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Disparities in Disciplinary Practices in Vermont Public Schools

Hosted By:

The Vermont Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Date:

Monday, May 20, 2019

Time:

10:00 am - 4:00 pm EDT

Location:

Vermont State House Room 11 115 State Street Montpelier, VT 05633

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www.usccr.gov ero@usccr.gov The Vermont Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a public briefing to hear testimony regarding disparities in school disciplinary practices in the state. This is the third in a three-part series on this topic. In March, the Committee held community forums in Brattleboro and Rutland.

Background: According to data submitted by the state to the Department of Education, students of color in Vermont public schools are two to three times more likely to be suspended or expelled from school. These disparities also exist for practices such as restraint, seclusion, and referral to law enforcement.

The Committee has invited school and government officials, academics and advocates to help it better understand the issue.

The Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions (10:00 am 10:05 am)
 - o Panel 1: Government Officials (10:05 am 11:15 am)
 - o Panel 2: Schools Officials (11:15 am 12:25 pm)
 - o Panel 3: Research and Civil Rights (1:10 pm 2:20 pm)
 - o Panel 4: Advocates (2:20 pm 3:30 pm)
- Public Comment Session (3:30 pm)
- Adjournment (4:00 pm)

The Committee will hear public testimony during the public comment session, as time allows. Please arrive early if you wish to address the Committee. For more information, please contact the Commission's Eastern Regional Office at 202-376-7533 or ero@usccr.gov. Stay abreast of updates at www.usccr.gov and on Twitter and Facebook.

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