

Why PLL...

PLL is a unique experience where parents and community members gain grassroots advocacy training in concert with education advocacy.

Participants learn the local, state and federal education structure; parent intervention strategies; data gathering and analysis; Positive Behavior Supports; Special Education; criminal justice links to the STPP and so much more.

Participants gain a wealth of knowledge, resources, heightened involvement, and new associations in their school-community.



About Us

The Gwinnett Parent Coalition to Dismantle the School to Prison Pipeline (Gwinnett SToPP) is a grassroots parent-led, community-centered organization in Gwinnett County. Members of the coalition, in addition to parents, include Atlanta Community Engagement Network, ACLU of Georgia, Rho Kappa Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and other community stakeholders.

We are an active member of the Dignity in Schools Campaign (DSC) and partner with other state and local organizations. Our parent co-chairs have served on the educational advisory committee of Georgia Appleseed, the board of the Georgia branch of the International Dyslexia Association, the Citizens Advisory Committee for Exceptional Children in Gwinnett, and the Georgia Advocacy Office.

Gwinnett SToPP



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Parent Leadership Institute

Teaching Parents Leadership, Excellence, and Advocacy



Parents lobbying in Washington D.C.

PLI Initiative

The **Parent Leadership Institute (PLI)** is an innovative project of Gwinnett STOPP, a parent-led education advocacy organization.

The PLI has a parent focus, pairing grassroots community leadership curriculum training from the University of Georgia’s Fanning Institute Community Leadership Program curriculum with education advocacy training and school discipline reform tools. .

Understanding the “School to Prison Pipeline” is an integral part of the program. The “School to Prison Pipeline” (STPP) is a national trend wherein students are funneled out of the regular education setting and into alternative education and the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Program Overview

The PLI program includes a weekend retreat, monthly comprehensive training sessions, independent homework assignments and school-community projects. The monthly training sessions are held primarily in Gwinnett County.

As a requirement of graduation, participants will be assigned to project teams to implement a school-community project designed to impact a feeder into the School to Prison Pipeline, ultimately improving the climate for learning in schools.

Project results will be shared with school boards, public officials, and the community. Upon graduation, participants will benefit from being an engaged parent partner which data shows ultimately improves the achievement and graduation rates for students.



PLI Curriculum

Fanning Institute Community Leadership Program

Grassroots organizing training to understand community leadership, group dynamics and value of diversity, communicating effectively and the importance of building communities through collaboration to lead community change.

Alphabet Soup of Education

Participants will learn education terms, policies and structure for local, state and federal levels. Participants will also gain an understanding of IE2, the contract that provides Gwinnett County Public Schools release from some state rules.

ABC's of Discipline

Participants will recognize the ABC's (appropriate balanced and consistent) of discipline, the GCPS Student Code of Conduct, and gain parent intervention strategies for challenging behaviors.

STPP Links

Participants will understand the STPP links and policies related to alternative schools and Juvenile Justice.

Alternatives to Suspension and Expulsion

Participants will learn the benefits, implementation and best practices for positive behavior management techniques. Includes a review of PBIS, Restorative Practices and Peer Mediation.

Accountability and Remedies

Local, state and federal complaint process.

Data Accountability and Collection

Participants will learn how data can be used to identify trends and inform the community.