Dismantle the School-to-Prison Pipeline

“I knew someone had to take the first step and I made up my mind not to move.” - Rosa Parks, civil rights leader

Support

- Support students and teachers by volunteering at the school, talking with students about the importance of education and behaving in school, involving students in enriching activities outside of school, and ensuring that students have the community supports, such as mentoring or mental health services, they need to be successful in school.

“The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident

Learn

- Read about the pipeline in Virginia.
- Read about students’ and parents’ education rights.
- Review data for your school and division.
- Join the Legal Aid Justice Center’s listserv.
- Follow the Legal Aid Justice Center on Facebook and Twitter.
- Do all of these things by visiting www.justice4all.org/educate-every-child.

“We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.” - June Jordan, poet and educator

Educate

- Create a fact sheet about the pipeline in your school or division.
- Plan a “Know Your Rights” training for students and parents.
- Post on social media about the pipeline in your school or division.
- Write an op-ed or letter to the editor for your local newspaper.

“I freed a thousand slaves. I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves.” - Harriet Tubman, abolitionist

Organize

- Plan a rally, march, and/or press conference to demand reform.
- Hold a community meeting to discuss concerns and action steps.
- Start a group or organization with others interested in reform.

“Let us put our minds together and see what kind of life we can make for our children.” - Sitting Bull, American Indian leader

Advocate

- Advocate for students and parents who are having issues with the school system and need help. Tell them their rights. Go with them to special education meetings, suspension appeals, etc.
- Testify at school board meetings and other public meetings.
- Call and email school board members and other leaders.

“Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.” - Frederick Douglass, abolitionist, writer, and orator

Need support? Contact the Just Children Program of the Legal Aid Justice Center for free help.
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