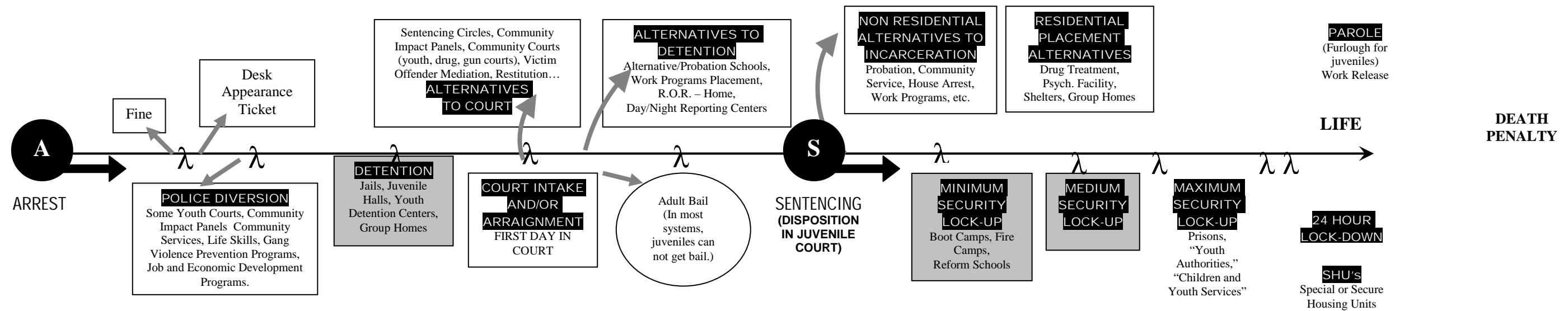


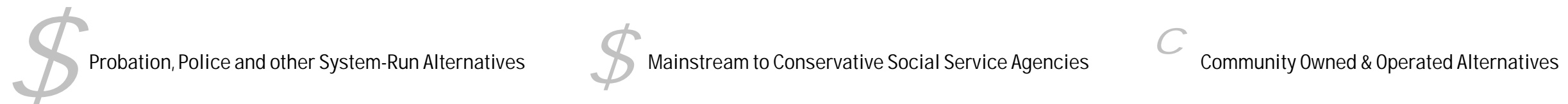
**CALIFORNIA WITHOUT CYA?** All over the U.S. and throughout the world, community-based alternatives are replacing police, court, detention and prison systems. Alternatives are less expensive and work better! They average \$2,000 to \$25,000 a year per person compared to \$55,000 to \$125,000 a year to lock a person up! And, youth and adults who are given alternatives to jail and prison are more successful in staying out – they are rearrested 5% to 35% of the time compared to re-arrest rates for people coming home from prison that average between 75% and 85%! Finally, given that juvenile halls, jails and prisons are so violent, people also bring that home, ultimately making communities that rely on prisons less safe!!! But it's hard to get governments to support alternatives, since politicians are getting elected by looking tough on crime, newspapers and TV news still get the biggest audience when they focus on violent crime, and a lot of people are getting rich off the system. One thing the YJC is doing is training youth and communities to *"STARVE THE BEAST"* – helping people to use legal education and police monitoring to keep youth from being arrested for petty or unfair reasons; to go to court with families to "pull" young people out of the system; and to begin to build community-based alternatives. Think about the people you know who have been arrested, and use the *Starve the Beast* chart below to track what happened to their case. THE GREY ARROWS MARK PLACES WHERE PEOPLE COULD BE GIVEN ALTERNATIVES. You will find that MOST PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT THROUGH THE SYSTEM FOLLOWS THE LINE TO THE MOST SEVERE PUNISHMENT POSSIBLE, despite the fact that many alternatives could be made available to keep families united, increase community safety and save tax dollars.



Traps Used by the System to Keep People Under State Custody:



Funding:



**WHO'S GETTING PAID?** The system is making a lot of people BANK. Prisons -- and the police and court systems that feed them -- make up a multi-billion dollar a year industry – THE FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRY IN THE U.S. For that reason, it is referred to as the *PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX* or *PIC*. Consider all the people getting paid: > Police and corrections departments regularly get increases while budgets for schools, universities, health care, youth programs and jobs programs get slashed. > Corporations regularly use prison labor for a few dollars a day instead of paying the minimum wage or better to workers on the outside. The XIII Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawed slavery *except in regards to prison labor!* > Security companies get rich off of cameras, security locks and gates, weapons and other technology all used in prisons, jails, courts and police stations. > Companies are getting contracts to feed, clothe and provide medical care to prisoners. > Phone companies charge prisoners and their families higher rates for phone service. And these are just a few examples. To force a change, consider organizing a **BOYCOTT** of the PIC. For example, most school desks are built by prisoners. You could start by pressuring your school district to stop using prison products.