

# THE NUMBERS WILL TELL YOU 2 FUND



In 2025 Shelby County TN we have appx: 127,78 youth between the ages of 10-19  
**Statistics state that 50 youth are arrested every day.**

Youth ages 10-14 = 66,504 = 7.21% of the county's population  
Youth ages 15-19 = 60,283 = 6.54% of the county's population

M.A. D's target participant of age – 10-17, there is appx their appx 101,429 in Shelby County which is 10.7% of the county's population.

Approximately 3.5% of the M.A.D targeted participants will get arrested and detained = 3301 youth arrested.

Approximately 39% of those 3301 youth in M.A. D's target audience of ages – 10-17 will get re-arrested at some point as a juvenile. So approximately 1287 of them will be re-arrested.

The approximate cost to house a youth in detention is 275 dollars a day and the average stay for a juvenile in Shelby County detention is 44 days. So that is an average cost per stay is \$12,100 and **39% of those that are detained will actually cost us \$24,200.**

In contrast if you give funding to M.A.D. – the average daily cost per youth in the program **\$143 dollars per, which is already a savings of 132 dollars per day for the county versus detention.** So, if the youth is in the M.A.D program it would save the county 5808 dollars for that for 44-day average detention stay.

So, if M.A.D is provided the funding to work 30 total participants over 2 sessions (which would be approximately 122 days) that would save the county 16,104 per participants vs being in juvenile detention, which equates to a total savings on \$483,120 for those 30th.

**So, the only question, we have for you.  
WHY NOT FUND M.A.D for 30 youth.**

**It is clear based on the numbers that what we are currently doing is not making a difference with the youth in Shelby County so it's time to try something different..... M.A.D**