Overview

Legislative Recommendations

Because of the harm to students, families, communities, and educators, EndSaR recommends the following changes to seclusion and restraint law along with supplemental resources.

Oversight

Monitoring, Oversight, & Enforcement System

- Virtual basic awareness training; available to the public
- Virtual data collection training
- Electronic real-time reporting form for schools
- Rubric for evaluating approaches; reviewed annually
- List of approved approaches; updated annually
- List of approved less restrictive interventions
- Parent document
- Electronic complaint form; available online to the public
- Detailed guidance and support resources
- Statewide network of educator support
- Effective and supportive corrective action process

Funding

Short Term Funding

- Establish oversight system and required elements
- Transition to approved approaches
- Convert seclusion rooms in schools
- Adequate voluntary sensory gyms & calming spaces
- "Do No Harm" data project

Long Term Funding

- Maintain oversight system and required elements
- Provide minimum number of support personnel

Guidance

Binding documents and support materials

- Detailed explanations with examples & instructions
- Examples of approved less restrictive interventions
- Example exemplary emergency intervention plans
- Explain voluntary sensory gyms & calming spaces
- Research and evidence on seclusion and restraint
- Physical, psychological, and emotional distress
- Expectations for teacher preparation programs

Clarity

Values

- Add a statement of values
- Base changes on research & evidence
- Make school systems liable
- Extend policy to private schools
- Prohibit involuntary seclusion
- Prohibit unnecessary restraint

Procedures

- Schools distribute parent document
- Solve root problems causing escalation
  - Allow multiple tools to evaluate
  - Consider disciplinary system

Definitions

- Update seclusion and restraint to match Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)
- Define time out and types of seclusion
- Define types of escorts and restraints
- Update emergency situation
- Quantify pattern of behavior
- Define other key terms for clarity

Data

- Real-time electronic data collection
- Expanded data available to public

Training

- Biannual basic awareness training
- Continual comprehensive training
- Data training for key personnel
- Teacher preparation program training