Restorative Practices in Schools
Ending the School-to-Prison Pipeline & Stats That Prove It Works

We’re Doing Discipline Wrong
There’s NO evidence that “punishment/reward” systems do anything to teach our students the behavioral and relationship skills they need to be successful (academically and socially). In fact, our traditional punitive systems are deeply harmful to students, families, schools and entire communities.

Suspended or Expelled?
  6x more likely to repeat a grade
  5x more likely to drop out
  3x more likely towards juvenile justice

Arrested in school?
  2x more likely to drop out

First time in court?
  4x more likely to drop out

Equity issues
  Black = 4x more than whites
  Native American = 3.5x more than whites
  Latino = 2x more than whites

Recidivism nationally:

First-time offender is...
  over 80% likely to re-offend criminally
  over 85% likely to re-offend in schools

SO, WHAT’S THE ANSWER?
Restorative Practices: Shifting away from punitive and retributive systems is effecting change, improving outcomes, and making schools safer.

Does It Work?
Denver Public Schools (CO):
  Suspensions down 40%-80%
  Absenteeism down 50%
  Tardiness down 60%
(Baker, 2009)*
Cole Middle School (CA):
Suspensions down 87%
Expulsions down 100%
Reduced fights and built relationships
(UC Berkeley School of Law’s Center for Social Justice, 2010)

West Philadelphia High School (PA):
Violent acts and serious incidents down 52%
Suspensions down ~70%
(IIRP, 2009)

Chicago Peace Center (IL):
80% of students showed academic improvements
significant changes in behavior and attitude

Flagstaff Charter Academy (CO):
Dramatic changes academically and socially:
Sense of Safety
2009 = 51% of 250 students felt "always safe" or "almost always safe"
2015 = 85% of 900 students felt "always safe" or "almost always safe"

Sense of Belonging
2009 = 72% of 250 students felt they belonged
2015 = 90% of 900 students felt they belonged

Recidivism Rates
2009 = each teacher averaged 10+ incidents/day
2015 = <2 incidents/day

Behavior Concerns
2009 = 15% of 250 students involved in 80% of misbehavior
2015 = 3% of 900 students involved in 80% of misbehavior

State CDE Rank
2009 = #388
2015 = #1
(Flagstaff Academy, 2014)

IT WORKS. IT'S WORTH DOING...

*(For more information on references listed, please contact us.)*

Restorative Solutions, Inc., Boulder, CO
[www.restorativesolutions.us](http://www.restorativesolutions.us)