

#### **Our Goals**

- Provide high-quality legal support to Southern communities engaged in social change.
- Bring the best social science research, communications, and organizing skills to serve community needs.
- Identify substantive priorities that are community-centered.
- Develop organizational ties across the South.
- Connect national entities with local community groups in the South.

## **Our Mission**

Founded in 2007, the Southern Coalition for Social Justice (SCSJ) partners with Southern communities including **people of color and economically disadvantaged groups** to defend and advance their political, social, and economic rights through the combination of **legal advocacy**, **research**, **organizing**, **and communications**.

### **VOTING RIGHTS**

Our democracy depends upon the free and fair exercise of the right to vote. We advocate for electoral structures that encourage meaningful civic engagement and for governmental systems that hold elected officials accountable. We pursue a variety of policy issues that include:

- Promoting fair redistricting
- Protecting political participation
- · Monitoring election administration
- · Opposing voter suppression

#### We work with our partners across the South. Recent projects include:













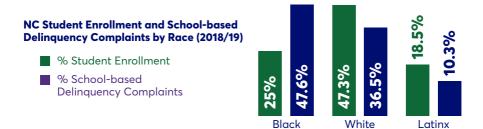


# **JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM**

The Justice System Reform (JSR) program believes in a world where no child is criminalized and where communities of color have the resources, representation, and power to thrive in their full dignity. To achieve this vision, JSR provides legal advocacy, strategic communications, and organizing support to grassroots campaigns fighting to end youth criminalization and empower those affected by the justice system. We work to:

**Decriminalize adolescence** by eliminating laws and policies that punish age-appropriate behavior and place youth in contact with the justice system for school-related conduct. This includes ending exclusionary school discipline policies, the removal of law enforcement from schools, and prohibiting weapons and mass surveillance in schools.

**Repair the Harm** by supporting communities harmed by the justice system through advocacy and tools that help individuals clear charges from their criminal records and successfully reenter society.





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