

OUR STATE, OUR KIDS

LIVES
IN THE
BALANCE

Kids with concerning behavior often receive the most harsh, punitive, exclusionary discipline, and kids in New Mexico 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 NEW MEXICO



166

KIDS SECLUDED

or restrained in
schools annually

32,111

KIDS SUSPENDED

from school for behavior
issues annually

980

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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