

# 2023 IMPACT REPORT

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE BUILDING COMMUNITY ADVANCING JUSTICE In 2023, the National Association of Counsel for Children expanded the right to counsel for kids in three more states, published landmark resources for the field, delivered new training programs, and deepened its commitment to the vision, mission, and goals of its 2019–2023 Strategic Plan.

## NACC'S 2023 RESULTS AT-A-GLANCE

- PUBLISHED the 2nd Edition Children's Law Office Guidebook
- **PUBLISHED** landmark policy report: Seen, Heard, and Represented: A Policymaker's Guide to Counsel for Kids
- **PRODUCED** the inaugural Race Equity Training Series
- **PRODUCED** the inaugural High-Quality Legal Representation for Infants and Toddlers Training Series
- **EXPANDED** the Counsel for Kids national campaign and toolkit for state advocates at *CounselforKids.org*
- **PUBLISHED** Tipsheet So you Want to Add Peer Advocates to Your Legal Representation Model
- **DISTRIBUTED** 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"
- TRAINED 5000 attorneys, judges, and child welfare professionals

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## NACC PROMOTED EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL REPRESENTATION

- PUBLISHED 2nd Edition Children's Law Office Guidebook
- TRAINED 5000 attorneys, presented in 16 states and 2 national conferences, developed and delivered custom training in 4 states
- **PRODUCED** new Race Equity Training
- PRODUCED new Representing Infants and Toddlers Training
- OBTAINED reaccreditation from American Bar Association to certify Child Welfare Law Specialists
- CERTIFIED 27 new Child Welfare Law Specialists
- UPDATED Child Welfare Law Specialist (CWLS) Exam and Red Book Training Course with 4th Edition Red Book

Looking ahead, NACC will continue Red Book Trainings virtually and across the country, promote the Red Book and Children's Law Office Guidebook, and deliver custom trainings responsive to the needs of jurisdictions.

## NACC BUILT COMMUNITY AMONG PRACTITIONERS

- LAUNCHED new website, making resources available to the field (over 230,000 website views since March)
- **CONTINUED** State Coordinator program in 39 states/jurisdictions
- **CONVENED** 650 practitioners in Minneapolis and 350 more online for our 46th National Child Welfare Law Conference
- HELD pre-conference Children's Law Office Project meetings
- EXPANDED Organizational Memberships to 70
- WELCOMED 4 NACC Student Chapters
- HOSTED the 1st Annual Child Welfare Law Career Fair

Looking ahead, NACC will host our 47th National Child Welfare Law Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, August 10–12, 2024 and online September 11–13, 2024.

## NACC PROMOTED JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- **EXPANDED** Counsel for Kids Campaign and Toolkit, including new video *Counsel for Kids Promote Race Equity*
- **PROVIDED** legislative testimony in 9 committee hearings
- **DEVELOPED** new CounselForKids.org tools, including new policy paper, Seen, Heard, and Represented
- EXPANDED right to counsel for kids in Montana, Connecticut and Georgia!
- JOINED OR FILED amicus briefs focused on supporting LGBTQ+ rights, and kinship ties celebrated the preservation of the Indian Child Welfare Act in *Brackeen v. Haaland* consistent with NACC/Child Law Office Amicus Brief
- RELEASED a new Policy Framework to guide our work in 2024 and beyond!

Looking ahead, NACC will continue to expand the Counsel for Kids campaign and amplify priorities in our new policy framework.





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Children in court need lawyers of their own.

We're working to make sure they have them.