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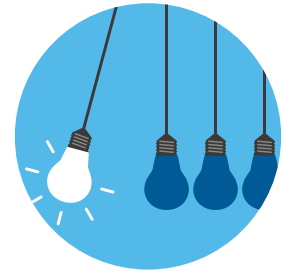
National Association
of Counsel for Children

Promoting Excellence
Building Community
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2021 Impact Report



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. Over the last year, NACC launched new programs, built exciting partnerships, and expanded capacity to meet the urgent needs of children, families, and the field. In 2022, NACC will celebrate its 45th Anniversary championing children's justice and developing the field of children's law from a cause to a profession, and now — a movement. We are NACC. Together we are Promoting Excellence, Building Community, and Advancing Justice.

NACC's 2021 Results at-a-Glance

- **LAUNCHED** Counsel for Kids national campaign and website www.CounselforKids.org. Children in court needs lawyers of their own, we're working to make sure they have them.
- **LAUNCHED** Race Equity Resource Hub and included race equity and constituent voice across our programs
- **TRAINED** 5,000 attorneys, judges and child welfare professionals
- **DISTRIBUTED** 675 *Child Welfare Law & Practice* "Red Books"
- **EXPANDED** State Coordinator program to 32 states/jurisdictions
- **CONVENED** National Youth Advisory Board, now named the National Advisory Council on Children's Legal Representation
- **FILED** 4 amicus briefs in state and federal courts
- **RECRUITED** 4 new Board Members, growing diversity and expertise
- **GREW** staff from 7 to 12, increasing diversity and lived expertise

Help NACC Continue the Momentum into 2022 and Beyond

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

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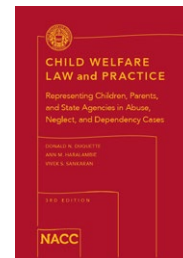
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NACC Promoted Excellence in Legal Representation

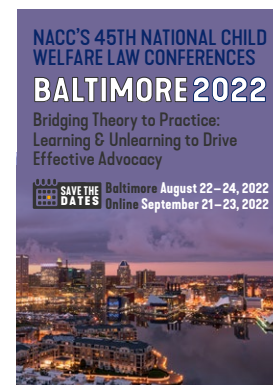
- Delivered training and presentations across 13 states and three national conferences
- Delivered custom trainings in 5 states
- Continued monthly Member Webinar Series, co-designed with lived experience experts
- Obtained recognition from Ohio Supreme Court that Child Welfare Law is a legal specialty
- Certified 43 new CWLS
- Supported the Children's Bureau Capacity Building Center for Courts and Casey Family Programs Judicial and National Engagement Initiatives



Looking ahead, NACC will publish the 4th Edition Red Book and expand training programs with a focus on racial equity and youth engagement.

NACC Built Community Among Practitioners

- Expanded State Coordinator program to 32 states/ jurisdictions
- Convened over 500 practitioners in Denver and 800 online for our 44th National Child Welfare Law Conference
- Continued Children's Law Office Project meetings, including a pre-conference convening in Denver
- Continued Organizational Membership program, expanding to over 40 organizational memberships after last year's launch



Looking ahead, NACC will host our 45th National Child Welfare Law Conference online and onsite in Baltimore and develop an updated Child Law Office Handbook.

NACC Promoted Justice for Children and Families

- Launched Counsel for Kids national campaign to ensure the right to counsel for children
- Developed new CounselForKids.org website and state advocacy toolkit
- Joined amicus briefs impacting critical appellate issues such as the Indian Child Welfare Act, right to counsel, and access to the courts
- Provided legislative testimony in Washington and South Carolina
- Advocated for CAPTA to include representation of children and parents



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Looking ahead, NACC will publish updated Recommendations for Legal Representation of Children and Youth in Neglect and Abuse Proceedings and expand the Counsel for Kids campaign!