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The Children's Justice Fund Giving Catalogue



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EVERY CHILD DESERVES A VOICE.
EVERY CHILD DESERVES JUSTICE.

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"Now more than ever, we are standing **together** to advance children's rights. We're working toward a more just and fair world—a **strong, unified, movement for kids and families**."

Kim Dvorchak, CEO,
National Association of Counsel for Children

We're standing together for children's rights.

Will you join us?

NACC launched the Children's Justice Fund to stand up for children and families facing threats to their rights and wellbeing. In 2026, we're building on our momentum.

Children in foster care need lawyers of their own to protect their rights and advocate for their unique needs. Specialized children's law offices are the most effective way to enforce children's rights and make sure their voices are heard in court.

Today, children's rights are more than a cause, they are a movement, and the children's legal advocacy community is making children's rights a reality.

We hope you enjoy learning about the children's law offices participating in NACC's Children's Justice Fund Giving Catalogue and choose to financially support them as you are able.

Join us in supporting zealous legal advocacy for children and building a future where every child is heard and represented.



Stand with us. Be a force for children's justice.

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Children's Advocacy Institute



California

Based at the nonprofit University of San Diego (USD) School of Law since 1989, the Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI) is one of the nation's premiere academic, research, and advocacy organizations seeking to improve the lives of children and youth. Among CAI's areas of special emphasis are improving the child protection and foster care systems and improving outcomes for youth aging out of foster care.

Through its offices in San Diego, Sacramento, and Washington, D.C., CAI seeks to leverage change for children and youth through impact litigation, regulatory and legislative advocacy, and public education. Active at the local, state, and federal levels, CAI's efforts are multi-faceted — comprehensively and successfully embracing all tools of public interest advocacy to improve the lives of children and youth.

As part of the USD School of Law, CAI's academic program includes courses and clinical training of USD Law students in child advocacy, enabling students to gain real-world experience representing children and/or working on policy issues vital to children's interests.

Children's Advocacy Institute
University of San Diego School of Law

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Law Foundation of Silicon Valley



California

Mention “Silicon Valley” and the world pictures wealth. Yet for thousands of children, that prosperity has not translated into stability or a fair chance.

The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley’s program for children and youth, known as LACY, provides free legal representation and social work support from birth through age 25. In Santa Clara County, LACY helps those facing legal challenges affecting their safety, education, health, family, and future.

Young people learn to understand and exercise their rights, secure services they are entitled to, and challenge decisions that put their future at risk. About 2,000 people are served each year.

Each client’s needs are assessed by a Law Foundation social worker working alongside their attorney. Individualized plans address safety, health, education, and other needs and may include therapy, tutoring, or connections to resources.

Foster youth are LACY’s largest client group, yet it is the most underresourced legal program. Donor support helps ensure children and young adults have an advocate when they need one most.

Gifts totaling $2,300 can provide a full year of attorney and social worker support. Help a child or young adult in Santa Clara County access the advocacy they deserve.

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Florida's Children First



Florida

Florida's Children First is an award-winning nonprofit, nonpartisan, independent advocacy organization committed to protecting and advancing the rights of children and youth impacted by the child welfare, juvenile justice, and disability systems through systemic reform, education, youth voice, and promoting high-quality legal representation.

OUR VISION is that Florida's laws, policies, and practices respect, prioritize, and protect children and youth impacted by the child welfare, juvenile justice, and disability systems.

OUR WORK transforms the lives of Florida's children, advocating for their rights and creating an environment where they can soar.

For 25 years, we have filled a gap in Florida's child welfare system by fighting for children's rights both individually, through direct representation, and systemic reforms through policy, practice, and law changes. Our advocacy has changed more than 52 Florida laws, with many policies becoming national legislation. Elevating the youth voice through our Florida Youth SHINE program, having youth in the system advocate for change directly to legislators and agency officials has been the foundation of our advocacy efforts and a key to our success.

FLORIDA'S CHILDREN FIRST
FIGHTING FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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Child Advocates, Inc.



Indiana

Indiana is among a small number of states that does not mandate legal representation for any children in the child welfare system.

We are a non-profit organization that has been providing services to children in child welfare for over 44 years. We are the only organization in Indiana that provides free, in-house, child-directed legal representation to older children in the foster care system.

We represent youth clients throughout the entirety of their cases. Our attorneys protect their rights and provide youth with information and advice regarding their unique legal issues. We ensure youth can actively participate in their case decisions, and that they are included at court hearings and case planning meetings.

We use a multi-disciplinary approach which involves providing youth clients with a social services advocate. Through our services, youth are empowered to pursue goals, receive support for mental and physical safety, and access appropriate and desired placements.

We are working with the University of Notre Dame's Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO) to conduct a randomized controlled trial studying the impact of our legal representation of youth in the child welfare system.

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The Legal Aid Society



New York

At The Legal Aid Society, we deliver justice in every borough, working tirelessly to make our city a better place. We seek to be a beacon of hope for New Yorkers who are neglected and need protection—regardless of who they are, where they come from, or how they identify. For 150 years, our growth has mirrored that of the city we serve. Today, we are proud to be the nation's largest public defense and civil legal services provider and the largest law firm in New York City.

Our staff and attorneys deliver justice in every borough, working tirelessly to defend the people we serve and dismantle the hidden, systemic barriers that can prevent them from thriving. As passionate and skilled advocates for individuals and families, The Legal Aid Society is an indispensable component of the legal, social, and economic fabric of our city.

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KidsVoice



Pennsylvania

KidsVoice is honored to be named NACC's 2026 Outstanding Children's Law Office, recognizing our staff's excellence and innovation in multidisciplinary advocacy in dependency cases and beyond.

25 years ago, KidsVoice was a Pittsburgh office with 10 staff, more than 5,000 clients, and a $500,000 budget. Today, over 70 staff provide a pioneering holistic model recognized statewide and replicated nationally.

Each client works with a lawyer and social service professional team that addresses needs across the client's life and helps abused and neglected children transition to adulthood.

KidsVoice developed innovative initiatives tailored to our clients' needs and influenced by the guidance of our youth advisory board, including:

- Representation until age 25 for former foster youth facing housing, disability, social security, healthcare, public benefits, employment and driver's license issues, as well as summary criminal offense charges.
- Two-generation advocacy to help foster youth who become parents until age 30 to secure support; less than 4% of those parents have had children removed over the past seven years.
- Education advocacy during and after dependency cases.
- Housing advocacy to handle evictions and landlord-tenant matters.
- An embedded nurse to address complex medical cases.

KidsVoice
Protecting Children's Rights

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Legal Counsel for Youth and Children (LCYC)



Washington

Legal Counsel for Youth and Children (LCYC) protects the interests and safety of youth in Washington by advancing their legal rights. We accomplish our mission through direct legal representation, strong community partnerships, and systemic advocacy.

LCYC provides free civil legal representation to young people in Washington State. LCYC is the only civil legal aid provider in Washington engaged in direct legal representation across the following systems: child welfare, juvenile court, immigration, and youth homelessness. In 2025, LCYC served 1,000 young people across 17 counties.

In 2024, LCYC was named as the Outstanding Children's Law Office by the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC).

LCYC
Legal Counsel for Youth and Children

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The National Association of Counsel for Children



National

Founded 50 years ago in 1977, the National Association of Counsel for Children is a nonprofit professional membership and children's legal advocacy organization.

We promote excellence in legal representation for children, parents, and agencies; build community among legal practitioners; and advance justice for children and families through policy advocacy. Some of our programs include:

NACC's Counsel for Kids Campaign, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary, is dedicated to ensuring that children in foster care have access to attorneys of their own. When a child has a medical problem, they need a doctor; when a child has a legal problem, they need a lawyer. NACC is working to increase the number of states guaranteeing youth right to counsel, and establish a national guarantee in federal law.

NACC's Children's Law Office Project and organizational membership program supports children's law offices across the country. The project provides a forum for discussion, peer-to-peer resource exchange, and an annual convening at NACC's National Child Welfare Law Conference. NACC's Children's Law Office Guidebook offers best practice guidelines for organizations that represent children in neglect, abuse, and dependency cases.

NACC launched the Children's Justice Fund to strengthen the child welfare legal community's ability to uplift the rights and futures of children and families.

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Thank You

Our work isn't possible without your support. We thank you for taking the time to learn about all these incredible organizations and the work they're doing alongside children and families.

Please help us spread the word about the Children's Justice Fund by sharing the Giving Catalogue with your friends and colleagues.

Together, we are building a future where every child's rights are not only preserved but realized. Together, we are standing up for the rights of all youth, including for racial justice, LGBTQ+ justice, gender justice, and reproductive justice.

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