



[2] are making progress. Oakland, for example, [just agreed to work with the Office of Civil Rights](#) [3] to reduce suspensions, with a focus on reducing defiance-related suspensions. You can help out with our work by letting us know when you see willful defiance being unfairly used to punish students, particularly for their gender expression and sexual orientation.

In the meantime, thank you to the amazing youth activists who made these new laws possible, and who we know will continue to speak out against harsh school discipline that harms LGBT youth.

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#### **Links**

[1] <http://www.fixschooldiscipline.org/2012/09/yes-governor-brown-signs-first-school-discipline-bills/>

[2] <http://www.facebook.com/AllianceforBMOC>

[3] [http://www.insidebayarea.com/oakland-tribune/ci\\_21655379/oakland-schools-enter-agreement-reduce-suspensions-black-students](http://www.insidebayarea.com/oakland-tribune/ci_21655379/oakland-schools-enter-agreement-reduce-suspensions-black-students)