

Replacing Suspension and Expulsion with Positive Classroom Climate Strategies

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ Discuss exclusionary practices and explore how they impact children, families, schools, and communities.
- ✓ Discover ways to increase relational wellness competence of children, families and staff to decrease suspensions and expulsions.
- ✓ Review strategies needed to understand, prevent, and respond effectively to undesired.

WHAT ARE EXCLUSIONARY PRACTICES?

Exclusionary practices describe any type of disciplinary action that removes or excludes a student from his or her usual educational

Two of the most common exclusionary discipline practices at schools include suspension and expulsion.

Exclusionary practices include

- ✓ Calling parents to pickup
- ✓ Sending to office
- ✓ Sending to another classroom
- ✓ Modified Days
- ✓ Suspension from school (in school/out of school)
- ✓ Expulsion



Children	Families	Schools	Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss needed SEL opportunities • Miss out on developing close relationships • Learn to use behavior to get out of situations • Learn to disengage from the learning environment, peers, and teachers • Feel as if they are not worthy of being a part of their classroom community • Lifelong effects including risk of negative mental health and academic impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added job stress • Financial burden • Loss of support from teachers that help them understand and support their child • Lack of patience that discourages positive parenting practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of funding • Disenrollment • Increase of money spent on interventions/staffing • Negative relationships with families and children • High staff turnover • Staff feels inadequate • Toxic social climate • Low staff morale • Higher drop out rates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase of violence • Higher rates of poverty • Poor health and education • Denied of access to resources



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SUPPORTING SEL IN YOUR CLASSROOM/PROGRAM:
 What strategies do you want to take back with you for each of these areas?

Reframing Thoughts	
Relationships	
Connection	
School Culture & Climate	
Professional Development	

