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## ICYMI: Texas Criminal Justice Coalition Releases Comprehensive Report on Restorative Justice, School Discipline in Texas

**SAN ANTONIO, TX** – Yesterday, the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) released a [landmark report](#) on restorative justice and school discipline in Texas. “Reversing the Pipeline to Prison in Texas: How to Ensure Safe Schools AND Safe Students” was released in conjunction with a student-led conversation on school discipline in San Antonio.

TCJC’s Youth Justice policy team talked with school discipline experts and students across the state to learn more about disciplinary practices and restorative justice, which addresses students’ misbehavior and holds them accountable in a safe, non-court setting, leading to better outcomes for students, victims, schools, and communities.

“Restorative justice means the school doesn’t turn their back on me just because I’ve made a mistake,” said **Shania, one of the students quoted in the report**. “Here, they saw that even though I’ve made mistakes, I still have something to give. If there is something I need that I’m not getting, I know I can count on my teachers to help me. There’s accountability between everyone—students to teachers, students to students, teachers to students.”

The report was authored by TCJC Policy Consultant Alycia Castillo, TCJC Senior Policy Attorney Lindsey Linder, and Jemima Abalogu, a Texas high school student who serves as TCJC’s first-ever Youth Justice Ambassador.

“We believe that our kids should be taken care of by their community—their parents, teachers, mental and behavioral health professionals—not the justice system,” said **Alycia Castillo, one of the report’s authors**. “This report builds on research and lived experience from fellow advocates, local partners, school administrators, students, and lawmakers who have seen the need for disciplinary alternatives firsthand. Ultimately, we hope this comprehensive report on restorative justice will help provide a rubric for schools across the state as they work to reverse the school-to-prison pipeline.”

The report is available on TCJC’s website [here](#). The quick guide to the report is available [here](#), and you can watch a video of last night’s student-led restorative justice event [here](#).

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