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In case you missed it!...

Testing Our Theory of Change: 'Keeping Kids in Class Toolkit' Debuts

Georgia Appleseed has a **Theory of Change** to reduce the school to prison pipeline: Reduce out-of-school suspensions > Increase classroom seat time > Decrease the flow in the school-to-prison pipeline > Increase graduation rates.

To test this theory, Georgia Appleseed has launched the **Keeping Kids in Class Toolkit**. This new online resource transforms our extensive Effective School Discipline (ESD) research into an array of powerful tools for parents, school leaders & community advocates who want to work together to improve outcomes for kids.

At the heart of the **Toolkit** is our easy to search database of out-of-school suspension rates for *every public school in Georgia* over the last ten years. What is more powerful than having real data as a benchmark against which to measure progress?



Check out the Toolkit!

Furthermore, as a component of its ongoing research, Georgia Appleseed can draw out disaggregated school district-specific data, drilling into the database to provide revealing

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details, such as reasons for OSS, student demographics and much more, and can provide school leaders and community advocates with helpful and timely information.

Watch for new tools in the kit as we continue to expand its capacity to build a better future for our kids.

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