

November 2017

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### PBIS Success in Bibb County's Rutland HS!

Bibb County schools have made the long-term commitment to changing school climate through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and that commitment is paying off! New disciplinary data on Bibb County's Rutland High School for the current school year shows that suspension rates have dropped by almost 70%! Staff Attorney Terrence Wilson is excited to continue Georgia Appleseed's work in Bibb County in collaboration with educators, families, and community members to implement restorative justice practices and build on this success. [Read more about Bibb County's improvement here.](#)

### GA APPLESEED - 2017 STATE BAR OF GA WILLIAM B. SPANN JR. PRO BONO AWARD

We are honored to be the State Bar of Georgia's 2017 Spann Award recipient. The award recognizes a law firm or community organization that has developed a program that addresses previously unmet needs for underserved and marginalized groups. This award was specifically given for Georgia Appleseed's YPC efforts to represent Foster Children at Student Discipline Tribunals.



[Left to right] Georgia Appleseed's Young Professionals Council Student Tribunal Co-Chair Craig Friedman, Board Director Neil Shorthouse, Executive Director Sharon Hill, Board Director Bob Edwards and 2017 Board Chair John Fleming.

### Prison Prevention starts with Keeping Kids in School

Georgia Appleseed recently organized a School Dropout to Prison Prevention Workshop, held at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. Nearly 70 students, parents, and community members attended the workshop, which included topics like education rights, juvenile law and procedure, and disciplinary data analysis. Sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia, the workshop was the result of combined efforts from GA Appleseed, The Southern Center for Human Rights, The Truancy Intervention Project, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Eta Lambda Chapter, The Alpha Georgia Education Foundation, and Georgia Legal Services Program. [Read more about the workshop in the Fall 2017 issue of Kids Matter here.](#)



GA Appleseed Staff Attorney Terrence Wilson [2nd from left] joins other presenters and participants at the event.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Incoming Executive Director Talley Wells featured in *Daily Report*



[Read the full article on GA Appleseed's incoming Executive Director Talley Wells, who takes on his new role starting in January.](#)



Christine Park [left] talks to incoming Executive Director Talley Wells.

### 2017 YPC Fall Friendraiser brings together fresh faces & long-time GA

#### Appleseed Volunteers

Interested in getting involved with YPC and/or doing Pro Bono? Save the Date (**March 6, 2018**) to learn how to represent foster children facing Student Tribunal hearing (3 CLE hours)



### Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta awards two-year grant

We are grateful that CFGA has provided Georgia Appleseed a generous general operating grant for 2017 & 2018. Unrestricted support such as this goes a long way to ensure we continue our mission of increasing justice for children, poor people, and other large groups of marginalized people.

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