HOW TO CREATE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SAFETY PLAN

Tips on how to have conversations at home with your kids about SROs.

Cops are not our friends. School Resource Officers (SROs) in schools criminalize Black and Brown children, feeding the school-to-prison pipeline. We'll give you tips below to create an SRO Safety plan with your children.

Invoke your right to silence. Your child should remember their most important right when dealing with cops: the right to remain silent. When questioned by school officials or School Resource Officers (SROs), students should state, "*Please call my parent/guardian. I want them present before I answer questions*."

Incorporate an emoji as part of your safety plan. Choose an emoji with your child that they can send when called to the principal's office, signaling you to come immediately. This way, if they're denied your presence or pressured, you'll know.

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Excessive use of force. Indigenous children have been subjected to excessive force by School Resource Officers (SROs). Encourage your child to record any incidents of excessive force they witness.

The School-to-Prison Pipeline is here. The most recent Office of Civil Rights, RCAS Compliance Report Findings, dated May 29, 2024, outlined, " Similarly situated Native American Students have been treated differently at the referral and sanctioning stages of the District's discipline process." Resulting in Native students receiving 5.51 times more police referrals than white students and 5.84 more arrests than white students. The system's racialized oppression of Indigenous peoples begins at schools with our children.

Why this matters. Talking to your kids about their rights and empowering them not to feel pressured by questioning from School Resource Officers (SROs) or administrators will help keep them safe and combat the school-to-prison pipeline.

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