



STK is a fully-volunteer national grass-roots organization building a movement dedicated to alternatives to and the end of the incarceration of all youth and the school to prison pipeline.

Save the Kids rooted in transformative justice, Hip Hop, and prison abolition was founded in 2009 by four youth in Hillbrook Juvenile Detention Facility in Syracuse, New York. They needed, as one kid stated, “to be saved instead of thrown away as trash.” That statement speaks volumes.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS

1. Activism
2. Public Education Forums
3. Juvenile Detention Facility Youth Workshops (Education Behind the Walls)

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

1. National Week of Action Against Incarcerating Youth
2. Networking with STK Chapters and Partners
3. Poetry Behind the Walls (one of the only book series dedicated to youth incarcerated writings and art)
4. Wisdom Behind the Walls (writings by adult prisons to youth in the system)
5. The Journal of Hip Hop Studies
6. Transformative Justice Journal

SAVE THE KIDS TEN POINT PRINCIPLES

1. We believe that all youth need support, love, and skills in order to achieve their goals.
2. We believe that all youth are amazing and wonderful no matter their actions they have committed.
3. We make a clear distinction between actions and kids; actions can be bad, but not kids.
4. We are committed to helping youth because they are our future and if we do not help them, we will not have one.
5. We believe in respecting all no matter what their gender, ability, race, economic status, sexuality, religion, ethnicity, health, age, or nationality.
6. As a Hip Hop activist organization, we work towards both social justice and the end of all forms of oppression and domination, specifically the school-to-prison pipeline.
7. As an organization based on transformative justice principles, we strive to promote alternatives to incarceration, such as community-based programs, rather than institutionalization.
8. We believe in peace and nonviolence in resolving and transforming all conflicts.
9. We believe in not labeling, but rather being inclusive in all of our activities.
10. We promote that everyone in the community should work together in making a peaceful world and not to exclude anyone. STK will work with everyone and anyone in-order to achieve that goal.