

# OUR STATE, OUR KIDS

LIVES  
IN THE  
BALANCE

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



**320**

### KIDS SECLUDED

or restrained in schools  
annually

**7,170**

### KIDS SUSPENDED

from school for behavior issues  
annually

**940**

### MINORS ARRESTED

at school 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](https://livesinthebalance.org)

