

OUR STATE, OUR KIDS

LIVES
IN THE
BALANCE

Kids with concerning behavior often receive the most harsh, punitive, exclusionary discipline, and kids in Louisiana are no exception.

For a very long time, we've known that detention, suspension, expulsion, corporal punishment, restraint, seclusion, and arrests are harmful. They are not an effective way to help anybody. They're our kids, and they should be treated in ways that are compassionate and effective. Otherwise, we end up losing them and they end up costing our state and our local school systems a fortune.

The numbers in LOUISIANA



2,230

MINORS ARRESTED
at school or referred to
law enforcement for
behavior issues annually

203

KIDS SECLUDED
or restrained in
schools annually

131,785

KIDS SUSPENDED
from school for behavior
issues annually

1,301

KIDS PADDLED
at schools annually

Lives In The Balance is devoted to helping caregivers use evidence-based practices that are non-punitive, non-exclusionary, proactive, and collaborative. For the kids' sake and yours, we invite you to explore proven alternatives.

Access our free web-based resources
at livesinthebalance.org

