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WASHINGTON A coalition of eight civil rights organizations released a policy brief today urging the U.S. Department of Education to release a strong gainful employment regulation to protect students, particularly African-American and Latino students, from substandard career education programs.

The brief, *Gainful Employment: A Civil Rights Perspective*, documents the adverse outcomes that African-American and Latino students experience as a result of policies and practices implemented at for-profit colleges. Students at for-profit colleges are much less likely to graduate, more likely to default, and more likely to incur debt than students at public and non-profit schools. The brief details how a strong gainful employment rule will provide much needed protections to both students and taxpayers.

Stronger oversight is desperately needed to tackle the problems of poor outcomes and high debt within career education programs, the brief urges. Currently, even when better and lower cost options are available, African-American and Latino students are disproportionately enrolled in schools where they are both likely to borrow and unlikely to succeed, and there are few incentives for schools to improve poorly performing programs.

[Click here to download the brief.](#)

The brief was released by The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the Center for Responsible Lending, the Childrens Defense Fund, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, MALDEF, the NAACP, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and the National Council of La Raza.

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