Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline for Students of Color and Students with Disabilities

Step 1: School Contexts
Student & Teachers <----> Principals & Policing
Policies: Handbook & Discipline

Step 2: Referral Agents
- SROs and other PDs
  - Zero Tolerance, Citations, Use of Restraints
- Probation
  - Charges, stigma
- Magisterial Judges
  - Out of School appointments
  - Fines, fees
- Court
  - School staff reports press charges

Step 3: Collateral Consequences
- On-going Justice contact
- Public Records / Expungement
- Employment (licensing)
- Housing
- Military service

Critical Issue 1:
In Pittsburgh, schools are the #1 referral to the justice system.

Critical Issue 2:
Students of color and students with disabilities are more likely to be referred even though their behaviors are not more violent.

Critical Issue 3:
Policy Changes are required to decrease disproportionality

Untrained in typical adolescent behaviors
Families pay

Disproportionality

Discipline for the purpose of learning?
Priorities?

School Pushout

Disorderly Conduct: Obscene language, gestures

Manifestation Determination Required in School but not the JJ system