A TROUBLED INDUSTRY

Over 200,000 youth are currently held in poorly regulated facilities.

- 82% of programs use dangerous restraint practices
- 40% of programs use solitary confinement
- 145+ youth died from preventable causes including 65 from restraint asphyxiation or critical injury
- 43,000+ placed by Foster Care
- 44,000+ placed by Juvenile Justice
- 18,000+ placed by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
- 14,000+ placed by Department of Education
- Thousands placed by parent choice

$52 Billion in Public Funds
BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION

Red Flags of when “Tough Love” is too tough.

- Admittance without consent or due process/ Involuntary and forceful escorting to program
- Aversive Behavior Modification/ Cruel and unusual punishments
- Prone Restraint used as punishment for “non-compliance”/ Stress Positions/ Infliction of painful punishments.
- Solitary Confinement / Long periods of forced silence
- Food/ Water/ Bathroom/ Sleep deprivation.
- Denial of communication with Parents/ Access to law enforcement, lawyers and advocates to report abuse.

- Mail censorship.
- Denial of adequate medical care/ Claiming students are “faking it”
- Placing higher level students in a position to police and punish lower level students.
- “Attack Therapy” Using mental, emotional and verbal abuse as “Treatment”.
- Sexual abuse/ Forced sexualized behavior/ Sexual shaming
- Conversion Therapy/ Discrimination against LGBT Youth
- Forced Labor/ excessive exercise as punishment. (ie: 8 Hour Detention/ Digging holes/ Pulling a horse cart)
- Operating as a private/ unlicensed/ unregulated “Treatment Center” without being subject to regulation of clinical standards in patient care.

Learn more at: https://www.breakingcodesilence.net/research
Cornelius Fredericks

August 6th 2003 - May 1st 2020

Died after 7 staff members at Sequel facility in Michigan physically restrained him for 12 minutes.

The state has timestamped the restraint as lasting 12 minutes -- two minutes longer than what is advised.

April 29th, 2020
SUPPORT INDUSTRIES

When the industry favors profit, children become a commodity

- Educational Consultants
  - International Educational Consultants Association
  - allkindsoftherapy.com
- Transport Companies
  - Association of Mediation & Transport Services
- Deceptive Marketing
- Licensing Agencies
  - Government Contracts
- Trade Organizations
  - National Association of Therapeutic Programs
  - The Joint Commission
  - Outdoor Behavioral Health Commission
  - Association for Experiential Education
  - AdvancedED
OUR MISSION:

To address this systemic issue through solution based approaches

AWARENESS

EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT

STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION
OUR CAMPAIGN APPROACH WILL

ENACT MEASURABLE CHANGE

1. FEDERAL LEGISLATION (2021)
   - This law will define institutional child abuse and neglect in congregate care settings
   - and will provide funds for states to create protection and advocacy agencies,
   - establish specific protections for youth, build infrastructure for proper reporting,
   - and training for frontline staff.

2. STATE BY STATE REFORM
   - Enact laws to standardize the quality of care and oversight of youth in
   - congregate care facilities in every state across the nation.
Progress

2,000+ ACTIVATED SURVIVORS

60 MILLION VIEWS OF #BREAKINGCODESILENCE

DOCUMENTARY CATAPULTED MOVEMENT INTO NATIONAL FOCUS

YOUTH IN CONGREGATE CARE: FAR FROM HOME, FAR FROM SAFE

Paris Hilton protest calls for closure of Utah school

Provo Canyon School’s history of abuse accusations spans decades, far beyond Paris Hilton

Thank you Paris. We were looking into programs to send our son to and have decided not to go that route after watching your documentary. I can’t thank you enough for being so brave. You’ve saved a child already.
Passes Utah Legislature and is signed into law.

February 16th, 2021
REAL CHANGES ARE HAPPENING
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

6,000+ YOUTH protected under Utah SB 127 annually

2,000+ SURVIVORS BREAKING CODE SILENCE

120,000+ YOUTH impacted by our federal bill annually

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**LAWMAKERS**
Sponsor and support our legislation to help us make youth in congregate care a priority this session.

**DONORS**
Support the growth of Breaking Code Silence by donating today at breakingcodesilence.net.

**ORGANIZATIONS**
Join a coalition of organizations dedicated to the protection, advocacy, and safety of youth.

**SUPPORTERS**
As we build our State Legislative Teams, we are looking for passionate survivors and allies to join the fight.

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