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## **Police out of Schools Coalition**

Our Vermont based Police out of Schools Coalition came together in the summer of 2020 to dispel the myth that Vermont's schools are safer with police in them. As a statewide coalition, we work to provide educational and network spaces to

support local efforts to engage school districts in removing police from schools. We also provide technical and communications support for communities with active campaigns. Our focus includes alternatives to police and facilitating dialogue around how to keep schools safe and how to implement restorative and transformative justice in schools.

## Who we are:

Our Coalition includes: ACLU of Vermont, IDEAL Middlebury, The Education Justice Coalition of Vermont, Neighbors for a Safter St. Albans, Vermont Legal Aid, Outright Vermont, Rights and Democracy, Youth 4 Change at The Root Social Justice Center, and Windham County NAACP.

## Events we've held:

- Should Police be in Vermont Schools? (September 2020)
- <u>Alternatives to Policing in Vermont Schools</u> (October 2020)
- Chat with us about getting police out of schools (December 2020)
  - o Vermont Legal Aid Dispelling Myths Factsheet
- From Restorative Justice to Transformative Justice: Foundations of Restorative Justice (March 2021)
  - Punitive Restorative Transformative Justice Comparison Tool
- From Transformative Justice to Restorative Justice: Exploring youth-led restorative justice (Forthcoming, 2021)

Website: https://ethnicstudiesvt.org/police-out-of-schools-coalition/