

OUR STATE, OUR KIDS

LIVES
IN THE
BALANCE

Kids with concerning behavior often receive the most harsh, punitive, exclusionary discipline, and kids in Maine 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 MAINE



1,695

KIDS SECLUDED

or restrained in
schools annually

13,470

KIDS SUSPENDED

from school for behavior
issues annually

657

MINORS ARRESTED

at school or referred to
law enforcement for
behavior issues 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.

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at livesinthebalance.org

