



Elementary school students in the Twin Cities attend more racially segregated schools than they have in generations.

- Star Tribune analysis, 2015

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A Black student is six times more likely to end up in the corrections system than in mental health treatment.

- Intermediate District 287, 2019

In Minnesota, almost twice as many Black children (58%) experience trauma compared to their White peers (31%).

- National Survey on Children's Health, 2018

The over-representation of students of color and American Indian students in special education services continues to serve a form of sanctioned segregation that is excluding students from their fundamental right to an education under Minnesota law.

- Excluded, Minnesota Education Equity Partnership, 2018

MINNESOTA'S HISTORY OF RACISM, SEGREGATION, & TRAUMA

HAS LONG-STANDING CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR

ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO RECEIVE SETTING 4 EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR DISORDER (EBD) SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES





THE CONSEQUENCES

STUDENTS OF COLOR WHO RECEIVE SETTING 4 EBD SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES ARE ARGUABLY THE MOST UNDERSERVED AND MOST DISADVANTAGED IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Exclusion of Students of Color from regular education into segregated special education

Perpetuation of generational poverty, housing insecurity, and limited access to services, such as health care



Disproportionate number of students of color receiving EBD services; these students have significantly fewer academic opportunities and some of the worst outcomes in the nation

Failure of public education to appropriately educate students, leading to significant academic opportunity gaps (time in class, outcomes, graduation, & postschool success)

THERE IS A SOLUTION







fewer academic opportunities, the pipeline to prison, disproportional corrections involvement, trauma exposure, and loss of life/shorter life expectancy



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A NEW PIPELINE

TO REDUCE THE CONSEQUENCES OF HISTORICAL RACISM, SEGREGATION, & TRAUMA







A TRAUMA-SENSITIVE & HEALING-CENTERED PROGRAM THAT EMBEDS INNOVATIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

FOR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE SETTING 4 EBD SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

WHAT WORKS?

- SUPPORT FOR STAFF WELL-BEING
- TRAUMA-SENSITIVE & HEALING-CENTERED PRACTICES/ORGANIZATION
- HIGH-QUALITY, EVIDENCE-BASED INSTRUCTION DESIGNED FOR STUDENT NEEDS
- FAMILY & COMMUNITY AGENCY ENGAGEMENT
- AN ALIGNED FUNDING SYSTEM

EXPECTED RESULTS



INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT, OUTCOMES, & RESULTS



MOVEMENT BACK TO INTEGRATED EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS



ULTIMATELY, STUDENTS WHO CAN POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITIES