

# Help Protect The Lives of Philadelphia Children and Youth!

**“I can’t breathe.”** Those are some of the last words that David Hess cried before he died after being restrained by staff at Wordsworth Academy in October 2016 so they could confiscate his cellphone.

## Sound familiar?

David Hess lost his life, and hundreds of other youths suffer mental, sexual, and physical **abuse** when they are sent to live in **institutions, detention centers** and other **residential facilities**.



### Two ways you can help save these children from the risk of abuse or death:

1. Sign this petition demanding that the City create a Youth Services Ombudsperson!
2. Attend the virtual City Council hearing on April 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m, register here.

Thousands of Philadelphia children are sent to institutions every year. Its time to stop the complacency and create an office to protect them.