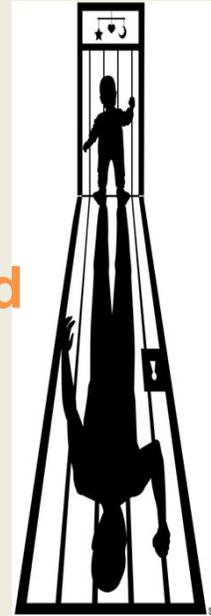


The Children's Defense Fund New York

*NY School Justice Summit
April 12, 2013*



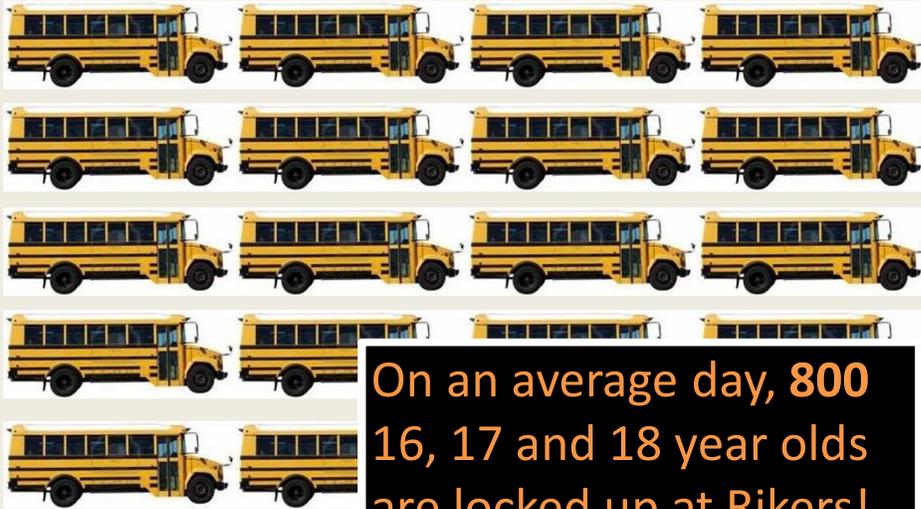
Lifetime risk of going to prison

(for a child born in 2001)

- **Black boy:** 1 in 3 chance
- **Latino boy:** 1 in 6
- **White boy:** 1 in 17
- **Black girl:** 1 in 17
- **Latina girl:** 1 in 45
- **White girl:** 1 in 111

www.childrensdefense.org

Daily Population of Youth @ Rikers

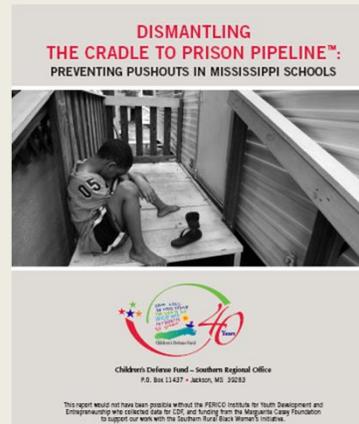


Long-Term Consequences

- Barriers to Employment
- Barriers to Citizenship
- Loss of Housing, for themselves & their families
- Limited Voting Rights
- Denied College Admission & Educational Loans



From 1973 to present



Meridian (MS) Consent Decree

- **Limits exclusionary discipline** and prohibits exclusionary discipline for minor misbehavior;
- **Limits law enforcement officers role;**
- Revises policies at district's **alternative school**
- Requires **enhanced due process protections** in student discipline hearings;
- Requires monitoring data to identify and respond to **racial disparities;**

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2013/March/13-crt-338.html>

Meridian – Training & Engagement

- Requires **training for school law enforcement**
- Requires **training on all revised policies and procedures;**
- Expands use of **PBIS** at all schools;
- Requires **intervention before removal;**
- Implements measures to **engage families and communities as partners** in revising policies .

Meridian – What is To Come

In Oct. 2012, the US DOJ filed related case against

- the Meridian Police Department,
- the Lauderdale County Youth Court and
- the state of Mississippi

alleging systematic violation of the due process rights of students referred by the district.

Case Pending!

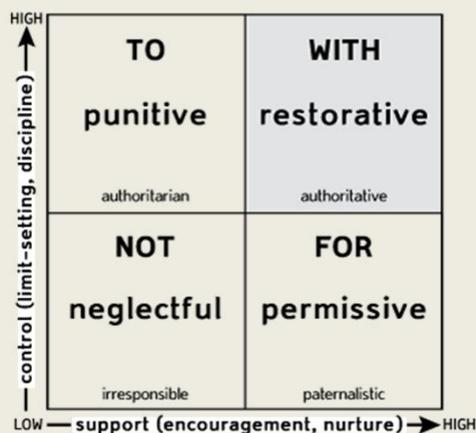
Sample of NY Training Initiatives

ROCHESTER:

Students and Parents participating in training of Rochester's School Resource Officers

NEW YORK CITY:

CDF- facilitated community-training of NYPD School Safety Agents



Social Discipline Window, created by International Institute for Restorative Practices
http://www.iirp.edu/what-is-restorative-practices.php#social_discipline_window

NYC School Safety Agents Said...

- 67% of agents agreed/strongly agreed with the statement "I learned something new."

- **SSA Comments**

"I will think twice about giving a summons or arresting a kid."

"I wish that more of our training was about this kind of information."

Training

Promising Legislation/Policy Change

- Oakland, CA
 - Investment in restorative justice coordinators
- Colorado
 - Expansive state legislation
 - School resource officer training
 - School staff training on restorative practices/mediation
- Louisiana
 - State legislation mandating continuing training on mediation/restorative practices

The Writing On the Wall For New York

Coupled with requiring data reporting on the use of positive alternatives to zero tolerance discipline, we need to

require/support training on positive student development

for ALL people in schools.

