

Conclusion

From past experiences it is evident that suspension is not an effective intervention for changing most students' behavior. So the questions communities must ask are: How will our community serve students who have been removed from the normal school environment? Do the services we offer them change their behavior?

Ultimately, in order for communities to be able to construct effective alternative-to-suspension programs it is going to take a number of resources including time, energy, community support, people, and money. Gathering these resources will be challenging, yet our hope is that utilizing the Tool-Kit will do much of the heavy lifting for you.

Remember your community is not alone in struggling with these issues. DJJDP – Center sees the Tool-Kit as the beginning step in our assistance to your community. As with building a house, the process of designing an effective alternative-to-suspension program can be stressful, time consuming, and tiring. However, the rewards at the end of the process can far outweigh these feelings.

For help along the way, feel free to call upon your building consultants at DJJDP – Center.

**Reproducible versions of all the tools contained
within the Tool-Kit can be found at www.cpsv.org/toolkit/**

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