



Systems Abuse

Systems abuse occurs when, the child's basic rights are in any way exploited or violated and is detrimental to the child's health, safety, or emotional and physical well-being.

Your child's welfare, development or security should never be undermined by the actions of individuals or by the lack of suitable policies, practices or procedures within systems or institutions.

Examples of systems abuse includes, but are not limited to:

- **Trite reporting (unnecessary complaints) to Children's Aid Societies (CAS) and using the excuse of duty to report.**
- **Unwarranted calls to the police on Black students or families.**
- **Use of IEPs and assessments to portray a negative narrative of Black students and families.**
- **Colluding with daycare providers to manufacture negative stories.**



Every child in Ontario's education system has the right to learn in a safe, educational environment.

Ontario schools are obligated to provide the following:

- 1.** A positive promotion of each student's achievement and well-being.
- 2.** A positive school climate, that is inclusive and equitable towards all students.
- 3.** Positive and preventative measures to combat school bullying of every child.
- 4.** The deliverance of adequate and appropriate educational programs to students.





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Facing school administrators and teachers can be intimidating for children. You as the parent/guardian can support your child through:

1. Reviewing examples of teacher bias, i.e. being sent to the principal's office regularly, instances of neglect, physical abuse, intimidation etc.
2. Telling your child, they do not have to speak to anyone without you present.
3. Empowering your child to ask for your presence when confronted by school staff.
4. Documenting your child's interactions with school staff and principals to demonstrate a pattern of abuse.
5. Always showcase your child's strength in the presence of teachers, administrative staff and principals.



Systems abuse works against Black families and children, denying them opportunities to be successful, safe, and to have their humanity valued.

No family should be subjected to experiencing systems abuse. We are here for you.



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