

*Please join the Dignity in Schools Campaign
in a national conference call:*

**“Are alternative education programs being used to warehouse
kids who have been pushed out?”**

May 29, 2007

9am Pacific; 10am Mountain; 11am Central; 12noon Eastern
Call is 90 minutes

RSVP to rhirji@publiccounsel.org for call-in information

Presenters:

Gisela Alvarez, Senior Project Director
Shawn Morehead, Senior Attorney
Advocates for Children of New York

Dr. Augustina Reyes
Professor, University of Houston

Dr. Lois A. Weinberg
Professor, Division of Special Education at California State University

Jack Wuest
Executive Director, Alternative Schools Network, Chicago

Moderators:

Elizabeth Sullivan, Education Program Director
National Economic and Social Rights Initiative
Wallace Winter, Supervisory Lawyer
Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago

Special Features:

A short report by **Dan Losen** on the “Challenging the School to Prison Pipeline Through Impact Litigation” Conference

A **Research Guide on Alternative Schools** prepared by the Dignity in Schools Project emailed to all participants after the call.

Topics covered by presenters will include:

- Strategies for assessing and improving alternative programs in New York City, including discussion of in-school segregation, discipline cites within the school district, and non-diploma programs;
- Overview of alternative programs in Texas and their role in the school to prison track;
- How children in the foster care system, particularly those who receive special education services, are “pushed” into alternative school and nonpublic school options;
- Discussion of effective alternative school programs in Chicago and long term fiscal benefits to taxpayers and individuals who return and finish high school.

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