

Parents Corner

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www.naacpgwinnett.org

www.rhokappalambda.org

www.childrensdefense.org

www.djj.state.ga.us



Children are our most valuable resource and will mold future generations of society.

Our Coalition Partners

ACLU of Georgia

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*Our purpose is to
dismantle the school to prison pipe-*



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**“Sometimes the
punishment doesn’t fit
the infraction.”**

Our vision is to lead a parent-driven, community-centered partnership approach to identifying and dismantling the school to prison pipeline in Gwinnett County; including parent/community education, district monitoring and accountability, and recommending national best practices. The school to prison pipeline is a national trend wherein children are funneled out of public schools and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

School to Prison Pipeline

By helping local communities to build coalitions and begin the change process, stakeholders are able to a difference. The ACLU of Georgia is committed to challenging the "school to prison pipeline," a disturbing national trend wherein children are funneled out of public schools and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Many of these children have learning disabilities or histories of poverty, abuse or neglect, and would benefit from additional educational and counseling services. Instead, they are isolated, punished and pushed out.

Under the banner of "zero tolerance," schools increasingly are relying on inappropriately harsh discipline and, increasingly, law enforcement, to address trivial schoolyard offenses among even the youngest students.



Children Need Healthy School Environments

Zero tolerance policies, which mandate that schools severely punish students regardless of the infraction, have been found to be ineffective and can actually increase bad behavior and also lead to higher drop out rates. (APA Report, August 2006)

Rather than nurturing and educating children perceived to pose a disciplinary problem, schools are turning to law enforcement to simply get rid of the child.

Gwinnett Parent Coalition to Dismantle the School to Prison Pipeline

Through its educational series, the Gwinnett Parent Coalition to Dismantle the School to Prison Pipeline will be actively engaging and dialoging with the community about how this trend affects Gwinnett County. Our educational series will be made available to PTA's, local school councils, parents, churches, and other community stakeholders. The series includes:

Educational Series

What Your Student/Parent Handbook Didn't Tell You - Reading Between the Lines of Your GCPS Disciplinary Handbook

Overview highlighting disciplinary actions at school to the juvenile justice system

Has Your Student Received Suspension/Detention - Is It Time for an Intervention?

Many students with undiagnosed learning disabilities can become behavior issues

Rule 12, Disciplinary Panels, Juvenile Justice and the STPP Links

Explanation of Rule 12, panels and the links to the Pipeline



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