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Long Creek must close. In the past decades our focus on punishment has created Draconian laws, disparate sentencing, increasing surveillance at every level of government. We have thrown money into the black hole of punishment and left nothing for opportunity restoration and redemption. At some point we decided that children had brains that were as developed as adults and should be expected to behave that way. We ignored the biology of impulse control that develops late in the brain. Amazing that we expect accountability from children and it's not always a parent in our public officials. The UN report on policing in the US has called it racial genocide.

Closing Long Creek it's a long overdue first step to rethinking how we care for the most vulnerable people in our communities.