

LOST POTENTIAL. UNTAPPED LEADERSHIP. UNRECOGNIZED TALENT.

Did the 118,000 Georgia students suspended or expelled in 2022 fail? Or, **DID THE SYSTEM FAIL THEM?**

Kicking a child out of school can be devastating. Even an 11-day suspension could reduce a child's chance of graduating to just 52 percent, according to the Georgia Department of Education – the equivalent of a coin toss.

That's a chance Georgia doesn't have to take.

With the right supports, these students graduate from high school. They become creative and productive community members, leaders, and the workforce Georgia needs.

Georgia Appleseed is a nonprofit law center advancing justice and equity for Georgia's children through legal advocacy and policy change.

Our **School Justice** Initiative keeps children in school with the supports they need to graduate and stay out of the juvenile justice system. We've helped upwards of **375,000 kids** over the last 13 years, ultimately breaking intergenerational cycles of incarceration and poverty.



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Center for Law & Justice

WE PROTECT GEORGIA'S MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN



Every child deserves a safe, nurturing school environment.

Research tells us that keeping kids in school is the best way to keep them out of the juvenile justice system, and ultimately prison. School discipline problems often stem from underlying traumas, disabilities, or other challenges.

Georgia Appleseed partners with families, schools, and government agencies to support schools and reform systems that currently set kids up to fail because of inequities and injustice. We develop resources and critical behavioral supports for schools, teachers, and most importantly, the kids.

Each year, we reach close to 240,000 children in more than 2,000 schools.

Our Georgia Education Climate Coalition of state agency leaders, experts, and other stakeholders develops policies that support teachers and students, and reduce school suspensions by **tens of thousands** each year.

By helping Georgia's kids who need the most support, we create better learning environments for everyone.

**INVEST IN ALL OF GEORGIA'S CHILDREN.
INVEST IN GEORGIA'S FUTURE.**

For nearly two decades, Georgia Appleseed's supporters have received exceptional returns on their investment in us because we create and implement scalable change. More information is at GeorgiaAppleseed.org.

