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Achieving Justice for Kids

We don’t do it alone.

Children’s Rights has a track record of increasing accountability, protecting rights, and improving outcomes for children. We produce real, visible improvements benefiting hundreds of thousands of children throughout the country. And we don’t do it alone. We partner with leading NGOs, national and regional advocacy organizations as well as law firms, and have pioneered a uniquely effective model that delivers results for kids. Together we win landmark legal victories across America and engage in advocacy efforts that are changing the way vulnerable children are treated in the United States.
A Proven Model

Strategic Advocacy

Children’s Rights teams up with local child advocates to thoroughly investigate state, local and regional systems that are causing physical and psychological harm to the children they are mandated to protect.

Legal Action

We build cases that expose pervasive failures, help develop long-term solutions, then negotiate court-enforceable plans that ultimately transform the way governments care for children.
Measuring Results

Once reform strategies are in place, Children’s Rights monitors states’ progress and remains involved until the children in their care are safe and supported and have a chance at happy, healthy futures.
In Tennessee

less than half

of all kids on track to be reunited with their families visited regularly with them.

Now

almost all

have timely visits with parents and siblings.
In Connecticut
over 30% of all kids
in foster care were not placed with
family members.

Today
less than 10%
are in non-family settings.
The state increased the numbers of siblings
placed together in foster care by a third.
By the Numbers
We Stop Institutionalization

Tennessee and Georgia have **completely ended** the inhumane practice of housing children, including babies, in emergency shelters.

**85% of children** entering the foster system in Tennessee are placed in family settings – including virtually all children under six.

Connecticut has **reduced by 84%** the placement of kids in group care facilities.
In Georgia and Tennessee children in foster care would often go six or more months without a visit from a caseworker.

Nearly all professionals now have twice-monthly visits with children.

In Tennessee over 90% of caseworkers are maintaining dramatically lower caseloads.
By the Numbers
We Keep Kids Safe and Healthy

In Connecticut the number of children receiving regular well-care checkups and services jumped from barely 5% to over 95%.
Milwaukee has reduced the rate of children abused while in foster care tenfold, and

over 90% of kids

receive regular healthcare exams.
A Culture of Collaboration

Results Driven

“Children’s Rights has a corporate mind and a non-profit soul. Our talented attorneys and staff have built a reputation for being skilled strategists, tenacious advocates and, most of all, effective reformers. They are process-driven and take a methodical and disciplined approach to building a narrative that will lead to reform, and they are known to be aggressive litigators on behalf of the children they serve. And they are above all passionate advocates for kids. When people hear we have a staff of under 30 they cannot believe the impact we have had.”

— Sandy Santana
Executive Director,
Children’s Rights
Pro Bono Partners

“I believe that the power of the law must be harnessed to do good in the world. And what could be more important, more urgent, than fighting to protect the rights of our most vulnerable children? Collaborating with Children’s Rights gives the Vanguard legal team the chance to do just that - and to work with Children’s Rights’ amazing attorneys and policy advocates on high-profile cases that are transforming kids’ lives for the better.”

— Anne Robinson
General Counsel,
Vanguard
A Culture of Collaboration

Grassroots Advocacy

“For the 25 years that I have been advocating on behalf of South Carolina’s children, the state’s child welfare system has continuously failed to make changes to ensure kids in foster care are protected and given proper healthcare treatment. There’s got to be accountability when longstanding systemic problems, like a severe lack of mental health services, gross overreliance on institutions, and high caseloads continue to harm innocent children.

Our ongoing work in partnership with Children’s Rights is bringing real and lasting system change, and better outcomes for the kids in the state.”

— Sue Berkowitz
Director, South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Legal Excellence

“Two decades ago, a report referred to young people in Texas long-term foster care as ‘the children that even God has forgotten.’ Yet this dire descriptor was not enough to change the status quo. If our combined teams hadn’t stepped in to say ‘enough is enough,’ these children would still be in the shadows. Today, after we won a landmark decision, there is hope that Texas foster care will be temporary, stable and safe, so future generations of children will not suffer as have so many survivors of a broken system.”

— Paul Yetter
Founding Partner,
Yetter Coleman LLP
Children’s Rights’ widespread and far-reaching legal victories show the effectiveness of our approach. At the national level we have a proven model for legal advocacy that demonstrates that it is possible to turn a failing child welfare system into a successful one, as we have in Tennessee. More recently we have expanded our impact through targeted strategic advocacy — in collaboration with our partners — to help address new and troubling assaults on the rights of vulnerable children, including immigrants, LGBTQ youth, children held in inhumane juvenile detention facilities, and more. We are determined to do whatever it takes to make sure our government systems do right by the children in their care.
Every day, children are harmed by America’s broken child welfare, juvenile justice, education, and healthcare systems. Through relentless strategic advocacy and legal action, we hold governments accountable for keeping kids safe and healthy. Children’s Rights has made a lasting impact, protecting hundreds of thousands of vulnerable children and we are poised to help millions more.

They are depending on us... and you.

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