Eliminating the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track

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Course of Events & Expectations

Eliminating the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Advocacy
Community Consciousness
Liability

Policy
Changes in perception & Practice
Resources

Positive Outcomes:
Academic Behavior Lifelong

2011-2012 Broward
1,062 School-related arrests
752 Misdemeanors

Highest in the state of Florida
Strategic Advisors Included:
When CHILDREN misbehave it is **not** a harm to the state requiring arrest, it is **not** a harm to the system requiring harsh punishment and exclusion from education. Often it is a **signal** of distress or warning, or a lack of instructive behavior examples... all of which require **intervention** by the adults in their lives. **DISCIPLINE should be** an **EDUCATIVE** process.
What is PROMISE?

The PROMISE program is an intervention program designed to address the unique needs of students (Grades K-12), who have committed specific acts of misconduct that might normally lead to a juvenile delinquency arrest and, therefore, entry into the juvenile justice system. In addition, it serves students who have committed behavior infractions related to bullying and harassment.
Interventions for Incarcerated Youth

* School district court liaisons
* Transition of students between the court system, schools, commitment facilities, treatment centers and child welfare agencies
* Engagement of students in academic programming toward graduation and postsecondary education
* Vocational/career programing
* Assignment of mentors
* Coordination of student transition from DJJ program to traditional educational environments utilizing wraparound case management
After the first year of implementation (SY 2013-14):

- Broward ranks 7th from the bottom (61 out of 67) in school-related arrest among FL districts
- Overall decrease of 62.9% in misdemeanor arrests
- 25% reduction in discipline incidents
- 29% reduction in the number of suspensions
Student Outcomes

* Graduation rate of incarcerated youth in Broward County Public Schools increased by 20%. Out of approximately 100 eligible students each year, 5 students graduated in SY 2014 compared to 25 students in SY 2015.
* Youth in confinement in SY 2015 earned over 500 credits toward their standard diploma, compared to 180 credits earned by confined youth in SY 2014.
* 131 students earned industry certifications while incarcerated in SY 2015 compared to 28 in SY 2014.
* In SY 2015, 8 incarcerated students secured employment within their area of vocational certification to begin working upon release, compared to 0 in SY 2014.
* 570 Broward County Public School students have successfully transitioned back to schools during SY 2015, compared to 325 during SY 2014.
More Information

* Eliminating the School-to-Prison Pipeline eBook
  * http://www.browardprevention.org