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**A Swedish view on youths in probation
– a new legislative measure**

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Content

- The organization of the Swedish Prison and Probation Service
- The sanction system for young offenders in Sweden
- A new sanction: Youth Supervision
- Implementation of the new sentence



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**Remand
prisons**

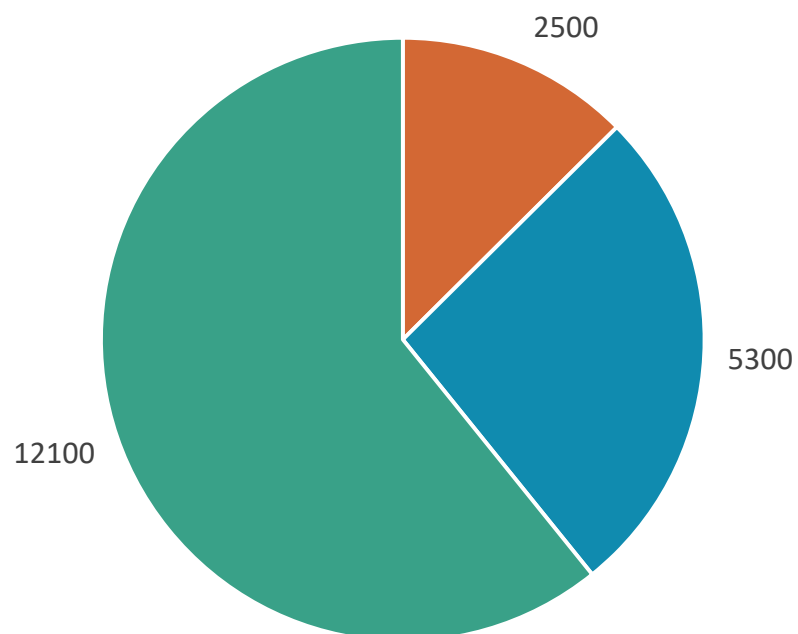
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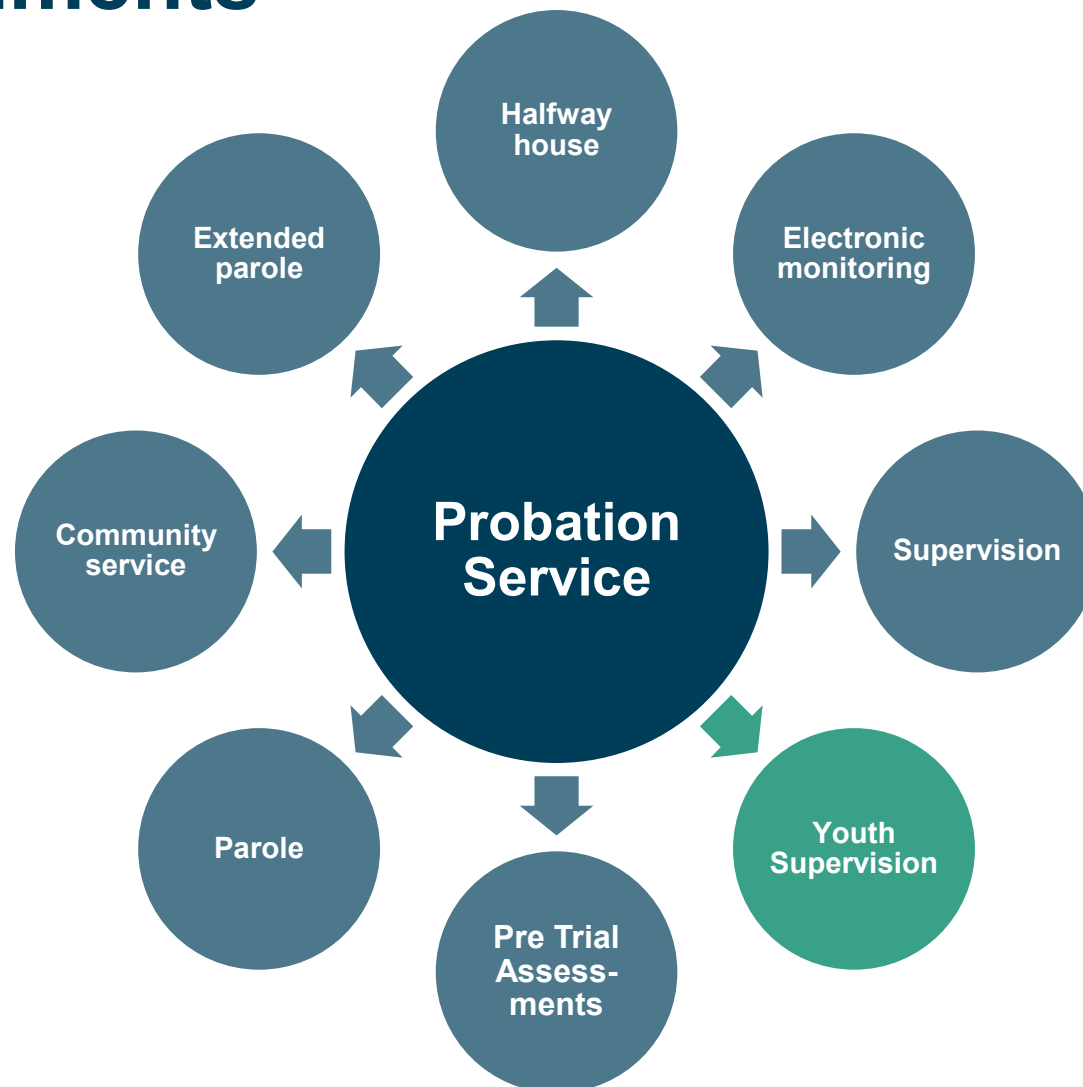
**Our mission:
Enforce punishments and reduce recidivism**

Number of clients on a regular day



■ Remand prisons ■ Prison ■ Probation Service

Probation enforcements and assignments



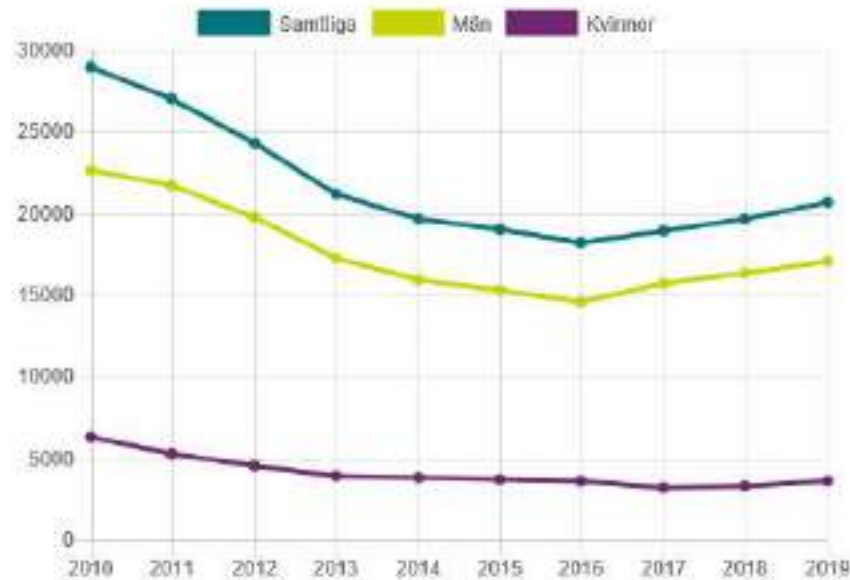
The sanction system for young offenders in Sweden

- Young offenders refers to persons aged 15 to 17 years.
- A special law
- Abstention from prosecution
- Primarily fines and surrender into the care of the social services



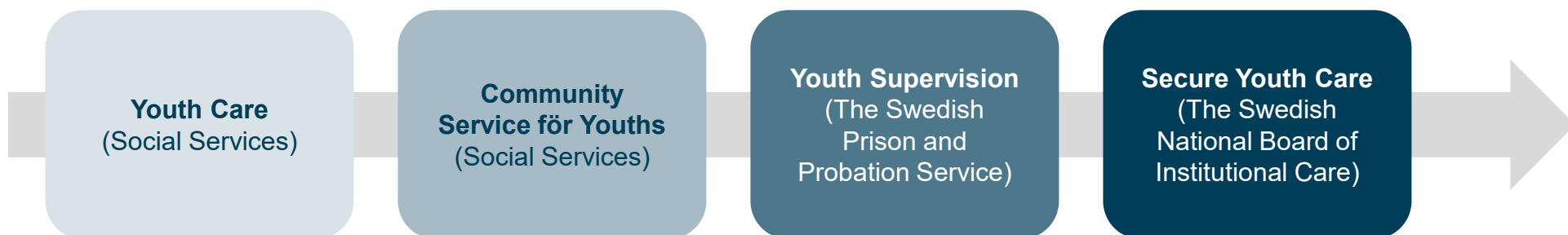
Young offenders, sentenced for a crime

Unga lagförda för brott – könsfördelning

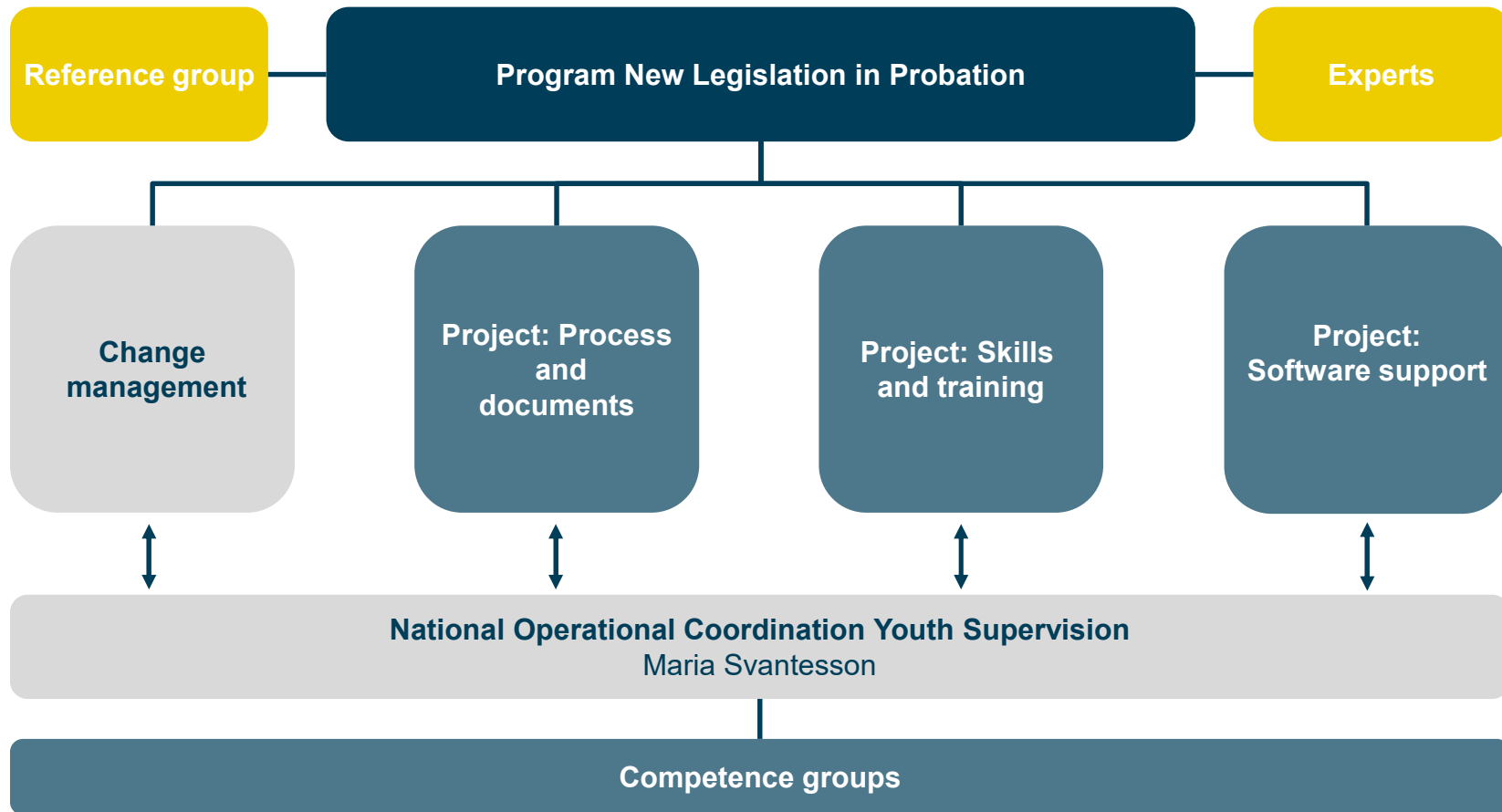


Antal lagföringsbeslut efter ålder (15-20 år), samtliga samt efter kön, 2010-2019. Källa: Personer lagförda för brott

Youth sanctions in Sweden



Organisation for implementation of new legislation



Preparations during 2020

- Trained 120 co-ordinators and managers from 32 Probation Service offices
- Support materials
- Handbook
- Collaboration meetings
- National operational support



Youth Supervision

- New Legislation and new Probation sanction from January 2021
- Young offenders, mainly between 15-17 years old
- Supervision for a period of between 6 months and 1 year.
- Curfew



Youth Supervision involves:

- ✓ **Contact with the youth coordinator 1-3 times a week**
- ✓ **Curfew on weekends, using electronic monitoring**
- ✓ **Prohibition of drugs/alcohol**
- ✓ **Other instructions such as schooling and other occupations, leisure, substance abuse treatment, other care or treatment**

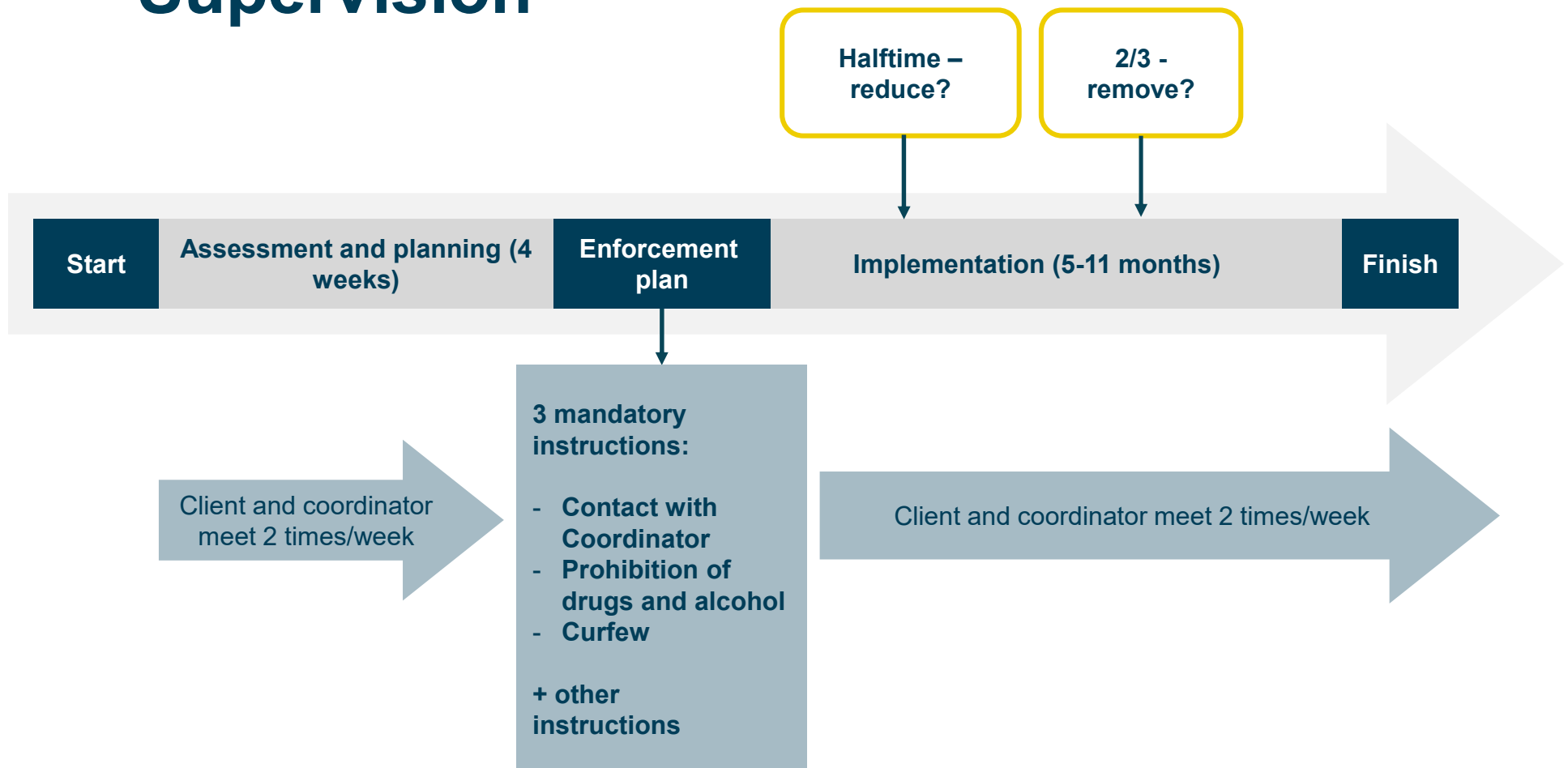


Assessment

- Assessment – Risk, Need, Responsivity
- Protective factors
- Net work map
- Drug test
- Home visit
- Involvement of parents
- Collaboration meetings



The process of Youth Supervision



The principle of Normalization

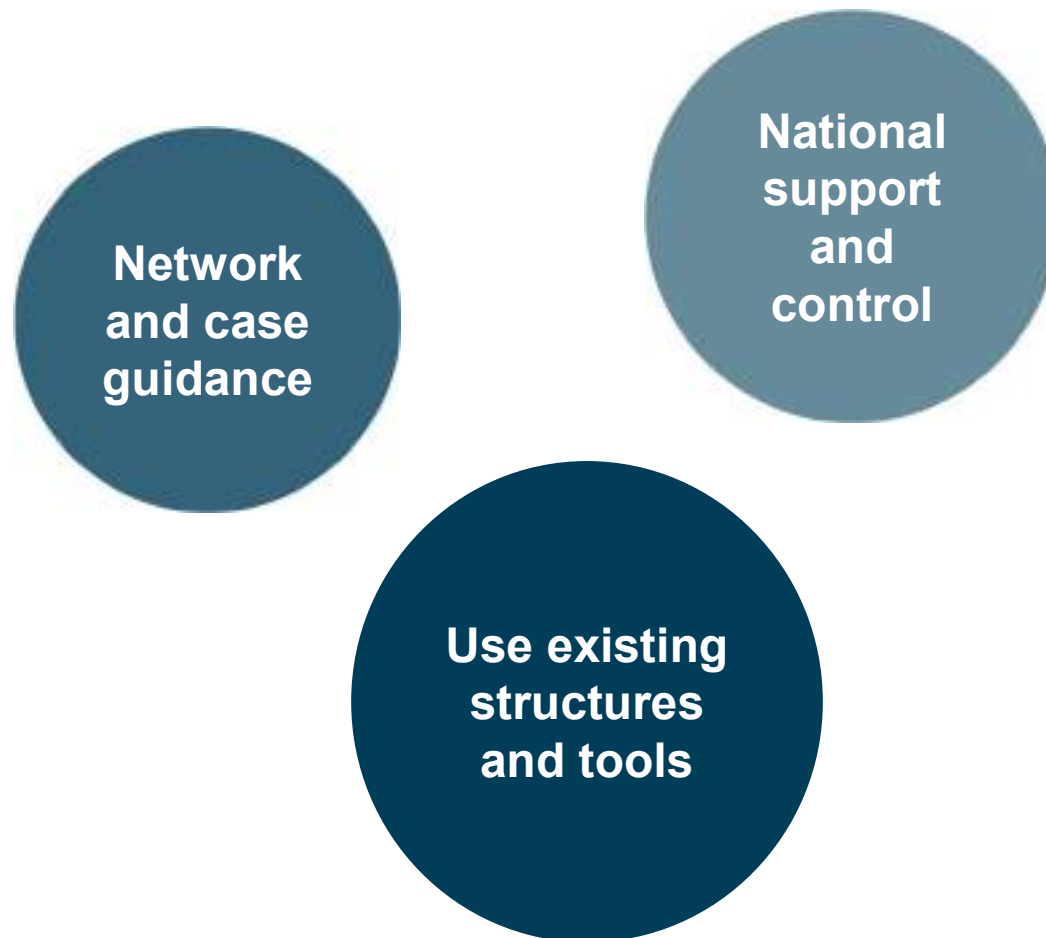
The basic principle for the division of responsibilities between the Prison and Probation Service and other authorities

For all people

The responsible social actor must provide and pay for the efforts at their disposal

Experiences

- What have we learnt?



Who are the youths?

- Men
- 17 years old
- 8, 5 months
- Robbery, assault and rape
- Gang criminals
- Institutional care
- Breaches



Challenges

- Many judgements are appealed
- Cases where the Probation Service and Social Services make different assessments regarding, for example, suitable housing or need for substance abuse care
- Alternate living with the parents or institution/home
- Gang criminals



**WE BREAK
THE VICIOUS CIRCLE**

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