SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE: An Educator's Guide to Disruption

Is our education system setting our children up for success or failure?

What is the School to Prison Pipeline?

It is an invisible system in which children are funneled from the education system into the criminal justice system. Children who are especially susceptible to this are those who come from minority backgrounds, backgrounds of poverty and neglect, and children with disabilities.

What causes the School to Prison Pipeline?



Zero-Tolerance Classrooms Police Presence in Schools Racism, Ableism, and Classism

Zero-Tolerance Policies

Zero-Tolerance policies are meant to deter students from "acting out" by completely removing them from their educational environment. However, enforcing these policies tend to make students continue their negative behavior.

Outsourcing Discipline to Police

Instead of dealing with behavioral issues within the school system, teachers have been outsourcing discipline to police and courts.

Racism, Ableism, and Classism

These are larger themes within society that trickle down and make minority students, impoverished students, and disabled students vulnerable to disciplinary discrimination.



Racial Policing in Schools



Race: The Disturbing Numbers The statistics show a disturbing racial disparity in in-school punishment policies and arrests.

Ableist Policing



One in three of school children arrested have a disability

Arrested students with .. (36.11%) Arrest Students without.. (63.89%)



Students with emotional disabilities are three times more likely to be arrested





Be Proactive, not Reactive!

Increase the use of positive behavior interventions and supports.

Use law enforcement as a last resort!

Limit the use of law enforcement in public schools.

The juvenile crime rate is on the decline, but arrests are on the rise. The time to act is now.

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