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## ***New Project!***

### **Testing the Fairness of Student Discipline Tribunals**

A long term suspension or expulsion can propel students into the "school to prison pipeline." In response to this finding of the 'Effective Student Discipline' project, **Georgia Appleseed Young Professionals Council (YPC)** has embarked on a new signature project to assure fairness and due process in public school disciplinary hearings, known as 'tribunals.' Anecdotal evidence has put the reality of due process in question. The project will include volunteer-led fact finding interviews with students, parents, educators, hearing officers and others.



**Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP** is serving as the lead pro bono law firm, under the direction of Kilpatrick partner, **Steve Edwards**. **Cathy Henson, Georgia Appleseed Board Member** and education expert is Board liaison to the project. **YPC Public Education Committee** members will be part of the project advisory committee. [Learn more here.](#)

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### **Enhancing Education Stability for Foster Children**

Each year Georgia assumes the role of parent to more than 7,000 "children in care" who have been neglected or abused by their families. The long term outcomes for many of these kids is sobering; 25% will become homeless and 25% of males will end up in prison.



Helping improve the future for foster children through educational achievement is the goal of this new Georgia Appleseed project, developed in partnership with **Families First, a leading nonprofit children and family service agency**. The project strives to enhance education stability that improves opportunity for success, through efforts to

keep children in their school of origin; access to tutoring, credit recovery and other educational supports, and tuition assistance for college.

**King & Spalding LLP** is the lead pro bono law firm, spearheaded by **Beth Tanis**, Georgia Appleseed Board Treasurer. [Learn more here.](#)

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