# NACC

National Association of Counsel for Children

Promoting Excellence Building Community Advancing Justice

Vision: Every child, parent, and family is well-supported in their community and has equitable access to justice through culturallyresponsive, client-centered legal representation.

Mission: NACC advances children's and parents' rights by supporting a diverse, inclusive community of child welfare lawyers to provide zealous legal representation and by advocating for equitable, anti-racist solutions co-designed by people with lived experience.



# 2022 Impact Report



In 2022, the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) celebrated its 45th Anniversary as a nonprofit organization, published landmark resources for the field, and adopted a refreshed strategic plan, with new vision and mission statements to explicitly reflect organizational values and commitments.

## NACC's 2022 Results at-a-Glance

- **PUBLISHED** new Recommendations for Legal Representation of Children and Youth in Neglect and Abuse Proceedings
- PUBLISHED the 4th Edition of Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents, and Agencies in Neglect, Abuse, and Dependency Cases, commonly known as "The Red Book"
- **PUBLISHED** NACC ON CAMPUS, a guide to build student chapters
- LAUNCHED a Call for Abstracts for upcoming Race Equity Series
- TRAINED 5000 attorneys, judges, and child welfare professionals
- EXPANDED State Coordinator program to 41 states/jurisdictions

- EXPANDED the Counsel for Kids national campaign and toolkit at *CounselforKids.org* — children in court needs lawyers of their own, we're working to make sure they have them
- SELECTED 7 new members of the National Advisory Council on Children's Legal Representation (NACCLR) who have lived experience and professional expertise in child welfare matters
- **GREW** the NACC team from 12 to 15, increasing diversity and lived experience, and including new positions: National Law School Student Organizer and Director of Finance and Operations
- **REACHED** 37k website users with 176k page views

# Help NACC Continue the Momentum into 2023 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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# NACC Promoted Excellence in Legal Representation

- Published 4th Edition Child Welfare Law and Practice
- Developed and delivered custom training in 6 states, and delivered presentations in 15 states and at 3 national conferences
- Continued monthly Member Webinar Series, centering racial justice and the voices of persons with lived expertise
- Obtained accreditation from Ohio Supreme Court to certify Child Welfare Law Specialists (CWLS)
- · Certified 23 attorneys and judges as 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 deliver updated training based upon the 4th Edition Red Book, and offer new trainings on Race Equity and representing infants and toddlers.

### NACC Built Community **Among Practitioners**

- Expanded State Coordinator program to 41 states/jurisdictions
- Convened over 600 practitioners in Baltimore and over 400 more online for our 45th National Child Welfare Law Conference
- Continued Children's Law Office Project meetings, including a pre-conference convening in Baltimore
- Expanded Organizational Membership program to nearly 60 organizational memberships, a 55% increase since its 2020 launch
- Published NACC ON CAMPUS to launch student and law school engagement

Looking ahead, NACC will host our 46th National Child Welfare Law Conference online and onsite in Minneapolis and publish an updated Children's Law Office Guidebook.

## NACC Advanced Justice for Children and Families

- Expanded Counsel for Kids national campaign to ensure access to justice for children
- Developed new CounselForKids.org tools
- Joined or led 5 amicus briefs impacting critical appellate issues such as the Indian Child Welfare Act, right to counsel, and access to the courts
- Newly published NACC Recommendations for Legal Representation of Children and Youth in Neglect and Abuse Proceedings were viewed over 6000 times
- NACC and the NACCLR developed training for new federal Quality Improvement Center on Youth Engagement
- · Advocated for federal law to include legal representation of children and parents

Looking ahead, NACC will publish a Counsel for Kids Policy Paper, continue to expand the Counsel for Kids campaign, and refresh NACC's Policy Agenda!





NACC'S 45TH NATIONAL CHILD





We're working to make sure they have them.