

# NACC

National Association  
of Counsel for Children

Promoting Excellence  
Building Community  
Advancing Justice

## 2018–2020 Impact Report



Founded in 1977, the National Association of Counsel for Children advances the rights, well-being, and opportunities of children impacted by the child welfare system through access to high-quality legal representation. In 2018, NACC celebrated our 40th Anniversary and adopted an ambitious, 2019–2023 Strategic Plan to accelerate growth, training, leadership, and advocacy among a national community of lawyers and other child welfare legal professionals. Over the last two years, NACC has launched new programs, built exciting partnerships, and expanded capacity to meet the urgent needs of children, families, and the field.

### NACC's 2018–2020 Results at-a-Glance

- **TRAINED:** 5000 attorneys and child welfare professionals
- **PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED:** 2500 *Child Welfare Law and Practice* "Red Books"
- **DESIGNED & DOUBLED:** online Red Book Training Course
- **LAUNCHED & EXPANDED:** Member Webinar Series
- **ESTABLISHED & DOUBLED:** State Coordinator Program
- **DEVELOPED & LAUNCHED:** National Youth Advisory Board
- **RELAUNCHED:** Children's Law Office Project
- **EXPANDED:** *The Guardian* publication
- **INCREASED MEMBERSHIP:** by 30%
- **CERTIFIED:** 100 new Child Welfare Law Specialists
- **FILED:** 12 amicus briefs in state and federal courts
- **RECRUITED:** 8 new board members, growing diversity and expertise
- **RECRUITED:** 5 new staff members, including first Youth Coordinator
- **RECEIVED:** new 3-year grant to expand youth's right to counsel
- **ADVOCATED:** at national and state level to protect the rights and well-being of young people

### Help NACC Continue the Momentum into 2021 and Beyond

Your gift fuels NACC's continued work into the next decade. Individual donations provide important support for our youth engagement and policy advocacy work. There are several ways to give:

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### NACC Promoted Excellence in Legal Representation



Delivered NACC's signature Red Book Course and other high-impact trainings (Family First Act, etc.) across ten states and five national conferences • Developed an online Red Book Training Course, offered four times in 2020 to meet growing demand • Established monthly Member Webinar Series with CLE credit • Achieved reaccreditation of NACC's Child Welfare Law Specialist certification program and earned endorsement from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges • Opened CWLS certification in Illinois and Maryland • Certified 100 new CWLS • Supported the Children's Bureau Capacity Building Center for Courts and Casey Family Programs Judicial Engagement Team • Looking ahead, NACC will design and publish the 4th Edition Red Book and expand training programs with a focus on racial equity and youth engagement.

### NACC Advanced Justice for Children and Families



Designed resources to improve the quality of legal representation in child welfare proceedings, such as our Title IV-E Funding for Legal Representation Hub, *Every Kid Needs a Family Attorney Tool*, crossover youth research, and more • Led the field with best practice guidance in response to COVID-19, including an online resource hub, tip sheets, webinars and policy statements • Filed persuasive amicus briefs impacting critical appellate issues, including an ICPC victory in Maryland • Provided legislative testimony in New York, Vermont and Kansas • Advocated around CAPTA, family separation at the border, race equity, AFCARS rule change, and more • Elevated national partnerships and initiatives including *FamilyFirstAct.org* and *ImproveChildRep.org* • Looking ahead, NACC will revamp the Recommendations for Representation of Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases and launch an exciting campaign to guarantee every young person in foster care the right to high-quality legal counsel!

### NACC Built Community Among Practitioners



Launched a State Coordinator program to lead outreach and provide support — now in 22 states • Convened over 700 practitioners in San Antonio, Texas and Anaheim, California for our 41st and 42nd National Child Welfare Law Conferences, providing opportunity for community inspiration and education • Gathered 1300 practitioners virtually for NACC's 43rd Conference • Revived the Children's Law Office Project to support to child law office/agency leaders • Initiated an Organizational Membership program • Looking ahead, we will continue to grow these programs and host a hybrid in-person/virtual 44th National Child Welfare Law Conference. See you in Denver in 2021!

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