

BACKGROUND & RESOURCES

END THE CRIMINALIZATION OF TRAUMA

The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: The Girls' Story

This report by Rights4Girls defines and describes the sexual abuse to prison pipeline, reveals its underlying causes, and provides guidance for reforms that would help dismantle it. It maps out key points in the pipeline—the detention of girls who are victims of sex trafficking; the criminalization of girls who run away from home or become truant; and those who cross from the child welfare system into juvenile justice.

Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected

This report issued by the African American Policy Forum (AAPF) and Columbia Law School's Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies looks at how girls of color currently face much harsher school discipline than their white peers but are often excluded from efforts to address the school-to-prison pipeline. It is based on a review of national data and personal interviews with young women in Boston and New York.

Race, Gender, and the School to Prison Pipeline: Expanding Our Discussion to Include Black Girls

This report by Monique W. Morris of the AAPF refers to the policies, practices, and conditions that facilitate both the criminalization of educational environments, the processes by which this criminalization results in the incarceration of young adults, and how to reduce the criminalization of black females in our nation's learning environments.

Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence

The Office of Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education provides guidance for elementary/secondary schools and postsecondary institutions concerning their obligations under Title IX to address sexual violence as a form of sexual harassment.

Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying

This resource by the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education provides guidance on the unique concerns that arise in sexual violence cases, examples about key Title IX requirements and how they relate to sexual violence, and discusses proactive efforts schools can take to prevent sexual violence.

Supporting A High School Student Survivor

A toolkit for high school student survivors outlining Title IX, and information on high school student survivors' legal rights, school's' legal obligations, and resources and tools for accessing support.