



What is the Dignity in Schools Campaign?

The Dignity in Schools Campaign (DSC) challenges the systemic problem of pushout in our nation's schools and advocates for the human right of every young person to a quality education and to be treated with dignity. The DSC unites parents, youth, advocates and educators to support alternatives to a culture of zero-tolerance, punishment and removal in our schools.

What does the DSC do?

- Advocates for federal policy change for alternatives to zero-tolerance discipline, including through reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA, aka No Child Left Behind).
- Supports state and local campaigns for positive approaches to school climate and discipline, such as positive behavior supports, restorative practices, conflict resolution and mediation programs.
- Shares information on solutions to pushout and strategies for change through our website, teleconferences, webinars, and national meetings.

Get involved with the DSC!

- Participate in our annual National Week of Action on School Pushout held in October.
- Sign-on to the National Resolution for Ending School Pushout and join our monthly e-newsletter.
- Join a Working Group or campaign.

Organizations participating in the DSC include: Access Living (IL); ACLU of Eastern Missouri; ACLU of Pennsylvania; Action Communication and Education Reform (MS); Activists With A Purpose (MS); Advancement Project; Advocates for Children of NY; Advocates for Justice and Education (DC); Atlanta Community Engagement Team (ACET); American Civil Liberties Union; Black Organizing Project (CA); Blocks Together (IL); Youth on Board and Boston Student Advisory Council; Center for Community Alternatives (NY); Children's Defense Fund; Citizens for a Better Greenville (MS); Community Asset Development Re-Defining Education (CADRE, CA); COFI (IL); Community Rights Campaign, The Labor/Community Strategy Center (CA); Concerned Citizens for a Better Tunica County (MS); Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM, NY); Education Law Center (PA); Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children; Fannie Lou Hamer Center for Change (MS); Generation Y (IL); Gwinnett Parent Coalition to Dismantle the School to Prison Pipeline (GA); Illinois Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Network; International Institute for Restorative Practices; Make the Road NY; MS Coalition for the Prevention of Schoolhouse to Jailhouse; MS Delta Catalyst Roundtable; NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; National Economic and Social Rights Initiative; New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU); New Settlement Apartments Parent Action Committee (NY); Nollie Jenkins Family Center (MS); Philadelphia Student Union; Padres y Jovenes Unidos (CO); POWER-PAC (IL); Portland Parent Union (OR); Power U Center for Social Change (FL); Public Counsel (CA); Sistas and Brothas United (NY); SNAPPS (GA); Sunflower County Parents and Students Organization (MS); Teachers Unite (NY); Youth Innovation Movement Solutions (MS); Youth Justice Coalition (CA); Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice; YWCA of the Greater Triangle (NC).