

EMI GEORGIA NETWORK

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE: BREAKING THE PRESCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE CAMPAIGN



- **As a community, we need to:**

- Insist that our local school boards and administrators replace discriminatory discipline with restorative justice practices and to prioritize the funding of student support services over law enforcement. Since we know that many of our children suffer from Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma, they and their families would be better served by school counselors, social workers, school nurses and child psychologists.
- Advocate for the governor and state legislature to fully fund the implementation of positive discipline practices (with fidelity), such as CHINS, PBIS, restorative justice and social-emotional learning programming in all public schools.
- Require that all school personnel are trained in trauma-informed practices; cultural competencies and appreciation; and implicit bias awareness.
- Engage teachers, parents, students, faith community leaders and other community leaders to actively participate in promoting school safety that depends less on law enforcement.
- Push for all of the above to be included as accountability measures in school and district improvement plans and the state's School Climate Rating.

