



Eliminating the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track

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Course of Events & Expectations



2011-2012
Broward

1,062

School-related arrests
752 Misdemeanors

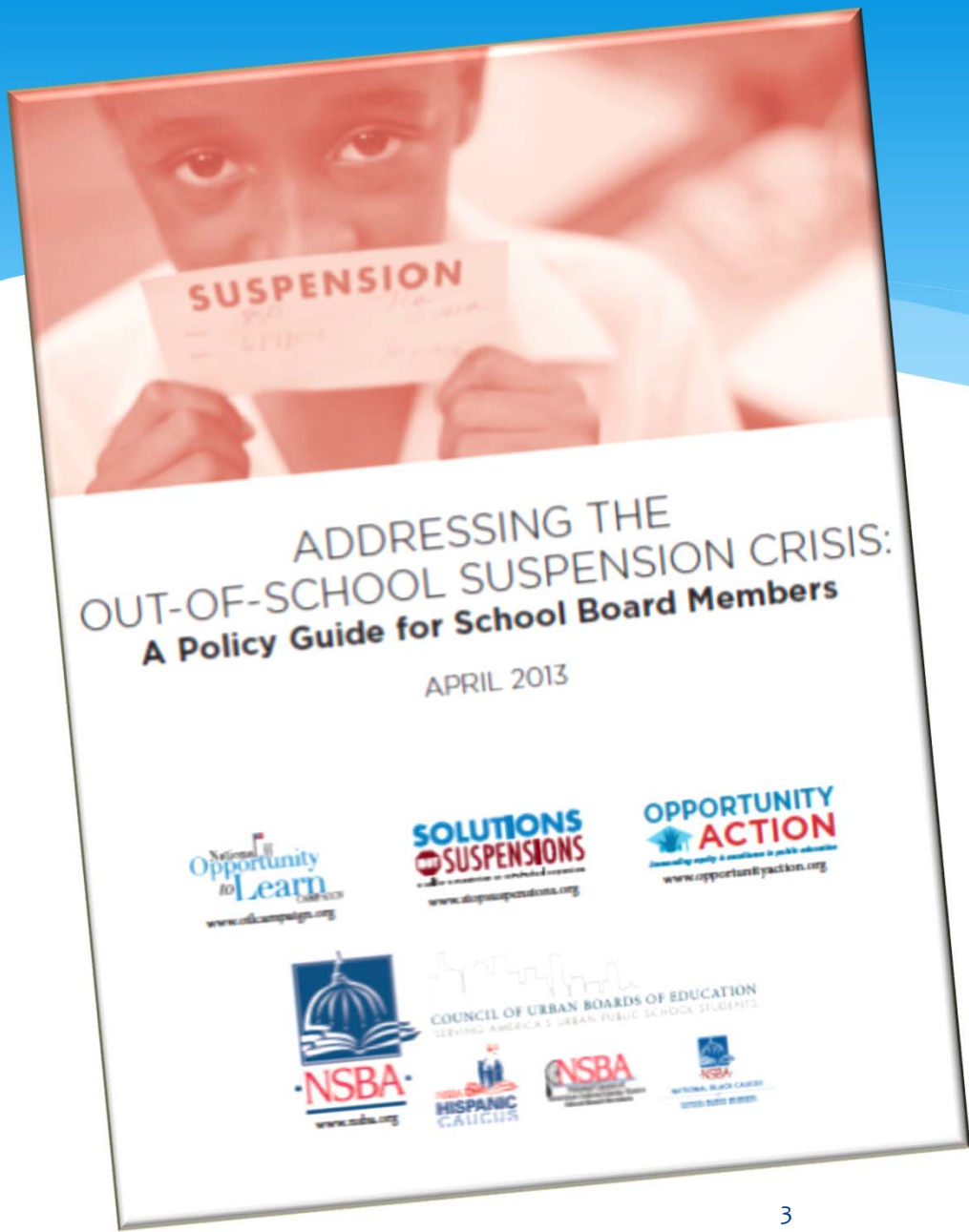
Highest in the state of
Florida

Advocacy
Community
Consciousness
Liability

Policy
Changes in
perception
& Practice
Resources

Positive
Outcomes:
Academic
Behavior
Lifelong

Eliminating the
School-to-Prison
Pipeline



Strategic Advisors Included:



Perspective

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 programming
- * Assignment of mentors
- * Coordination of student transition from DJJ program to traditional educational environments utilizing wraparound case management

Outcome Data

- * 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>