juvenile offender court system.
- ✔ Our attorneys contributed to amicus briefs on the case *State v. Bassett*, in which the Washington Supreme Court determined that sentencing a juvenile to life without parole constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.
- ✔ TeamChild supported parent and youth led advocacy around the disproportionate discipline of students of color and the school-to-prison pipeline by continuing to partner with the South King County Discipline Coalition. In Spokane County we continue to partner with Every Student Counts Alliance.
- ✔ Attorneys traveled to the Learning Disabilities Association of America's annual conference in Atlanta to present on the intersection of juvenile justice, school discipline and special education.
- ✔ TeamChild's Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) Institutions and Reentry Project team hosted 10 UC Davis law student volunteers from Humanitarian Legal Aid Organization (HALO) to provide 3 pop-up juvenile record sealing clinics across central Washington and offer Know Your Rights presentations at JR facilities in Yakima and the Tri Cities.



*TeamChild's doors are always open to the community. Their heart and passion are driven by a racial equity lens so that marginalized communities receive fair representation in the legal system.*

DOMINIQUE DAVIS,  
FOUNDER AND CEO OF COMMUNITY PASSAGEWAYS

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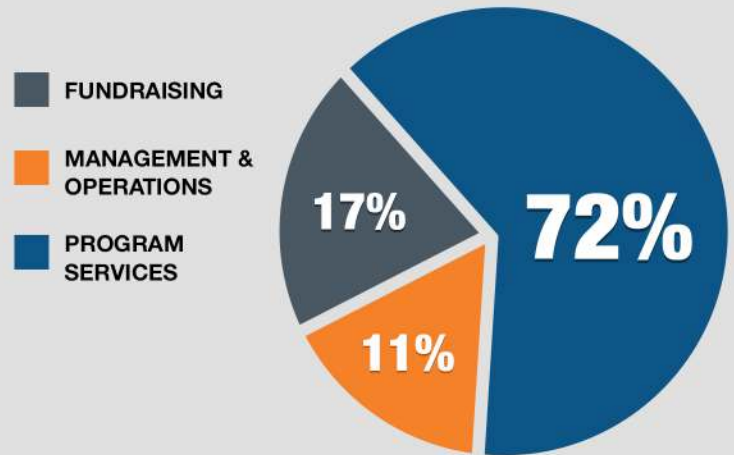


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## EXPENSES FY 2017-18

\$2,222,920



## INCOME FY 2017-18

\$2,625,188

