

REAL cost of placement – REAL cost of CARE

- Educational disruption – cost can be failure to graduate from high school
- Trauma of removal/separation/loss
- Missing time with family disconnects youth from current experience of family - Distorted perception of family's reality – primary connection to family is interrupted which leaves void that can be filled with distorted perception of family's reality
- Loss of sense of belonging
- Diagnosis/medication epidemic - pathologizing adaptative behaviors - "RAD"
- Fishbowl phenomena – alone, no control, nobody listening, nobody understanding
- Lack of connection with birth family – impacts re-entry, successful transition, future relationships with family and others
- Prioritization of physical safety over other kinds of safety - loss of relationship can have more devastating effects than what they were saved from
- Families are not replaceable
- Vicarious trauma to the worker