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I read some of the comments made on Jack Burchards Facebook and could not believe anyone would consider locking children up to save jobs?

First, current trends have moved away from incarceration of juveniles unless they are a threat to society. This alone has significantly reduced detention populations across the U.S. However even more important is numerous statistics showing incarceration is not effective in reducing recidivism, but actually increases risk factors in these youth.

Current trends are moving towards detention alternative programs and services to address the needs of youth and their families. Okanogan needs to research current trends in JDAI. If done correctly this could provide employment opportunities while addressing the needs of this population.

Incarceration if used according to JDAI intent would result in only a few youth being held. All others can be held accountable to community service weekend programming, weekday educational programming, after school programming etc.

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