



Trauma Informed Care/
Mental Health: The Way Forward



Youth Courts, The School to Prison Pipeline & *Trauma*

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JUSTICE JUSTICE





United States Constitution

Bill of Rights



PREAMBLE

We the People of the United States, in
Order to form a more perfect Union,

establish Justice,

insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the
common defense, promote the general
Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty
to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and
establish this Constitution for the United
States of America.

WHY YOUTH COURTS?

Start with:

They Educates Students About:

- **The Legal System & Civics**
- **Non-violent Dispute Resolution**
- **Restorative Justice v. Punitive Justice**
- **Justice is Serious Business**
- **Respect for the Process**
- **Respect for Others**
- **Empathy**

AND



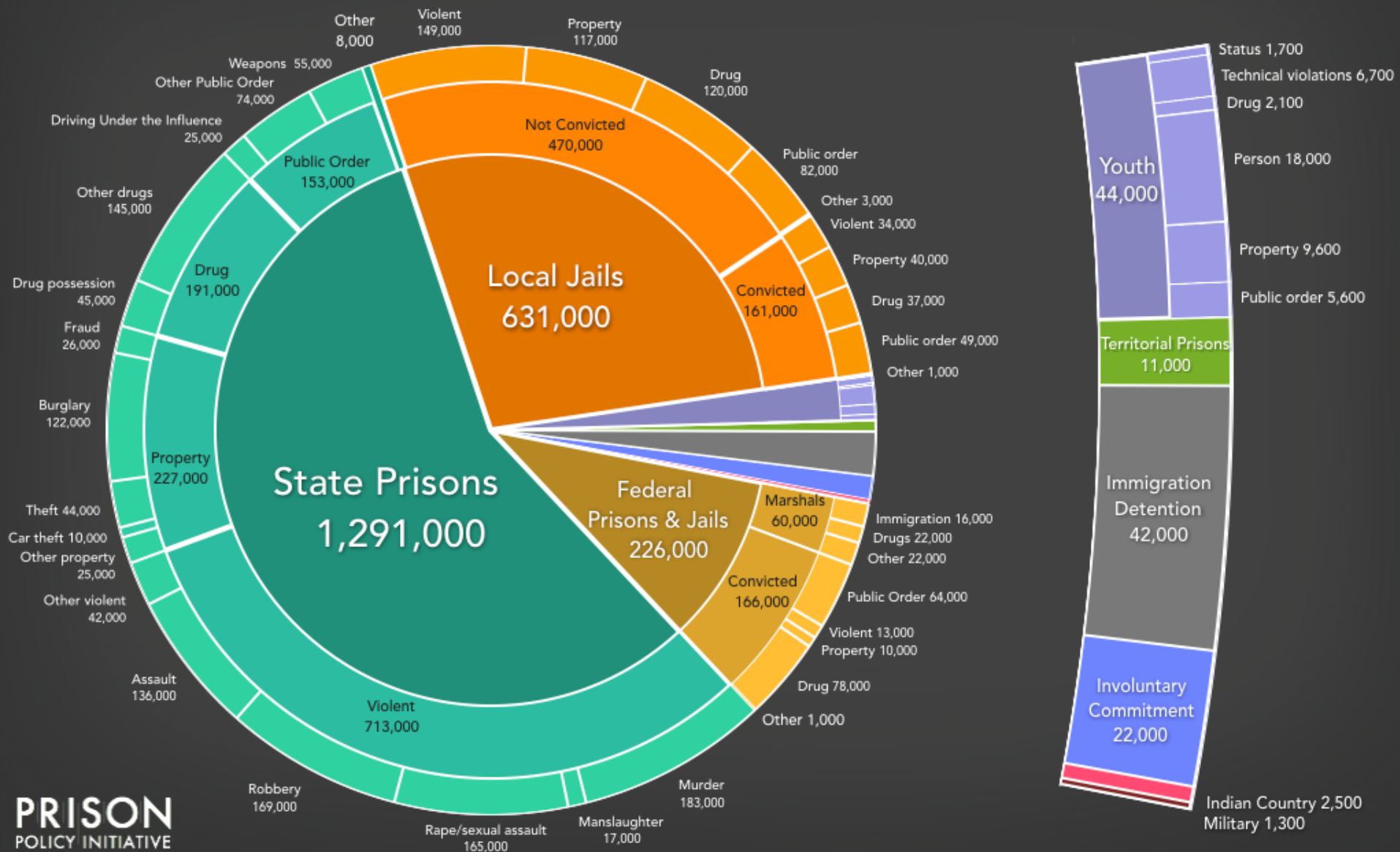
THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE

**Who Needs To Understand
The Concepts Taught In Youth Court?**

WE ALL DO!

How many people are locked up in the United States?

The U.S. locks up more people per capita than any other nation, at the staggering rate of 698 per 100,000 residents. But to end mass incarceration, we must first consider *where* and *why* 2.3 million people are confined nationwide.



U.S. Incarcerated Population Dropped Below 2 Million Last Year For First Time Since 2003

- The total incarcerated population of the U.S. fell dramatically last year amid the COVID-19 pandemic, dipping below 2 million for the first time since 2002.
- The report found that the total number of people incarcerated in U.S. prisons and jails fell from **2.1 million in 2019 to 1.8 million in mid-2020, an unprecedented 13 percent decline.** The total incarcerated population of the U.S. peaked in 2009 at a staggering 2.3 million.
- Since 2009, the total incarcerated population has fallen as states passed a wave of bipartisan criminal justice reforms in response to exploding prison budgets, crumbling infrastructure, and an increasingly loud outcry over the human costs of mass incarceration.

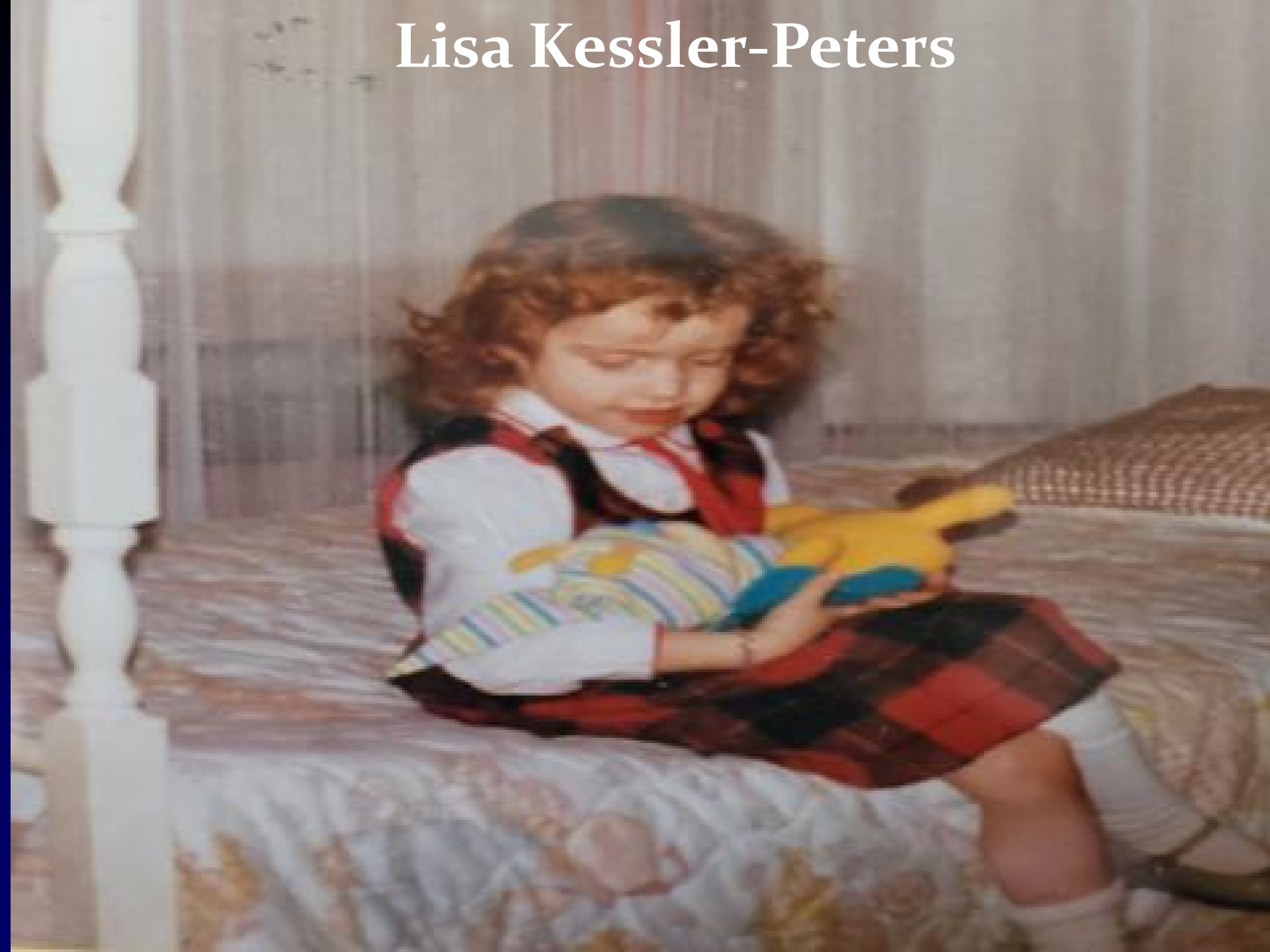


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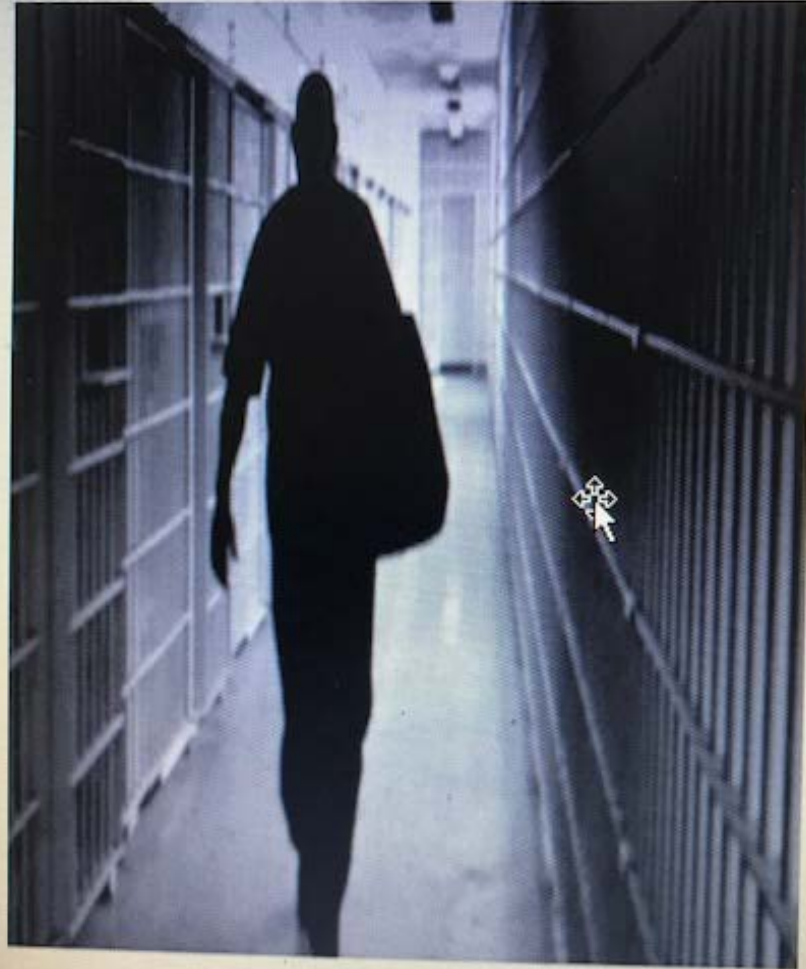
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The Other Side of the World



REENTRY



HARRISBURG - Jan. 14, 2020: On the one year anniversary of the Safe2Say program, Attorney General Josh Shapiro today announced Pennsylvania's anonymous reporting system for schools, students and community members,

“Safe2Say Something PA” has reached over 40,000 tips from across the Commonwealth.

“Safe2Say Something PA empowers students, teachers, and administrators to anonymously report potentially unsafe activities in schools,” Shapiro said. “In its first year of operation, Safe2Say received 40,382 tips, including 6,847 that we categorized as ‘life-safety,’ meaning a life was somehow in danger. . . Attorney General Shapiro said most of the tips have been about mental health, not school violence as many had originally expected. “As I traveled across Pennsylvania to talk to students about Safe2Say, they weren’t peppering me with questions on school shooting drills or metal detectors. They were talking about fellow students who seemed depressed, came to school without lunch, and chronic online bullying.” The top five categories of tips received during Safe2Say’s first year:

- 1. Bullying/Cyber Bullying**
- 2. Cutting/Self-Harm**
- 3. Suicide/Suicide Ideation**
- 4. Drug Use/Distribution/Possession**
- 5. Depression/Anxiety**



SAFE TO SAY SOME THING

Category

1/14/19-6/30/10

7/1/19-6/30/20

Bullying / Cyber Bullying

3,558 (1)

3,608 (1)

Suicide/ Suicide Ideation

2,184 (3)

2,576 (2)

Cutting/ Self-Harm

2,529(2)

2,139 (3)

Depression / Anxiety

2,121 (4)

1,513 (6)

Drug Use / Distribution

1,921 (5)

2,008 (4)

Smoking - Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape

1,448 (6)

1,557 (5)

**Inappropriate Language/
Behavior/ Gesture**

949 (7)

931 (8)

Threat Against School

607 (8)

1,156 (7)

General Harassment

574 (9)

695 (9)

Threat Against Person

523 (10)

669 (10)

20,228

1,763
8.7%

+

1,192

IT'S A
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS!

GUNS!

AIDS!

TEEN DRINKING!

THE COVER-UP!

OBESITY!

MENTAL ILLNESS!

AUTISM!

NURSING SHORTAGE!

SUICIDE!

**ATV
INJURIES!**

**DIETARY
SUPPLEMENTS!**

TOXIC MOLD!

CIGARETTES!

**NO MEDICAL
MARIJUANA!**

**TOPP DUCKON
IN THE RIVER!**

**AGENT
ORANGE!**

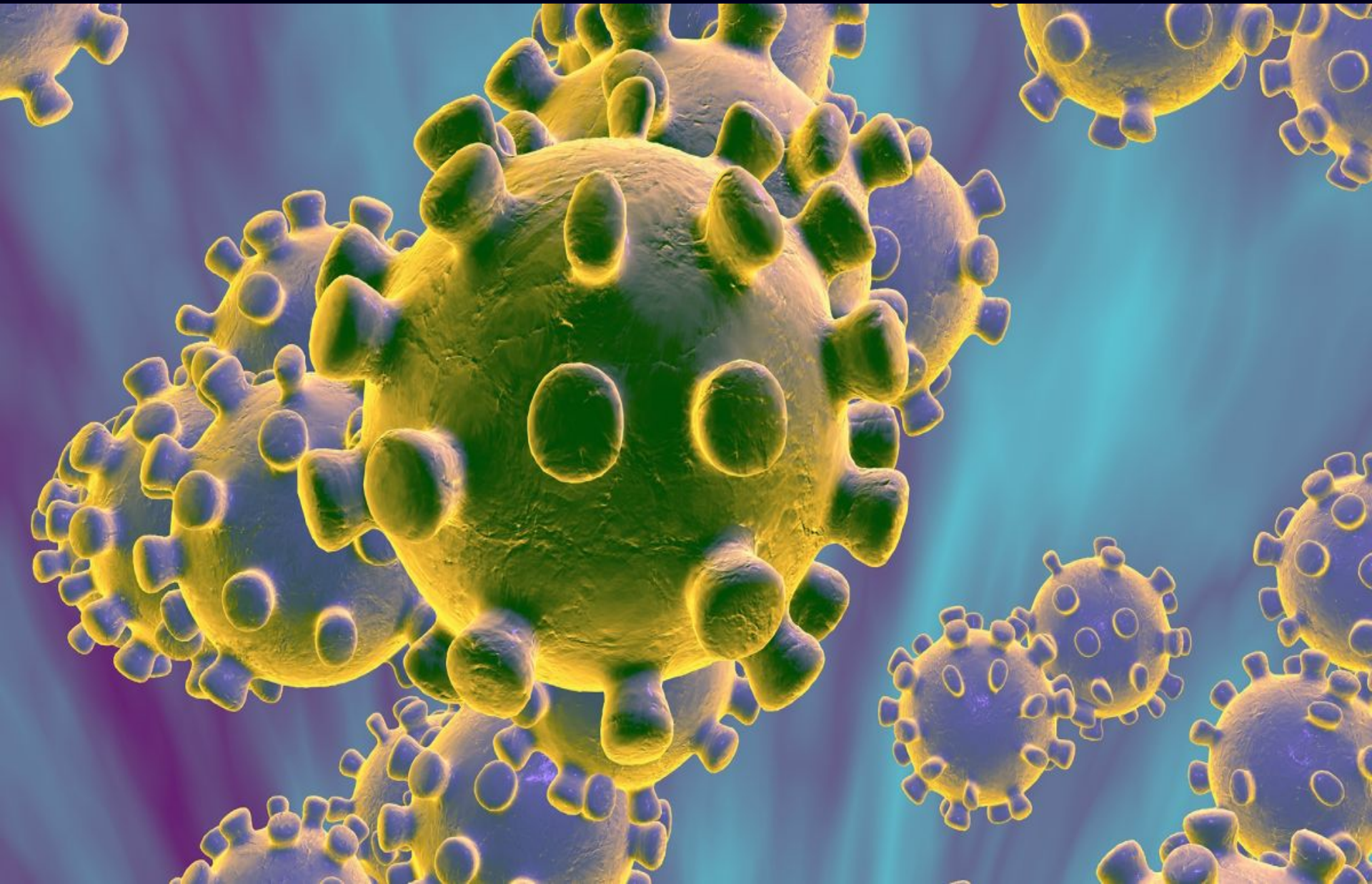
**LIFELIFE
ABORTIONS!**

**UNDETECTED
VISION PROBLEMS!**

**NO ORGAN
DONORS!**



Coronavirus – A Public Health Crisis



Is Trauma a Public Health Crisis?

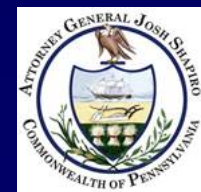
YOUR DECISION!



TRAUMA is and has been a PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS



**Since the beginning
of Time!**



STRAWBERRY MANSION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH COURT 2012-2013





**YOUTH COURT CONFERENCE
U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – APRIL 23, 2014**

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS

At Chester High, Peers Do Each Other Justice

May 19, 2015



IMPACT OF YOUTH COURTS

In 2015, as a result of the Youth Court in Strawberry Mansion High School, 88 students were NOT suspended.

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