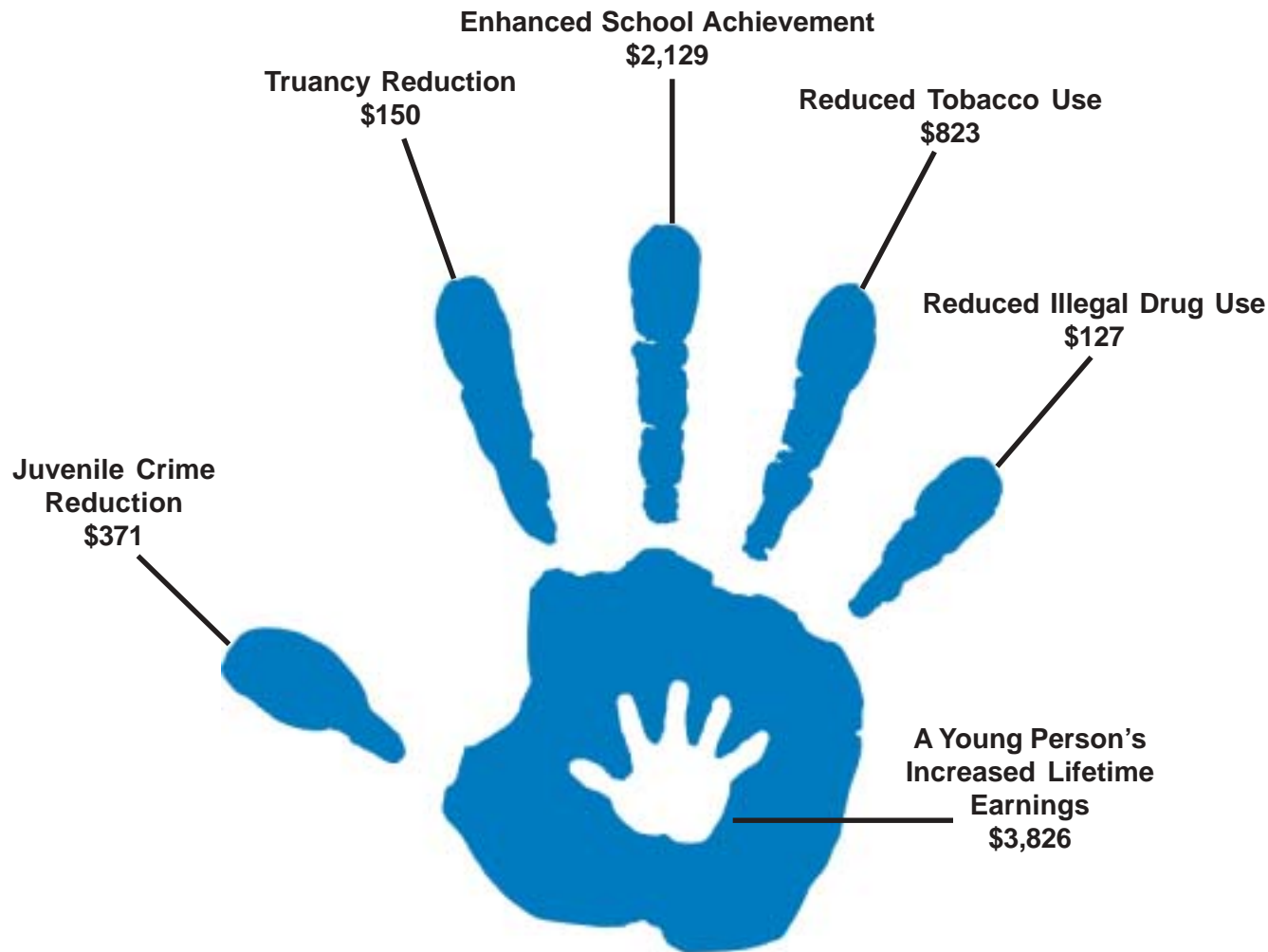


Give Mentoring A Hand...A Strong Return On Investment

Average Benefits Per Youth
170,000 Minnesota Youth Mentored



Thumbs Up!

**Total Benefits
Per Youth**

=

\$7,426

Based on conservative assumptions and outcomes and valuations, a representative program returns benefits of \$2.72 for every dollar of resources used (dollars spent plus volunteer time). A program returns \$1.87 of public benefits (public cost savings and increased tax revenues) for every dollar spent on the program.

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Analyzing the Social Return on Investment in Youth Mentoring Programs

A framework for Minnesota

Based on a study of mentoring programs in Minnesota, it is clear that such programs can produce some or all of the following direct benefits whose values can (in principle) be quantified:

- Improved school attendance and performance – leading to increased graduation rates, increased post-secondary education, and higher lifetime earnings;
- Reduced truancy – resulting in reduced school costs and, ultimately, reduced high school dropouts;
- Improved health outcomes – including reductions in teen pregnancy, reduced or delayed use of tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drugs;
- Reduced juvenile crime (both violence and property crimes) – saving victim costs, court costs, and costly treatment of juvenile offenders;

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