

Youth Advocacy

ENDING THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE

Disability Rights Oregon (DRO) wants to disrupt the school to prison pipeline for youth aged six to 21 with disabilities. Youth are best served when they get the supports they need in their own homes and communities. Children and youth with disabilities in need of supports and services too often end up in the criminal justice system. Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed.

ADVOCACY

To help advocate for the rights of youth and interrupt the disastrous chain of events that can lead to incarceration, DRO will:

- Work with juvenile parole and probation, as well as state or county agencies, to assist in release planning
- Seek better behavior supports in school settings



REFERRAL CRITERIA

DRO will provide advocacy to children and youth aged six to 21 who have disabilities, including, but not limited to:

- Developmental or intellectual disability
- Physical or sensory disability
- Mental illness
- Disability resulting from exposure to trauma

and

- Are at risk of being incarcerated
- Are in custody in the juvenile or correctional system and in need of help getting services
- Are being released from a juvenile or correctional facility and are in need of a plan for community-based services to help them avoid future involvement in the criminal justice system

If you are working with a youth with a disability who meets the referral criteria, please reach out to Disability Rights Oregon's Children's Rights Project.

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