

# STUDENT & PARENT IMPROVEMENT NETWORK (SPIN)

The Student & Parent Improvement Network (SPIN) has 5 prongs created to help your child: 1) *graduate from school*, 2) *pursue higher education*, 3) *find meaningful employment*, 4) *follow their entrepreneurial dreams*. The 5<sup>th</sup> prong is the 5 S's; "Secure School Safety & Student Success" (SSSSS), which includes: traveling to school; being safe in the building; and the journey home. Parents, Principals and Teachers need to protect students from: bully's, gangs, guns, knives, drug dealers, sex offenders, kidnappers, child traffickers and the mentally challenged. In addition, they must also beware of the dangers from Social Media, Hip-Hop Music, Music Videos, Videogames, TV, Films, Podcasts and the Internet. Parents know that without experienced and accomplished help, it's an almost impossible task to protect their children from threats, parasites and the negative content that they are exposed to every day. At SPIN we can help Parents and Students better understand the "Street Life" that may endanger their school and community because an educated "SPIN MEMBER working with Elected officials, Law Enforcement, Clergy, Business, Community and Gang Leaders is the best way to "Beat The Streets" and protect our students.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> connective year we have over 600 mass shootings, with 2022 being the second highest year recorded. Nationwide, in 2021 there were 250 school shootings, with 257 in 2022 surpassing last year's total. As of November 2022, over 1500 weapons have been seized in NYC Schools, nearly double the amount compared to the same period last year. With Mass Shootings, School Shootings and Weapon seizures on the rise, there is a genuine need for "New Innovative Solutions" to improve student safety and SPIN has the answer. By finding the "Root Cause" of the problem, our mediators can address the dispute and keep the fire under control. This is how we protect our students because when it comes to the streets, "Who You Know" trumps what you know. The data is real so to save our students it can't be "business as usual." It's time to think different to make a difference.

According to Neuroscience the frontal cortex in a teen and young adult brain determines their decision-making skills, self-control and rational planning. A study by the National Institute of Health proposed this part of the brain, which restrains risky and impulsive behavior such as reckless driving, unsafe sex, substance abuse and joining gangs, is not fully developed until the age of 25. This also happens to be the coveted age insurance companies consider young drivers to be a responsible adult. This explains why young people make bad decisions and cave in to peer pressure, but also why we need a "Safety Net" when they fall.

Knowing about the dangers of "Street Life" is important, but so are issues related to politics, education, scholarships, police/community relations, summer jobs, digital technology, housing, criminal justice reform, obesity, cultural/spiritual enlightenment, HIV/AIDS, STD's and Teen pregnancy. At SPIN we will keep you updated on issues related to your child's education, safety and development so they can achieve their academic, business and personal goals. Building a safer and better America starts with the empowerment of our students, parents and the community they reside. Join us as we SPIN to the Top to "Secure School Safety & Student Success."

## 12 SPIN BENEFITS

- 1) Information about dangerous drugs and alcoholic beverages
- 2) Warnings about gang activities, hot drug spots, and unhealthy restaurants
- 3) Health information updates on Covid-19, HIV/AIDS, STD's, Obesity, Cancer, Heart Disease, Viruses, etc.
- 4) Updates on New Political policies that effect education, safety and the community
- 5) Information to help avoid the traps of Child Sex Slavery, Pornography and School Kidnappings
- 6) Information on the Dangers of Social Media, Hip-Hop, Films, Videogames, TV Shows, and Internet Sites
- 7) Don't Talk, Text, Drug, Drink, Drive Drowsy or Distracted
- 8) Scholarships, Grants, Internships, Summer and Winter Job opportunities
- 9) WIN Cash/Gift Cards, Concerts/Sports Tickets, Meet Celebrities, Footwear/Apparel, Cars, Phones, Computers & Videogames
- 10) A chance to work with, and/or be mentored by "The People's Shark" Daymond John and other celebrities
- 11) An opportunity to learn about journalism and join the School Newspaper, Newsletter, Podcast or Hip-Hop 'Hood Report
- 12) Meet with troubled students with complete anonymity to assess their issues

To join the movement, contact your principal or e-mail us at: [SPIN.HHSYC@GMAIL.com](mailto:SPIN.HHSYC@GMAIL.com)