



SUPPORT SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS

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IN NORTH CAROLINA, BLACK STUDENTS ARE ALMOST

6X MORE LIKELY
TO BE ARRESTED THAN THEIR **WHITE** PEERS

COURT INVOLVEMENT FOR MINOR MISCONDUCT INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD THAT YOUTH WILL REOFFEND

IN **CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**, A CHIEF JUDGE IMPLEMENTED A SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP IN 2004 THAT PRODUCED:

83% DECREASE IN JUVENILE COURT REFERRALS

24% DECREASE IN JUVENILE COURT REFERRALS FOR YOUTH OF COLOR

43% INCREASE IN GRADUATION RATES

ALMOST HALF OF REFERRALS INTO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM COME FROM SCHOOLS, THE VAST MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE **MINOR, NON-VIOLENT OFFENSES.**

NEARLY HALF OF 2017 SCHOOL COMPLAINTS WERE ABOUT BLACK STUDENTS, EVEN THOUGH ONLY

25.7% OF NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE BLACK

EVEN WHEN STUDENTS ARE CHARGED IN JUVENILE COURT, THOSE RECORDS AREN'T AUTOMATICALLY EXPUNGED IN N.C.—RESULTING IN A LIFETIME OF EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS, HOUSING INSECURITY, AND ISSUES PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION.

SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS SEEK TO REDUCE THE USE OF EXCLUSIONARY DISCIPLINE PRACTICES, SUCH AS SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, AND SCHOOL-BASED COURT REFERRALS, WHICH PUSH STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL AND INTO COURT.

URGE YOUR COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS TO KEEP STUDENTS IN CLASSROOMS, NOT COURTS.

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