Purpose of the Connecticut School Discipline Collaborative
The Connecticut School Discipline Collaborative will:
1. Advise the State Department of Education on issues, policies and practices relating to school discipline;
2. Evaluate and recommend plans for statewide school discipline reform initiatives to the State Board of Education;
3. Review effective practices carried out in Connecticut and other states to increase alternatives to exclusionary discipline and determine the feasibility of carrying out those practices in this state; and
4. Develop or identify tools for district and school personnel to implement alternatives to exclusionary discipline.

Meeting Objectives:
• To create a venue to network and exchange ideas regarding the reduction of disproportionate practices in school discipline;
• To gain insight into the current state of school discipline in Connecticut; and
• To form area-of-interest working groups around discipline.

Agenda

8:30-9:00 Sign-In and Networking
9:00-9:30 Purpose and Welcome
  • Charlene Russell-Tucker, Chief Operating Officer, CSDE
  • Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education
9:30-10:15 Connecticut’s Data
  • Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer, CSDE
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-11:15 Keynote Address
  • Dr. Daren Graves, Associate Professor, Simmons University & Adjunct Lecturer, Harvard Graduate School of Education
11:15-11:30 Q&A with Presenter
11:30-11:40 Student Voice
  • John D. Frassinelli, Bureau Chief, CSDE
11:40-11:45 Move into Interest Groups
  • Ingrid Canady, Executive Director, State Education Resource Center (SERC)
  • Discipline and Systems of Support
  • Discipline and Racial Disproportionality
  • Discipline Policy Development/Implementation
11:45-12:15 Interest Group Activity
12:15-12:30 Interest Group Sharing & Next Steps