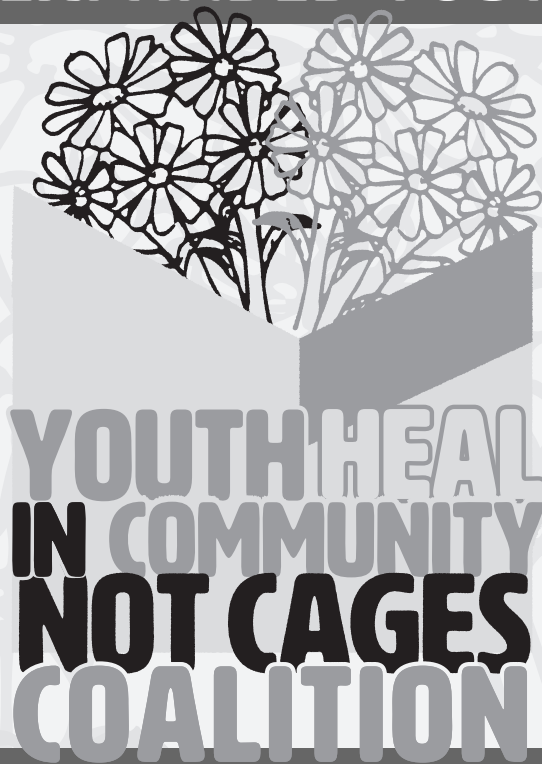


DURHAM NEEDS YOUTH WELLNESS NOT NEW EXPANDED YOUTH LOCKUP



The locking up of youth is harmful both to youth and our community. Durham County's decision to spend **\$30 million public dollars** on a new, expanded detention facility diverts urgently needed funds from projects and services better aligned with what our communities need right now. Locking up children and youth in Durham costs about **\$385 per day per child**. If those dollars were spent early in children's lives so all Durham's children and youth could thrive, we could end the practice of locking up children and youth. All necessary improvements could be made to the existing facility without adding so many new

beds and spending \$30 million. We need public discussion centering Black and Brown children and youth, and parents, educators, and care providers.

The **rate of juvenile court cases has decreased over a decade**, and Durham is working hard to divert juvenile cases to offer children and youth opportunities to heal and succeed instead of locking them up wherever possible. The current youth detention center has no more than 12 children or youth locked up in the facility at a time (usually fewer). Almost all the children and youth locked up are Black.

"Anytime that decisions are made that will impact an entire community, the only way to make them in an informed way with integrity is to have the voices of the directly impacted community present in the decision as well as the process involved in making the decision." – Black parent and Durham resident

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