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CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, INC.
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF LAW

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLINIC
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW
JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC
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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CLINIC
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THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF LAW

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ILLINOIS.....

- CHILDREN & FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER
- NORTHWESTERN LEGAL CLINIC
- EDWIN F. MANDEL LEGAL AID CLINIC
- THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL
- LOYOLA CIVITAS CHILDLAW CLINIC

INDIANA

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- FAMILY AND CHILDREN MEDIATION CLINIC
- INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW.....

IOWA

- CHILDREN’S RIGHTS CLINIC
- DRAKE LAW SCHOOL

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- CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW CENTER
- WASHBURN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW.....

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RUTGERS/LEAP LEGAL PROJECT
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UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW.....

NEW YORK.....
THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER
BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL
CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC
COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL
FAMILY DEFENSE CLINIC

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| NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | |
| JUVENILE DEFENDER CLINIC | |
| NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | |
| HOFSTRA CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC | |
| HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | |
| CHILDREN’S RIGHTS CLINIC | |
| SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY- COLLEGE OF LAW | |
| NORTH CAROLINA | |
| CHILDREN’S EDUCATION LAW CLINIC | |
| DUKE LAW SCHOOL | |
| OHIO | |
| UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW CLINIC | |
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| OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MICHAEL E. MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW | |
| PENNSYLVANIA | |
| DISABILITY LAW CLINIC | |
| THE DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW | |
| FAMILY LAW CLINIC | |
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| INTERDISCIPLINARY CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC | |
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| BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY | |
| VIRGINIA | |
| CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC | |

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YOUTH ADVOCACY CLINIC/MENTAL DISABILITIES LAW CLINIC
T.C. WILLIAMS SCHOOL OF LAW

WASHINGTON
CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

WYOMING

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM.....

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CALIFORNIA

- CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY INSTITUTE
- UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW
- CHILD CARE LAW CENTER
- NATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH LAW
- YOUTH LAW CENTER

COLORADO

- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- THE ABA CENTER ON CHILDREN AND THE LAW
- BAZELON CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH LAW
- CENTER FOR LAW AND EDUCATION
- NATIONAL JUVENILE DEFENDER CENTER
- NATIONAL LAW CENTER ON HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

FLORIDA

- FLORIDA LEGAL SERVICES

ILLINOIS

- CENTER FOR LAW AND HUMAN SERVICES, INC.
- ABA CHILD CUSTODY PRO BONO PROJECT

INDIANA

- CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF INDIANA

MASSACHUSETTS

- CENTER FOR LAW AND EDUCATION

MICHIGAN

- MICHIGAN CHILD WELFARE LAW RESOURCE CENTER

NEW JERSEY

- ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN OF NEW JERSEY
- CHILDREN'S LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

NEW YORK

- THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND THE LAW

CHILDREN’S RIGHTS, INC.....

NORTH CAROLINA
 CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND THE LAW

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LISTED BY STATE**

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ARIZONA

CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER

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Roni Tropper
 Coordinator

A nonprofit organization
 100% Children's Law

Does use volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Adoption | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardianships | |
| Homeless Youth | |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |

In October, 1998, the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) established the Children's Law Center to help more poor children get assistance from volunteer attorneys. The center has one attorney coordinator who administers the program. VLP also provides support through its staff. Volunteer attorneys are utilized on several projects. Guardian Ad Litem Project: Volunteer attorneys serve as guardians ad litem for children in custody disputes in order to advocate for the children's best interests. The Children's Law Center, Family Court, and Maricopa County Bar Association provide free CLE training for volunteer attorneys willing to assist a child through this project. The FACT Project: The Children's Law Center established FACT (Free Advice Clinic for Teens) to provide volunteer attorneys in the community to advise homeless and runaway teens. Attorneys visit the community sites for a block of time and give free legal advice to the teens. Each volunteer attorney is furnished with 'Juvenile Rights and Responsibilities', a booklet put together by the Superior Court in Pima County, Pima Prevention Partnership/Teen Court, Teen Speak Out Committee and the Pima County Juvenile Court. FACT already has 9 attorneys that have volunteered for this wonderful project. Social Security (SSI) Project: Volunteer attorneys represent children in administrative proceedings to help disabled children continue to receive financial benefits. The Adoption Project is getting underway. The Children's Law Center plans to have attorneys work hand in hand with other agencies who do the home studies for adoptions while the volunteer lawyers will offer the legal part of the adoption. There will be a training session to orient volunteers who have never done adoptions before.

ADVOCATES FOR THE DISABLED

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A Joint Program of a Legal Aid Office
 And a Social Service Agency
 40% Children's Law

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 Attorneys

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | 1993 |

Advocates for the Disabled (formerly the Disability Advocacy Project) was established in the 1980s as a joint program between a legal aid office and a social service agency. In 1997, the program developed the Kids Disability Advocacy Project to respond to the increased need for assistance to families with disabled children due to changes within the Social Security regulations. In addition, the Project established the Kids SSI Hotline for the state of Arizona. This hotline provides information and referrals to parents whose children were terminated from SSI due to welfare reform. The Project has recently increased representation to children from 30-40 cases each year to more than 70 cases. The Project is currently staffed by one attorney and one paralegal who work with volunteer lawyers and paralegals. Clients are referred from social service agencies, legal services offices and health care professionals. Volunteer lawyers and paralegals are recruited from the local bar association to attend a training session available through the Project. The Project staff attorney is available to assist with litigation.

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 Executive Director

A Separate Nonprofit Organization
 100% Children's Law

Does Use Volunteer
 Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Civil Rights | |
| Foster Care Rights | |
| Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |

Justice for Children (“JFC”) was started in 1987 by private attorneys “to educate and focus society on the systematic failure to protect victims of child abuse; to seek proper intervention and treatment for abused children; and to develop and implement solutions that enhance the quality of life for children who are victims of child abuse” (from the mission). JFC utilizes volunteer lawyers to intervene on behalf of abused children when child protection agencies and courts do not take action; advocate on behalf of children who are victims of abuse but who are forced to spend time with the offender; write amicus briefs; perform legal research and writing; make presentations within their community; train other lawyers and serve on the board of directors. JFC only advocates in cases of documented abuse. Trainings for volunteers are offered 4 times a year for CLE credit; interested lawyers should contact JFC via e-mail or telephone.

JFC has some manuals available for distribution including the *JFC Training Manual* and *Defending Against P.A.S. (Parental Alienation Syndrome) Allegations*. JFC does accept calls from the public and from children. Cases are referred from social service agencies, families or children, professional organizations and hotlines, law enforcement, district attorneys offices, etc.

The main headquarters of JFC are in Houston, and there are other offices in Arizona, Michigan and Washington, D.C.

CALIFORNIA

PARENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROJECT

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Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Civil Rights | 1994 |
| Special Education | |

The Parent and Family Support Project of the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Inc. (DREDF) was begun in 1979 to help disabled children and their families. DREDF is staffed by six attorneys. Clients of the Project are referred by parents and disability groups, legal services projects and Protection & Advocacy, Inc., as well as other attorneys in the community. Volunteers are recruited through local law firms and law schools. Training for law students is provided through a law school clinical program and volunteer lawyers are trained on an as-needed basis. CLE credit is offered for some training programs. Cases are monitored by staff telephone calls or by teaming volunteers with a staff member. The Project also receives assistance from various technical specialists and parent advocates. Expert witnesses are sometimes employed in education litigation cases.

Impact litigation is accepted by the Project. A recent case involved education integration or "inclusion" of children with disabilities into general education classrooms under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | |
| Adoption | 1998 | Immigration | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Blocked Trusts | | Mental Health | |
| Civil Rights | | Probate | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Status Offenders | |
| Government Benefits | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| HIV Positive Children | | | |

Established in 1992, The Alliance for Children's Rights provides representation for children in a wide range of legal areas by recruiting and training volunteer lawyers. A staff of five lawyers, assisted by one social worker, and a bilingual teacher, coordinate cases with over 350 volunteer attorneys. Clients are referred through the Juvenile Court, schools, social service agencies, health care professionals and other attorneys. Volunteers are recruited through the local bar associations, law firms, law schools and seminars. Social workers, child development specialists, paralegals and health care professionals also volunteer and are available to assist the pro bono attorneys in handling their cases. This project has been especially successful at recruiting professionals from a wide range of disciplines. In addition to staff attorneys and paralegals, a number of pro bono attorneys work a regular schedule in the office. Volunteers may be personally responsible for cases, team with the staff or work on non-litigation projects such as researching and writing reference and "How To" manuals. The Alliance handles impact litigation when appropriate.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
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| Abuse and Neglect | yes | Kinship Care | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Guardianships | | | |

The Children's Law Center of Los Angeles, formerly Dependency Court Legal Services, Inc., was created in 1990 by the Los Angeles Superior Court to serve as appointed counsel for abused and neglected children. 105 lawyers and 47 investigator social workers handle approximately 20,000 children's law cases each year (they represent over 80% of children involved in dependency court). The Children's Law Center does utilize volunteer attorneys and law students who work in conjunction with attorneys by assisting with client interviewing, trial preparation, research and writing. A lawyer interested in volunteering should contact the law clerk/volunteer committee contact person: either Princess V.F. Ramey at 323 980 7700 or Marianne Sullivan at 323 980 5700. Trainings for volunteers are provided throughout the year, with a more structured and intensive program in the summer months.

The Children's Law Center receives its clients through juvenile court. The office does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information. The Children's Law Center is beginning to enter the area of impact litigation to further their work of making systematic reforms.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Probate | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Status Offenders | |
| Government Benefits (TANF, food stamps, etc.) | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardianships | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| Mental Health | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |

Established in 1990, Children's Law Office, Inc. handles approximately 150 cases a year in addition to giving advice and referrals and doing community outreach/education in various areas impacting children's rights and welfare. One full time and two part time volunteer attorneys represent children referred by juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys, family members, friends, or the child him/herself. The office does accept calls from the public and from children seeking legal information. The Children's Law Office utilizes 1-5 attorneys a year, as well as volunteer law students and other professionals. No more volunteer lawyers are needed at this time.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | 4/99 | Medical and/or Early Periodic Screening and Treatment | |
| Adoption Assistance Program | | Mental Health | |
| Birth Certificate and Name Changes | | Paternity Actions | |
| Blocked Accounts | | Probate | |
| Emancipation | 4/99 | Representing Children Whose Parents Have AIDS | |
| Ethics of Child Representation | | School Linked Services: On-Site Legal Information, Assistance and Advocacy for Students | |
| Family Law Custody Cases | | Special Education Relationship Between Reality and the Law | |
| Government Benefits | 4/99 | Student Discipline: Understanding Your Rights | |
| Guardianship of the Person | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Homeless Youth | | | |
| Interviewing a Child Client | | | |

Public Counsel is the public interest law office of the Los Angeles County and Beverly Hills Bar Associations. It is the largest *pro bono* law firm in the U.S. The Children's Rights Project is a Public Counsel program that provides free legal and advocacy services to children and youth. The Project is staffed with eight attorneys, three social workers and two legal assistants. The Children's Rights Project has many components, including the Adoptions Project, the *Pro Per* Guardianship Clinic at the Probate Court, the Peace of Mind Project, the School-Based Legal Assistance Project (Teen Legal Clinic and Community Legal Clinic), the

Dependent Children's Tort & Guardian *Ad Litem* Program, and the Education Rights Advocacy Program. Staff also provides assistance to youth emancipating from foster care, legal representation to abused and neglected children on immigration cases, and guidance to pregnant and parenting teens.

Staff provides legal representation, general counsel and advice, resources and referrals on child-related issues. Cases are assigned to in-house attorneys, volunteer attorneys, and law student interns. The project provides technical support to lawyers, policy makers and service providers who work with children and youth. The Children's Rights Project offers free educational and training materials on child-related issues, and has written many brochures on legal topics relevant to youth. Staff also offers seminars and workshops to bench officers, attorneys, social workers, foster and adopting parents, probation officers, schools, health care workers, and state and county government agencies.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Blocked Trusts | | Homeless Youth | |
| Government Benefits | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Habitability | | | |

The Inner City Law Center was established in 1979 to provide pro bono representation to inhabitants of Los Angeles' inner city area. Twenty percent of the cases handled by the Center are children's law cases. Clients are referred to the Center from social service agencies, health care professionals and other attorneys in the community. The Center also works with health care professionals and psychologists to prepare cases.

In addition to individual representation, the Center also brings impact litigation and class actions. Recent cases include habitability and government benefit issues.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Family Law Custody Disputes | Yes | Special Education/Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits | Yes | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | Yes |
| Homeless Youth | | Suspension | |
| Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | | | |

Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) has been in existence since 1956 providing civil legal assistance to low income persons. LSNC handles approximately 1,500 children's cases a year. LSNC is staffed by 20 attorneys and 15 paralegals. Approximately 10% of the caseload is devoted to children's law cases. Clients in children's cases are referred from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies and other attorneys in the community. Volunteer lawyers and law students are recruited through local bar associations, local law firms and law schools, seminars and direct mailings. Training is provided on an as-needed basis and CLE credit is available. Staff members call volunteers about potential cases and monitor progress through follow-up calls and written requests for updates.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Child Care | |
| Government Benefits (TANF Linked Child Care Subsidies/Other Child Care Subsidies) | Yes |

Founded in 1978 the Child Care Law Center specializes in the area of insuring access to child care for low income children. Working primarily with child care providers, the Center serves as a counseling, resource and training center to help providers serving low income families understand and utilize the government benefits available in the child care area. Clients are referred from a local child care resource agency. Volunteer lawyers are recruited through the local bar, law firms, law schools seminars and a training program that is offered annually. CLE credit is available. Pro bono attorneys may team with a staff member, or handle cases independently. Cases are monitored by self reporting from volunteers, or if the client agrees, attorneys are asked to send a copy of all case related documents to the Center. The five staff attorneys are assisted by one paralegal. The Center has available a comprehensive list of publications available to child care providers and maintains a Law and Policy Resources Bank which acts as a clearing house for legislation, cases, briefs, and legal memoranda on critical legal issues in child care. A manual on the reporting responsibilities of child care providers who observe signs of abuse and neglect is published by the Center. The Center obtained injunctive relief in Miller v. Anderson, which challenged a California regulation that denied child care entitlements to families in which the parents were participating in self-initiated job training or an education program. The Center has also brought other impact litigation cases concerning access to child care entitlements and child care licensing.

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|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | yes |
| Adoption (Through Dependency and Foster Care Only) | | Immigration | |
| Blocked Trusts (Through <i>Pro Bono</i> Panel) | | Mental Health | |
| Delinquency | | Probate | |
| Emancipation | 1999 | Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | |
| Family Law Custody Cases | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Government Benefits | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | 1999 | Conflict Resolution | |
| HIV Positive Children and Families | | | |

Established in 1975, Legal Services for Children, Inc. (LSC) served approximately 1,750 children last year in a myriad of legal issues through the recruitment and training of volunteer lawyers. Clients are referred through the courts, schools, social service agencies, health care professionals, other attorneys and other kids. Volunteers are recruited through local bar associations, law firms, law schools and "word of mouth." Volunteers usually handle cases independently, providing written updates to the staff on case progress. Training programs occur approximately six times a year, depending on demand and LSC hopes to be able to offer CLE credit soon. There are seven staff attorneys who are assisted by social workers when preparing cases. LSC also brings impact litigation cases including a class action to enable children to attend school when living in the school district with non-parents or non-guardians, and a case involving the right of children to appropriate investigation and disposition of child sexual abuse.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | Updated Annually | Immigration | Updated Annually |
| Government Benefits | Updated Annually | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | Updated Annually | | |

The Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP), sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco, is an active provider of pro bono legal services to the community, including children. New programs that focus on children's issues began in 1994 include: foster care assistance for immigrant children involving applying for a special visa to enable them to obtain permanent U.S. resident status; and "SSI for Kids" which trains attorney and non-attorney advocates to assist parents of indigent and at-risk children with disabilities in applying for SSI. VLSP also has a Guardianship Program which assists families by helping the non-parent caretaker of a child be named as the child's legal guardian. The majority of requests involve grandparents or other relatives who have been primary caretakers since the child's birth. Clients are referred through the Juvenile Court, social service agencies and the schools. VLSP's small staff assists and coordinates a large number of volunteers who handle cases, provide expertise to other volunteers as mentors, assist in preparing and presenting trainings, staff clinics and provide personal as well as telephone consultation services to clients. Impact litigation is referred to pro bono counsel, typically a large law firm.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect (Impact Litigation Only) | |
| Civil Rights (Impact Litigation Only) | |
| Delinquency (Impact Litigation Only) | |
| Special Education (Impact Litigation Only) | 1994 |

The Youth Law Center of San Francisco, California was established in 1978 to focus attention on legal issues affecting children at risk of being or who are in out-of-home care, specifically those in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, through litigation, legislative advocacy, education and technical assistance. The staff of eight lawyers teams with volunteer lawyers, and law students to provide representation in impact litigation cases nationwide. Clients are referred through social service agencies, health care professionals, other attorneys and community groups. Because of its national reputation, the Center receives applications from law students from all over the country for its summer internships. The Center offers self-trainings for CLE credit to volunteer lawyers. The Center has been responsible for significant impact litigation matters across the country. The Center's staff is supplemented by health care professionals, psychologists and juvenile justice/corrections specialists when needed. In August 1994, the Youth Law Center opened an office in Washington D.C. to focus on federal policy issues and advocacy on the east coast.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Status Offenders | Yes |
| Emancipation | Yes | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Status Offenders | Yes |
| Guardianships (Adult Obtaining Legal Custody for a Child) | Yes | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | Yes |
| Homeless Youth (Special Project) | | | |

Legal Advocates For Children & Youth (LACY) addresses the problems of children and youth in crisis through legal advice, advocacy, representation, referral, education, and systemic reform. Three staff attorneys and a social worker combine their skills to provide free, comprehensive legal and related social services to children and youth. LACY's areas of priority are the care, custody, and education of minors. Special programs offered by LACY are Homeless Youth Services, Emancipation and Guardianship Projects, Education Project, and Clearinghouse Services which includes information on minors' rights, advocacy assistance, and referral services for minors.

LACY utilizes volunteer attorneys, paralegals, law students, and mental health professionals to reach over 1200 children and youth a year. Cases are closely monitored through staff contact with the volunteers. Training is provided as needed, usually through four training sessions a year.

Referrals to LACY are through client word-of-mouth, Juvenile and Probate Courts, schools, social service agencies, health care professionals, other attorneys, and nonprofit organizations serving runaway and homeless youth.

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|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | Yes | Homeless Youth | |
| Adoption | | Immigration | |
| Blocked Trusts | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Civil Rights/Discrimination | | Special Education | |
| Emancipation | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits (AFDC, AFDC-FC, Youakim) | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardianships (Adult Obtaining Legal Custody for a Child) | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| HIV Positive Children | | | |

In 1995, Legal Aid of the North Bay began a program focusing on children's law in order to provide comprehensive legal services to the families that they serve. One full time staff attorney, four MSW graduate students and a clinical social worker work as a team with *pro bono* attorneys. Clients referred to the program from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys in the area as well as it's own intake system.

Legal Aid of the North Bay relies on a large network of volunteer attorneys, law students and other professionals in the community to assist with its caseload. Over 250 volunteer attorneys work with Legal Aid of the North Bay each year, and the children's law programs draws its volunteers from this larger pool. Law students gain valuable experience helping with the intake of new clients.

Training is offered to volunteers and others twice a year through sessions where CLE credit is available.

Legal Aid of the North Bay is involved in the bringing of impact cases on behalf of children. Some examples include: keeping a shelter open for homeless families; utilizing the closing of military bases to assist the homeless; wages and housing for dairy farm workers (directly affecting 87 children); habitability issues; and an installment sales class action.

Legal Aid of the North Bay is the only legal services office in the state of California which represents children. They are presently trying to replicate their successful model in other counties throughout the state.

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Morrison & Foerster has a strong tradition of providing free legal services to serve the public interest and those in need. The extensive pro bono program at Morrison & Foerster does work for children throughout the country. Below is a brief listing of some of the projects.

In June 1998, California voters approved Proposition 227, severely limiting the ability of public schools to provide bilingual education to students who speak little or no English. Following the enactment of Proposition 227, the attorneys from the San Francisco office negotiated a modified consent decree, based on a previously negotiated consent decree, that preserves bilingual education for Spanish speaking students in San Jose. With this victory, our clients became the first in the state to secure federal court approval of bilingual education.

The Denver office filed suit against the Colorado State Board of Education on behalf of a class of minor students and taxpayers from eleven school districts in Colorado for failing to provide minimally adequate public school facilities. The class action challenges the current system for funding capital construction of public schools in Colorado on the grounds that the system violates the thorough and uniform education, due process and equal protection provisions of the Colorado Constitution.

The Starbright Foundation brings together experts in the fields of pediatric healthcare, technology and entertainment to combat issues that seriously ill children face. Its mission is to develop innovative products and programs that improve the quality of life of these children. Attorneys in the Los Angeles office provide tax assistance and advice on proposed donations, counsel regarding corporate issues and provide general intellectual property advice.

Attorneys from the Los Angeles firm work with the Alliance for Children's Rights to represent the interests of minor children who need guardians or assist in the adoption of foster children. The firm provides in-house supervision of many of these cases.

Attorneys in the San Francisco office work through Legal Services for Children to represent the interests of minor children who need guardians because of their age. Supervision is provided in-house by a partner.

The San Francisco office works with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights to represent children who have been threatened with final expulsion from school.

A legal assistant in the Denver office serves as co-chair of the Hate Violence Task Force that works to educate teenagers, teachers and community members about Colorado's Ethnic Intimidation Statute and about diversity. Task Force members, which includes several attorneys from the Denver office present mock trials to 16 different schools and groups.

The Washington D.C. office is assisting the Living Educational Foundation establish a charter school by providing some legal advice on the project.

The San Francisco and the Los Angeles office have each adopted a school in their area. Contributions from the firms have included the production of a school newspaper; student performances in mock trials, plays and concerts; donations for books, school supplies, art programs, attendance at performing arts and sporting events, musical instruments and computer equipment; mock job interviews; and internships.

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| Immigration | 3/00 |

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network represents children detained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (I.N.S.) in Los Angeles in their immigration proceedings to attempt to secure the children's release from detention to family members when possible and to represent them at their hearings before an Immigration Judge. Representation is provided by two full-time staff attorneys, and through a pro bono project, funded by the American Bar Association and the Beverly Hills Bar Association. Volunteer lawyers are trained 1-2 times a year and mandatory continuing legal education credits are provided for the training. Approximately 25 volunteer lawyers are utilized at this time, with each lawyer generally taking one case a year. Each volunteer lawyer is mentored by a staff attorney. The office handles approximately 75 cases a year, and clients are referred from I.N.S. Volunteer law students are utilized as well.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Adoption | 1998 | Kinship Care | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Blocked Trusts | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |
| Guardianships | | | |

Sacramento Child Advocates, Inc. began in 1991 through the court, but currently exists as a nonprofit. Sixteen attorneys, nine social workers and two paralegals handle approximately 4,700 children's law cases each year. Volunteer attorneys, law students and other professionals are utilized as well. Volunteers handle a small number of cases, but also assist in providing training on issues such as trial skills to staff members. Attorneys interested in volunteering should send a resume and cover letter which lists their areas of interest.

The office does accept calls from children seeking legal information. Clients are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies and other attorneys.

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Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | Yes | Guardian Ad Litem (Represents Best Interests of Child) | Yes |
| Adoption | Yes | Homeless Youth | Yes |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Civil Rights | | Mental Health | |
| Constitution Issues | | Probate | |
| Delinquency | | Status Offenders | |
| Emancipation | Yes | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | | |

The Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center began as a federal demonstration project running from 1981 to 1984. It is now a nonprofit organization using lawyers and other professionals to represent poor children in Colorado. Clients are referred from many sources, including the media and general public. Volunteers are recruited through local bar associations, law schools and law firms, as well as seminars and newsletters. Extremely active in training, the Center co-sponsors a major annual conference and at least four other training sessions for which CLE credit is available. The Clinic uses multidisciplinary pro bono teams, including social workers, health care professionals, child development specialists and psychologists, who meet to staff cases and provide consultation to attorneys.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Peer Mediation | |

Lawyers for Children America, Inc. (LFCA) is a non-profit organization that began as a pilot in Hartford, Connecticut approximately three years ago to address the issue of youth and violence. As a national organization with affiliates in varying stages of development in Hartford, Connecticut, Washington, D.C. and Miami, Florida, Lawyers for Children America seeks to engage the private bar in pro bono work on behalf of children and youth.

LFCA's two major program components are advocacy and mediation. In the advocacy component, Lawyers for Children America draws upon the training, talent and compassion of private sector lawyers to volunteer their time to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children. To date, each site has approximately 50 active advocacy cases. Cases are generally assigned to a team, i.e., one or two lawyers and a paralegal or administrative assistant from the same firm, who will work together on the case. LFCA provides legal, social work and clinical support to the team assessing the case and the client's needs and in identifying and accessing appropriate social services for the child and family.

In the mediation component, Lawyers for Children America works with schools to teach children and youth a constructive language for resolving their disputes through mediation. Lawyers for Children America is currently providing ongoing support to 25 peer-based mediation programs.

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Medicaid | Yes |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | Yes |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardianships | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Homeless Youth | | | Yes |

The New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc. is a legal services office that has established a Child Law Unit to handle a variety of children's law issues. The Child Law Unit is staffed by one attorney and one paralegal who specialize in children's issues. Additional cases are referred to a panel of pro bono attorneys. Clients are referred from Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and local attorneys.

The New Haven Legal Assistance Association works closely with the New Haven Bar Association. Attorneys working as volunteers for the Child Law Unit are able to attend trainings offered by the New Haven Bar Association and clients who do not meet the income requirements of the Association are referred to a legal referral program operated by the New Haven Bar Association. Staff attorneys at the Child Law Unit often act as faculty for trainings of volunteers as part of the activities of the New Haven Bar Association.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Representing Children in Criminal Child Abuse Cases | | Mental Health | |
| Civil Rights | | Special Education | |
| Emancipation | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Status Offenders | |
| Homeless Youth | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Immigration | | Suspension, Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

The Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc. was founded in 1997 as a non-profit entity and based at the University of Connecticut School of Law with planning grant from IOLTA. The center handles 75 children's law cases a year. There are two staff attorneys and 16 students participate in the clinic. The Center uses law students as well as students from other disciplines (i.e. social work and psychology). The students are recruited from local law schools. Clients are referred by Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, and other attorneys. Training is provided for volunteers on a bi-monthly basis. The Center also uses psychologists.

The Center has a TeamChild program that pairs an attorney from the Center with a Public Defender in order to handle a child's civil legal issues and to improve the outcome for the child in the juvenile justice system; a medical-legal partnership project that places a Center attorney at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in order to provide comprehensive legal representation to pediatric patients of the Medical Center in matters affecting children's health, education and welfare; and a school based legal clinic that places a Center attorney at a local high school in order to handle some of the legal issues of the students.

The Center does handle impact litigation including a consent decree involving child welfare system and consent decree involving 3 juvenile detention facilities.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Family Law Custody and Visitation Disputes | |
| Information and Referral via Toll Free Hot Line | |

The Children's Law Center provides children with legal representation in family matters where there are allegations of abuse, neglect, drug and/or alcohol dependency, domestic violence or chronic conflict. CLC's Court Representation Program involves a team of attorneys and clinical social workers who provide comprehensive legal representation of children in contested custody and visitation proceedings. Attorneys are provided with consultation services from staff and volunteer social workers to provide them with better understanding of the developmental and emotional needs of their clients. CLC's Court Representation Program serves the Greater Hartford and Eastern Regions of Connecticut.

The Center also provides a toll-free statewide information and referral service to any caller with legal issues and problems regarding a child.

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LeBoeuf Lamb Greene & MacRae began a pro bono program in 1994. 10 lawyers and 2 paralegals handle approximately 12 pro bono cases a year representing children as guardian ad litem in abuse and neglect, guardianship and emancipation cases. Trainings are offered as needed. The firm receives referrals from the juvenile court, social service agencies and Lawyers for Children America, and the cases are then monitored through self reporting by the volunteer attorneys.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | |
| Adoption | | Kinship care | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Guardianships | | | |

The Office of the Child Advocate began in 2000 in response to requests by advocacy groups for a statutory mandate for representation of children. Three staff attorneys, 1 full time and 2 part-time social workers, and approximately 100 volunteer attorneys handle roughly 175 cases a year, primarily as guardian ad litem, but in some cases as attorneys advocating for the child's best interest. Aside from representing children, the volunteer lawyers assist in the recruitment of other pro bono attorneys. Law students and volunteers from other professions are utilized as well. Trainings for volunteers are offered 2-3 times a year. To volunteer a lawyer should fill out an application and attend a one day training. Cases are then assigned by the Child Advocate and monitored through self-reporting and calls from staff members.

The Office of the Child Advocate does accept calls from children, however calls from the public are referred to private attorneys. The Office's cases are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, the children themselves and other attorneys.

The Office also does advocacy regarding laws affecting children, community education and oversight of current policy within Delaware's Child Welfare Office. The Office has also filed amicus briefs in impact litigation affecting children, including "Brown/Cooper v. Division of Family Services" (constitutional right to counsel). The Office has a pro bono training manual, updated in 2002, available for distribution.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Kinship Care | |
| Adoption | 1997 | Medicaid and Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Civil Rights | | Mental Health | |
| Delinquency | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Health Law | | | |
| Immigration | | Guardian ad Litem (Represents the Best Interest of the Child) | |

The Children's Law Center, Inc. (CLC) began in 1996 and provides free legal services to at-risk children, their families, and foster and kinship caregivers in the District of Columbia. The Center's mission is to improve the lives of low- and middle-income at-risk children and their families by providing direct legal representation and advocacy and by offering training and technical assistance to the public and to other professionals. Clients are referred from Juvenile Courts, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. Volunteer attorneys and law students are recruited through local law firms and schools. Pro bono attorneys are trained and then teamed with staff attorneys or experience volunteer attorneys. Volunteers are also utilized in corporate and employment matters for CLC. Besides individual representation, CLC has initiated class action suits in the areas of foster home licensing and adoption subsidies. CLC also coordinates the Health Access Project by maintaining a full time lawyer at Children's National Medical Center to work with low income patients of the hospital on issues related to health.

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Covington & Burling's *pro bono* program traditionally has included representation of disadvantaged children and organizations dedicated to addressing their needs. Early in 1996, the firm renewed this commitment in its response to a city-wide call from the chief judges in the D.C. courts and the D.C. Bar for all lawyers to increase their *pro bono* involvement. It created the Child Welfare Initiative, and pledged to handle an increased number of custody and adoption cases and to draft legislation to improve D.C.'s child welfare laws. It also dedicated resources to a new rotation program; a Covington attorney and a paralegal now spend six-months on a rotating basis at the Children's Law Center handling custody and adoption cases. The firm's efforts have been acknowledged by a long list of awards including the American Bar Association *Pro Bono* Award in 1993 and ABA's Section of Litigation John Minor Wisdom Public Service award in 1998.

All of the firm's departments are committed to *pro bono* representation of children and the issues that affect them. In the past year, a wide range of legal services, including litigation, drafting incorporation documents, contracts, and legislation, securing tax exempt status, lease negotiations, copyrights, lobbying, and advice on real estate law, health benefits, liability issues, and general legal matters has been provided to: 21st Century School Fund, America's Promise, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Children's Defense Fund, Community Impact, Council for Court Excellence, D.C. Appleseed Center, District of Columbia Child and Family Services, Executive Office of the Mayor, Frank D. Bell, Sr. Scholarship Fund, Georgetown Children's House Endowment To Promote Quality Early Childhood Education, Girls Inc., Ivymount School, Kidsave International, Latin American Youth Center, Let Loose Learning, Inc., Marshall Heights Youth Development Program, Inc. , Medical Aid for Iraqi Children, National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, National Head Start Association, Oyé Palaver Hut, Inc., Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (Oak Hill), RUGMARK Foundation USA, Southern Anne Arundel Special Education Support Foundation, Inc., Tech Corps, Thurgood Marshall Academy, Inc., Toldot.org and Walden School.

The firm's commitment to children also is reflected in its 12-year-old partnership with Cardozo Senior High School, a public school with an ethnically diverse student population located in the heart of downtown Washington, D.C. The partnership takes many forms: a "Saturday Academy" in which firm personnel offer students enrichment classes held at the firm, summer employment at the firm for Cardozo students, technical assistance for the school's library, security system and computer network, "Family Night" dinners and entertainment for school staff and parents, and legal instruction to Cardozo's Street Law students as they prepare for the annual "Mock Trial" competition. In 2003, the firm launched a high school-embedded legal clinic at Cardozo in collaboration with Georgetown Law Center. The Clinic expanded in its

second year of operation, and now offers Cardozo students both legal services and social programs, the latter provided by the neighborhood-based Latin American Youth Center.

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|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Civil Rights | |
| Foster Care Rights | |
| Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |

Justice for Children (“JFC”) was started in 1987 by private attorneys “to educate and focus society on the systematic failure to protect victims of child abuse; to seek proper intervention and treatment for abused children; and to develop and implement solutions that enhance the quality of life for children who are victims of child abuse” (from the mission). JFC utilizes volunteer lawyers to intervene on behalf of abused children when child protection agencies and courts do not take action; advocate on behalf of children who are victims of abuse but who are forced to spend time with the offender; write amicus briefs; perform legal research and writing; make presentations within their community; train other lawyers and serve on the board of directors. JFC only advocates in cases of documented abuse. Trainings for volunteers are offered 4 times a year for CLE credit; interested lawyers should contact JFC via e-mail or telephone.

JFC has some manuals available for distribution including the *JFC Training Manual* and *Defending Against P.A.S. (Parental Alienation Syndrome) Allegations*. JFC does accept calls from the public and from children. Cases are referred from social service agencies, families or children, professional organizations and hotlines, law enforcement, district attorneys offices, etc.

The main headquarters of JFC are in Houston, and there are other offices in Arizona and Washington, D.C.

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|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |

Lawyers for Children America offers attorneys a unique opportunity to provide high quality legal services to children and adolescents who have been abused or neglected. By advocating on behalf of young people in the abuse and neglect system, volunteer attorneys ensure that children's emotional, medical, and educational needs are met. Lawyers for Children America volunteers also work hard to make sure that children are placed in loving, permanent homes as expeditiously as possible.

Lawyers for Children America not only trains volunteer attorneys, but also provides volunteers with ongoing support. Lawyers for Children America program directors assist volunteer attorneys in many ways; for example, program directors accompany volunteers to their initial hearings, consult with volunteers on cases, review pleadings, provide sample pleadings, offer technical legal assistance, inform volunteers about developments in the law, organize multi-disciplinary seminars, and help volunteers identify resources for children and families.

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|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect (Impact Litigation Only) | |
| Civil Rights (Impact Litigation Only) | |
| Delinquency (Impact Litigation Only) | |
| Special Education (Impact Litigation Only) | 1994 |

The Youth Law Center of San Francisco, California was established in 1978 to focus attention on legal issues affecting children at risk of being or who are in out-of-home care, specifically those in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, through litigation, legislative advocacy, education and technical assistance. The staff of eight lawyers teams with volunteer lawyers, and law students to provide representation in impact litigation cases nationwide. Clients are referred through social service agencies, health care professionals, other attorneys and community groups. Because of its national reputation, the Center receives applications from law students from all over the country for its summer internships. The Center offers self-trainings for CLE credit to volunteer lawyers. The Center has been responsible for significant impact litigation matters across the country. The Center's staff is supplemented by health care professionals, psychologists and juvenile justice/corrections specialists when needed. In August 1994, the Youth Law Center opened an office in Washington D.C. to focus on federal policy issues and advocacy on the east coast.

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| Abuse and Neglect | Yes | Homeless Youth | |
| Civil Rights/Access to Courts | | Immigration | Yes |
| Delinquency | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Emancipation | | Mental Health | Yes |
| Government Benefits | | General Education and Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | Yes |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | | Status Offenders | |
| Health Care Reform | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | Yes |
| HIV Positive Children | Yes | Suspension, Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | Yes |

Florida's Children First is a Florida Bar Foundation funded statewide partnership established in 1990 to advance children's legal rights in a manner consistent with their medical and education needs. Children First brings together the resources of the legal, medical and education professions through its Project members, namely the Children First Project of Nova Southeastern University, Southern Legal Counsel, the University of Miami School of Medicine, Florida Legal Services, and the Florida State University College of Law. It recruits volunteer lawyers on an as-needed basis.

Children First is active in policy advocacy on behalf of children at the state and local level as well as litigating major issues requiring systemic change. Two such impact cases are a statewide class action on therapeutic services for children in state custody and a statewide education adequacy lawsuit. Children First also develops and delivers specialized trainings and materials for lawyers, guardians ad litem, social workers, educators and doctors, and provides technical assistance and case consultation on cases referred by lawyers.

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|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Adoption | |
| Foster Care Rights | |

Founded in July, 2001 the Foster Children's Project represents foster children with a focus on achieving permanence within 12 months. All cases are court appointed. Six staff attorneys, one social worker, three paralegals and one case manager handle 400 cases a year. The organization would be able to utilize both volunteer attorneys and law students. The office does accept calls from the public and from children seeking legal information.

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|---|-------------------|
| Dependency | Yes |

A Statewide Office for Florida’s Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program works to provide administrative support and secure additional resources for the circuit GAL offices around the state. The mission of the State of Florida GAL Program is to advocate for the best interests of children who are alleged to be abused, neglected or abandoned and who are involved in court proceedings. Each judicial circuit has its own GAL office (to contact individual circuit offices, visit the official website at www.guardianadlitem.org). Each circuit program is supported by a local non-profit organization. Guardians ad Litem need not be an attorney; however the GAL program utilizes volunteer attorneys to represent the program (visit the website to volunteer).

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|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | 2002 | Kinship Care | |
| Emancipation | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | 2001 | Mental Health | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Probate | |
| Government Benefits | | Special Education | |
| Guardianships | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Health Care | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | 2001 |
| Immigration | | | |

This project began with the inception of the Legal Aid Society through the Orange County Bar Association in the mid 1960's. Currently 6 staff attorneys and 700 volunteer attorneys handle approximately 300-500 new cases a year. Trainings are offered to volunteer attorneys twice a year for mandatory CLE credit. Cases handled by volunteer attorneys are monitored through written requests for updates. Clients are referred by juvenile court. The GAL program does accept calls from the public and from children seeking legal information.

The program has the following manuals available:

- * **GAL's in Dependency Court--2002**
- * **GAL's in Family Law Cases—2001**
- * **GAL's in Criminal Court—2001**
- * **GAL Lay Volunteers--2001**

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|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Delinquency (Dispositional Advocacy) | |
| Family Law/Custody Disputes | |
| Mental Health Issues | |
| Special Education | |
| Suspension, Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

The Juvenile Advocacy Project (JAP) is a project of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc., a nonprofit organization started in 1955 which provides legal representation for children in Palm Beach, Florida. Approximately 350 children's law cases are handled each year by the staff consisting of 4 attorneys and 2 paralegals with the help of volunteer attorneys. Volunteers work with staff attorneys in handling cases, as well as providing assistance with the intake of information from clients and research. Clients are referred to the JAP Project from the Juvenile Court, Family Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, and other attorneys in the community. Volunteers are recruited through the local bar association, law firms and law schools. Trainings are offered to volunteers on an as-needed basis. The JAP Project works with social workers, child development specialists, and psychologists to assist in the preparation of cases.

The JAP Project has handled impact litigation. A recent suit brought in federal court challenges a school board policy of referring developmentally disabled children who "act out" as a result of their disability to the state attorney's office for prosecution without providing an appropriate alternative educational setting.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Peer Mediation | |

Lawyers for Children America, Inc. (LFCA) is a non-profit organization that began as a pilot in Hartford, Connecticut approximately three years ago to address the issue of youth and violence. As a national organization with affiliates in varying stages of development in Hartford, Connecticut, Washington, D.C. and Miami, Florida, Lawyers for Children America seeks to engage the private bar in pro bono work on behalf of children and youth.

LFCA's two major program components are advocacy and mediation. In the advocacy component, Lawyers for Children America draws upon the training, talent and compassion of private sector lawyers to volunteer their time to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children. To date, each site has approximately 50 active advocacy cases. Cases are generally assigned to a team, i.e., one or two lawyers and a paralegal or administrative assistant from the same firm, who will work together on the case. LFCA provides legal, social work and clinical support to the team assessing the case and the client's needs and in identifying and accessing appropriate social services for the child and family.

In the mediation component, Lawyers for Children America works with schools to teach children and youth a constructive language for resolving their disputes through mediation. Lawyers for Children America is currently providing ongoing support to 25 peer-based mediation programs.

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| Adoption | |
| Guardianships | |
| HIV Positive Children | |

Project Permanent Placement (PPP) is a project of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc., a nonprofit organization started in 1955 which provides legal representation for proposed adoptive parents or guardians for children in Palm Beach, Florida. Approximately 150 cases are handled each year by the staff consisting of 1 attorney and 2.5 paralegals with the help for 10 volunteer attorneys. Volunteers work with staff attorneys in handling cases, as well as providing assistance with the intake of information from clients and research. Clients are referred to the Project from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, and the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services. Volunteers are recruited through the local bar association, law firms and law schools. Trainings are offered to volunteers on an as-needed basis. The Project works with social workers and psychologists to assist in the preparation of cases. The Project does not handle impact litigation.

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|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Guardianships | |
| Adoption | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Immigration | |
| Delinquency | | Probate | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | yes | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |

Put Something Back (“PSB”) is a joint pro bono project of the Dade County Bar Association and the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. PSB acts as an umbrella agency for referrals to legal service providers and as a clearinghouse for lawyers who want to volunteer. Through partnerships with other agencies PSB volunteers are able to serve as guardian ad litem in contested family law custody cases, abuse and neglect cases and in domestic violence proceedings. Volunteers also assist teen clients in their transition to adulthood and review proposed settlements on behalf of children. Aside from taking cases volunteers assist with intake, and act as mentors and co-counsel. Trainings for volunteers are offered on monthly basis and continuing legal education is provided.

Cases are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, clients themselves and other attorneys. Calls from children and the public seeking legal information are accepted during normal business hours.

PSB has two manuals available for distribution, “A Child’s GAL in Custody Cases” and “Children: The Silent Victims of Domestic Violence.”

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Health Care | |
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Immigration | |
| Civil Rights | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Probate | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Special Education | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardianships | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

TeamChild began in April 1999 through a Florida Bar Foundation Administration of Justice Grant. This legal services office has two attorneys, a staff social worker and volunteer lawyers, law students and other professionals (e.g. social work graduates) who represent children as attorneys and handle approximately 30 cases a year. Clients are referred from juvenile court, schools and other attorneys, and calls from children and the public seeking legal information are accepted during normal business hours. Trainings are provided for volunteers quarterly and continuing legal education credit is offered for the training. If you are interested in volunteering contact the legal services pro bono coordinator John Fenno at the number listed above.

This legal services office also operates a TeamChild program, which is a coordinated effort between the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Public Defender's office, Florida Legal Services, and Legal Services of North Florida. TeamChild is directed towards helping juvenile

offenders with any civil issues that they may be encountering outside of the criminal charges that they may be facing. These issues may include educational problems, public benefits problems, such as obtaining SSI or Medicaid; or a need for counseling services.

The office does handle impact litigation. Recently the office represented Medicaid eligible children who were denied access to mental health and dental services.

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|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | |
| Homeless Youth | |
| Medicaid | 1993 |
| Mental Health | 1993 |
| Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | 1993 |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | 1993 |

The Advocacy for Invisible Children Project was begun in 1992 by the Georgia Legal Services Program to bring provide legal representation to children in Georgia in a number of related areas. Clients are referred by social service agencies and health care professionals. Training is provided for volunteers on an as needed basis. The Project employs health care professionals and psychologists on a case by case basis to assist in preparing cases.

The Project has been involved in bringing impact litigation. One recent case, David H. v. Ledbetter, involved the right of a child in a private psychiatric hospital to have access to counsel.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Family Law, including Divorce, Custody, Child Support | 1995 |
| Guardian Ad Litem (Represents Best Interests of Child) | 1995 |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |

The Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation (AVLF) was established in 1979 through an initiative of a local bar association as an independent non-profit organization. In the Guardian ad Litem Program, the pro bono attorneys represent the best interest of children whose parents are disputing custody in Fulton Superior Court in Atlanta. In 2001 55 attorneys handled 78 cases. This project was started with significant assistance from the local law firm of Long, Aldridge & Norman (see herein for additional information.)

In the SSI Kids Disability Project, a statewide project operated jointly by AVLF, Georgia Legal Services and Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, volunteers represent children whose SSI disability benefits were terminated due to welfare reform. The law firm maintains a statewide hotline used to provide parents information and to match them with pro bono attorneys.

Finally pro bono attorneys represent teenage girls in Juvenile Courts through referrals from Planned Parenthood.

Clients are referred to AVLF through the courts, social service agencies, other attorneys and former clients. Volunteer attorneys are actively recruited through the local bar, law firms, law schools and seminars to represent children. Volunteers work independently, reporting progress and results to the staff in writing, and call for back up assistance when needed. The two staff attorneys are assisted by one paralegal/office manager, two support staff and law students.

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The unique structure of the Guardian Ad Litem program at McKenna, Long & Aldridge involves employees of the firm from all departments. Instead of always assigning only a lawyer to each case, a team is frequently created, which can include a lawyer, a paralegal, and/or a support staff member, who may be anyone from a secretary to an accountant, or mailroom employee. Members of the teams operate as equals. All typing and clerical work is done by the lawyer's secretary, not by a team member. Non-lawyer team members prepare write-ups of interviews of witnesses, perform field research, or examine records in preparation for a recommendation to the court regarding the case. In Georgia non-lawyers can be guardians ad litem, but the firm has decided to use lawyers for that role with other staff members providing back up. Lay members of the team may testify in court under examination by the lawyer member of the team.

The Guardian Ad Litem program was started at McKenna, Long & Aldridge by convincing each senior partner to take a case. The pro bono committee was created simultaneously. The firm decided it wanted a project that all members of the firm could participate in, one that would provide valuable assistance to Atlanta while building a sense of community inside the firm as well. Debbie Segal of Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers (discussed herein), suggested a Guardian Ad Litem program, because she had been approached by a judge of the Superior Court concerning the lack of such a program. Juvenile Court had children's advocates on staff, but the judges from Superior Court had no systematic way to deal with the need for Guardian Ad Litem. When the firm approached the judges about creating a program, the court was very supportive.

The firm organized a training program, invited other firms to participate and created a list of lawyers available for assignments. There have been numerous live trainings since 1990. CLE credit is available. The trainings are for lawyers and non-lawyers and cover domestic law, psychiatric aspects of representation, child abuse, and how to work with social workers. Everyone who participates in the Guardian Ad Litem program has to go through the training. Pro bono time is not counted as billable time towards the billable goal, so lawyers who do participate are truly volunteering their own time.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Emancipation | | Mental Health | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Probate | |
| Government Benefits | | Special Education | |
| Guardianships | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Health Care | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| HIV Positive Children | | | |

The Georgia State University College of Law, together with partners Atlanta Legal Aid Society and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta created the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) in 2004 to improve the health and social well-being of low-income children and their families in Georgia. One of HeLP’s underlying premises is that by combining the health care expertise of hospital professionals with the legal expertise of attorneys, HeLP can provide a more holistic set of services to address the multiple determinants of children’s health. HeLP consists of four components—direct legal services, educational programming, advocacy, and research and evaluation.

HeLP provides on-site legal services through offices located at hospitals operated by Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. In addition to direct legal services, HeLP works to strengthen the long-term effectiveness of the legal services component by training law and health care professionals to understand and address the social needs and legal rights of low-income children and their families. HeLP provides an interdisciplinary in-service educational program about the legal, ethical, and policy issues that affect children’s health and well-being. This program includes in-service training and education for health care professionals at Children’s, Children’s social work staff, volunteer attorneys who work with HeLP, and medical residents and students

in training at Children's. These presentations cover topics such as family law, housing law, public benefits, and special education. HeLP's educational component has an informal aspect as well. Physicians and social workers call HeLP regularly for immediate answers to questions on issues such as the eviction process in Georgia, divorce matters, guardianship, and denials of Medicaid applications.

HeLP's educational component is an extension of HeLP's direct legal services component. HeLP is developing an interdisciplinary clinical education program in conjunction with the College of Law to provide education and client representation in areas of the law affecting low-income patients and their families. This program will provide additional case-handling personnel to HeLP's staff by using law students who will work under close attorney supervision. Law and health care graduate students will gain an understanding of the multiple determinants of children's health, experience in interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving, and preparation for dealing with the health issues of low-income families.

The HeLP advocacy component strives to improve low-income children's access to health care and the conditions that affect their health and well-being. Advocacy efforts focus on work at the legislative, policy-making, and government agency levels on issues such as Medicaid, Georgia's S-CHIP program (PeachCare for Kids), health insurance coverage issues, and other changes in law and regulations designed to improve the overall health and well-being of children.

HeLP utilizes volunteer lawyers, law students and other professionals. In addition to providing representation to children, volunteers provide research on substantive legal issues and prepare and present education seminars for health providers on matters of law affecting health and well-being of children. HeLP employs four staff attorneys and a paralegal.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Immigration | |

Catholic Social Services represents children detained by the Immigration and Naturalization Services (I.N.S.) in their immigration proceedings before an Immigration Judge. The office is staffed by two full-time attorneys, 1 part-time attorney, two paralegals and 2 volunteers, who receive case referrals from social service agencies, I.N.S. and Family and Children Services. Volunteer attorneys are trained as needed to handle approximately one case per year, and cases are monitored through self reporting and staff phone calls. Additionally volunteer lawyers handle appeals and staff a clinic. Law students and other volunteer professionals are utilized as well.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Health Care | |
| Adoption | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Homeless Youth | |
| Civil Rights | | Kinship Care | |
| Delinquency | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Emancipation | | Mental Health | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Probate | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Guardianships | | | |

Team Child Atlanta began in September 2001 at Atlanta Legal Aid with an Equal Justice Works Fellowship. The project serves children who have an active delinquency, dependency or status offense case at the Fulton County Juvenile Court. Team Child Atlanta works in partnership with the child, the child's family, the probation officer and the attorney representing the child in the active case to identify the underlying needs that led to court involvement, and advocates (and litigates if necessary) on the child's behalf to ensure that these needs are met. One full time and one part time attorney work with volunteer attorneys to handle approximately 80 cases a year. Aside from handling cases, volunteer attorneys assist in trial preparation and case investigation. The office also utilizes volunteer law students and other professionals. Trainings for volunteers are provided as needed. To volunteer contact the project director. The office does accept calls from the public and from children seeking legal information. Clients are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, clients themselves or other attorneys.

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|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | |
| Guardianships | |
| Mental Health | |
| Special Education | |
| Suspension | |

The Disabled Rights Legal Project was founded in 1989 to provide legal assistance to and bring impact litigation on behalf of disabled persons, including disabled children. The Project utilizes volunteer law students to assist the one staff attorney in handling approximately 30 cases for children each year. Recent impact litigation includes Shana S., et al. v. DOE, et al. which concerned identification, location and evaluation of children for special education and Felix et al. v. DOE et al. which concerned the provision of mental health services, programs and placements for children.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | |
| Adoption | | Immigration | |
| Emancipation | | Mental Health | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Status Offenders | |
| Guardianships | 11/99 | Represent children in criminal child abuse cases | |

Na Keiki Law Center began in 1999 through Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii (VLSH). The project currently has one staff attorney and utilizes volunteer attorneys recruited through the local bar association to handle cases and mentor other attorneys. Trainings for volunteer attorneys are offered as needed and the staff attorney teams with these volunteers to assist them on their cases. The Center represents children as guardian ad litem in about 100 cases a year and receives referrals from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other legal service organizations.

The Law Center also participates in "Project Visitation," which utilizes lay volunteers to bring together separated foster siblings for visits.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Adoption | |
| Civil Rights | |
| HIV Positive Children | |
| Mental Health | |

The ACLU of Illinois uses class actions for impact litigation involving children's issues. Approximately 15% of the yearly case load is children's law cases. Currently there are several large class actions pending which concern children's law issues. Clients have been referred by the courts, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. Volunteer lawyers, mainly found through personal contacts by staff members, team with the staff of eleven attorneys and work on impact cases involving the foster care system, state institutions for children, and other issues involving children's rights. Volunteer lawyers are trained on an as-needed basis. The ACLU uses social workers, health care professionals and psychologists to assist in case preparation.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROJECT

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | |
| Early Intervention | |
| Education | |
| Lead Poisoning | |

The Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. is the public interest law consortium of Chicago's leading law firms. From nineteen firms in 1969, the Chicago Lawyers' Committee has grown to 44 member firms today, including the deans of three prominent law schools. Each year, over 15,000 hours of donated professional legal services, with a value of over \$3 million were directed to civil rights issues by the Chicago Committee. Approximately 20% of the caseload (50-75 cases per year) currently involves children and their civil rights. The Children's Advocacy Project's two staff attorneys work with volunteer lawyers to represent children referred from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools and other attorneys. Volunteer lawyers are offered training on an as-needed basis and are teamed with a staff member in the handling of cases. Staff attorneys work on matters involving education and children's health issues.

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | X |
| Emancipation | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | X |
| Guardianships | X |
| Immigration | |
| Guardian Ad Litem for minors (court-appointed) | X |

Established in 1964, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation is the nation’s oldest, largest and most cost-effective provider of pro bono services to individuals. In 2004, over 1,800 volunteers handled 15,079 cases. CVLS volunteers help clients with non-fee generating, everyday civil cases including bankruptcy, family law, consumer fraud, minor and adult disabled guardianships, immigration, tort defense, wills, mortgage foreclosures and landlord-tenant matters. Additionally, CVLS is appointed to serve as Guardians Ad Litem (GAL) in contested or problematic minor guardianship cases in the Cook County Circuit Court Probate Division. GALs investigate the parties and the issues and make written reports to the court that includes a recommendation as to the child's best interests. CVLS’ staff works one-on-one with interested volunteers and provides comprehensive training materials. Clients are referred by the courts, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, attorneys and other legal aid programs. We accept calls from the public and from children seeking legal information during business hours. The representation of children is 6% of the overall pro bono program with the foundation handling approximately 600 children’s law cases a year.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Child Protection | 1993 | Guardian Ad Litem (Represents Best Interests of Child) | |
| Civil Rights | | Homeless Youth | Yes |
| Domestic Violence | | Immigration | |
| Emancipation | | Kinship Care | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Mental Health | |
| Government Benefits | Yes | Special Education | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | | Supplemental Security Income - Children's SSI Unit | |

The Children's Rights Project of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago was begun in 1984 to provide pro bono representation to children in the areas listed above. The main goal of the project is to represent parents and relative foster-parents involved with social services and juvenile court abuse/neglect/dependency proceedings, with an emphasis on obtaining those services needed to keep children safe in intact families. The Project also handles some special education cases, and represents potential adoptive parents. Clients are referred from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. Volunteer lawyers are recruited through the local bar association, local law firms and by word of mouth. Two major law firms in Chicago now work with the Project to provide volunteers, Sidley & Austin (see herein for additional information), and Katten Muchen and Zavis.

Training is offered to volunteers in a formal training program held once a year. Supplemental training is provided as needed. The staff contacts volunteers about potential cases and then monitors cases through telephone calls or by teaming a volunteer with a staff member. Social workers and psychologists are consulted to help in the preparation of some cases.

The Project has brought a number of impact cases. Some recent examples have been in the areas of homeless families, visitation, children's right to counsel, teen parenting issues and foster care benefits.

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Blocked Trusts | | Immigration | |
| Civil Rights | | Medicaid/Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Emancipation | | Mental Health | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Probate | |
| Government Benefits | | Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardian Ad Litem (Illinois statute provides attorney appointed as both attorney and Guardian Ad Litem for child unless conflict) | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

Approximately 38,000 children's law cases a year are handled by the Office of the Public Guardian of Cook County. In the Juvenile Division, attorneys act as attorney and guardian ad litem for virtually all abused and neglected children in Cook County. The office represents these children as soon as their parents are brought to court on charges of either abuse or neglect. A staff of 130 is supplemented with social workers, health care professions and volunteer attorneys at the office who always work under the supervision of staff lawyers. Clients are referred through the Juvenile Court and Domestic Relations Court.

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|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | |
| Government Benefits | yes |
| Guardianships | |
| Medicaid | yes |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | yes |

The Pro Bono Program began as a joint effort by Indiana Legal Services Inc. and local bar associations in 1994. Clients are referred from social services agencies, health care professionals and other attorneys. Approximately 120 volunteer attorneys are recruited through a local bar association, local law firms and the courts, and handle roughly 80 cases a year.

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|---|-------------------|
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardianships | |

Kids First Law Center began in January, 2005. Currently one attorney handles approximately 50 cases a year, representing children as an attorney. The offices utilizes volunteer law students to handle administrative work, research, memos, interviews with parents and briefs. They will begin utilizing volunteer lawyers in the fall of 2006 and will provide CLE training for these volunteers. Cases are received from social service agencies, schools, other attorneys or family law court. Calls are not accepted from children or the public.

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|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect (Including Representation of Children in Criminal Child Abuse Cases) | | Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | |
| Adoption | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Homeless Youth | |
| Civil Rights | | Mental Health | |
| Delinquency | | Probate | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

The Youth Law Center was founded in 1978 to provide legal representation to children in a wide range of issues. The Center is a full-service nonprofit law office for children, combining the skills of specially trained and experienced attorneys and caseworkers to help victimized and troubled children. Clients are referred from Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. Volunteer lawyers are recruited through local bar associations and law schools. Training is offered to law students. The Center also operates a state-wide toll-free Hotline for youth law issues and a list serve for child advocates. The Center also works on state legislative issues affecting children.

KANSAS

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Adoption | |
| Delinquency | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Foster Care Rights | |
| Guardianships | |

The Children's Law Unit was founded as a part of Kansas Legal Services. The Unit represents children in delinquency, family law custody disputes, dependency and termination of parental rights cases.

Kansas Legal Services also runs several programs:

The Foster Care Helpline provides free legal advice, legal representation and referral services to children in foster care and their foster families. Areas of assistance include: disability, special education, mental and medical health referrals, education decisions, emancipation/independent living, adoption and other issues related to foster care.

The Wichita Juvenile Mediation Pilot Project uses an alternative dispute resolution system known as mediation to resolve child welfare matters in a manner that is less divisive and time consuming than traditional court proceedings.

The Guardian ad Litem Support Center provides direct legal advice and representation to children, gives technical assistance to guardian *ad litem* attorneys, and provides continuing legal education to guardians *ad litem* statewide. The Center provides legal research, motion drafting, appellate assistance, pleading forms and serves as prosecutor or GAL and assists with termination of parental rights when needed.

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect (CASA) | Yes | HIV Positive Children | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Homeless Youth | Yes |
| Civil Rights | Yes | Mental Health | Yes |
| Delinquency | Yes | Special Education | Yes |
| Emancipation | | Status Offenders | Yes |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | Yes | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | Yes |

Since its start in 1989, the Children's Law Center has provided legal representation for children in Kentucky in a wide variety of children's law categories. Clients are referred from the courts, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. Volunteers are recruited through the local bar and law schools. The Center is associated with the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, from Northern Kentucky University. The law school and the Center co-publish the Kentucky Children's Rights Journal. The director, Kim Brooks, teaches at the law school as an adjunct professor and two students a year serve a fellowship at the Center. Pro bono attorneys work independently, with information and back up provided by the two staff attorneys. Training and written materials are provided on an as-needed basis. CLE credit is available. The Center has brought impact litigation challenging the confinement of children in adult jails and for failure to provide counsel for children who have been committed.

The Center also collaborates with Chase Law School in operating a children's law externship program.

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|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Mental Health | |
| Special Education | |
| Suspension and Truancy Issues | |

TeamChild is a collaboration with the Jefferson County Public Defender that began in 1999. The Public Defender represents youths in delinquency court while the Legal Aid Society staff accesses services for these clients such as the proper educational placement. These services may address the underlying causes of their delinquency and prevent the need for institutionalization. One staff attorney and one child development specialist handle approximately 50—100 cases a year. TeamChild does accept calls from the public and from children who are seeking legal information, however all clients are referred from the public defender. TeamChild is part of a general legal aid office.

LOUISIANA

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Guardianships | |
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Probate | |
| Family Law/Custody Disputes | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |

New Orleans Pro Bono Project began in 1986 in order to provide free civil legal services to indigent clients through volunteer lawyers. In 1998 they developed a specialized program in conjunction with the local juvenile court in order to represent children in child of need of care (abuse and neglect) cases. The Project utilizes 500 volunteers a year, in addition to volunteer law students and other professionals. The Child in Need of Care handled 40 cases in 2005.

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|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Delinquency | | Homeless Youth | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Family Law/Custody Disputes | 2002 | Education (expulsions, truancy, residency barriers, harassment in schools) | |
| Government Benefits (TANF, etc.) | | Mental Health | |
| Medicaid eligibility, prior approvals and EPSDT | | Medical-Legal Collaboration at Children's Hospital | |

KIDS Legal Aid of Maine, a project at Pine Tree Legal Assistance, officially launched in May 2004, with 3 staff attorneys and an intake assistant. (telephone: 207-774- 8246 or instate 1-866-624-7787). Clients are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys and the child him/herself. In addition to general advocacy for low-income children (including education, benefits and housing issues), KIDS currently includes a medical/legal collaboration with a local children's hospital (KIDS Family Advocacy Program) and a "Team Child" initiative focused on tribal children and youth. KIDS Legal Aid of Maine provides: direct representation of children and youth in civil matters (or through their parents), trainings to youth, parents, legal professionals and community providers, consultations to professionals in Maine working with low-income youth, and an annual KIDSLAW conference.

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Special Education | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| Guardianships | | | |

The Harford County Bar Foundation is a non-profit community resource providing education and referral services to the residents of Harford County. It provides placement of financially disabled individuals and their families with qualified Harford County attorneys who provide pro bono legal services. It also places income eligible individuals with attorneys from Harford County who will represent them on a reduced fee basis. The project began in 1991 through a bar association. The program has one staff attorney and a ½ time paralegal and is overseen by attorneys at Legal Aid. Attorneys who want to volunteer can call the office to sign up.

The Harford County Bar Foundation also serves as a community resource directing the public to a broad range of local and state private and public programs for services. Calls are accepted from the public and from children seeking legal information. It also is a source of education providing a better understanding of the legal system among members of the public and promoting the continuing legal education of members of the Harford County Bar Association.

The Harford County Bar Foundation is funded solely on grants, donations, fund raising activities and the generosity of Harford County attorneys who donate their services.

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Guardianships | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Emancipation | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |

HERO represents income eligible residents of Maryland, including children, who are HIV positive with legal issues that arise from their physical condition. The project has on staff four staff attorneys, three social workers, two paralegals, two health care professionals and one psychologist. HERO utilizes volunteer attorneys, law students and other professional, and offers training for volunteers. Those interested in volunteering should contact the pro bono coordinator.

HERO accepts calls from children and the public seeking legal information. Cases are referred by social service agencies, health care professionals, other attorneys and clients themselves.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | yes | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardianships | | | |

The Law Foundation of Prince George's County began serving clients in 1989 and currently handles approximately 1500 children's law cases a year. Staff includes 1 full time and 3 part time attorneys, 3 paralegals and volunteer lawyers and law students are regularly utilized. The organization provides monthly training for volunteers and volunteer attorneys handle cases and provide advice to pro se litigants. Cases are received from social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, self, other attorneys, courts and elected officials.

Calls are accepted from children and the public Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Immigration | |
| Adoption | | Kinship Care | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Family Law/Custody Disputes | | Mental Health | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Guardianships | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Health Care | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |
| Homeless Youth | | | |

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. began in 1981 through a contract with the state, and is now a statewide general civil legal services office, with 20% of all cases being children's law. The office represents children in 2/3 of Maryland's jurisdictions. Fifty staff attorneys, 15 paralegals, 2 child development specialists and one social worker handle 7,500—10,000 children's law cases a year, representing the children as attorneys. The project also utilizes volunteer lawyers, law students and other professionals. Volunteer lawyers handle cases, assist with trainings and provide mentoring. Trainings for volunteers are offered as often as needed; interested lawyers should contact the Human Resources Department.

Legal Aid does accept calls from the public and from children. Cases are referred from juvenile courts, social service agencies, schools and health care professionals. The office has handled impact litigation in the past and currently provides input to ongoing cases.

Manuals for distribution are available on Maryland practice and conflicts of interest.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect (Civil Cases) | |
| Mental Health | |
| Special Education (Services for Children with Disabilities) | Yes |
| Suspension/Expulsion | |

Established in 1978, the Maryland Disability Law Center handles a number of cases a year involving children with disabilities. The Center is staffed by 14 attorneys and 8 paralegals. Clients are referred from the courts, schools, social service agencies, health care professionals and other attorneys. The Center has teamed with the Maryland Bar Association to maintain a panel of pro bono attorneys who are available for special education cases that arise throughout the state. Cases are assigned through the bar association. Pro bono attorneys work independently once they are assigned a case, but back up is available from the staff attorneys. Volunteers report significant case progress in writing or by calling the Center. Training is provided to volunteers on an as-needed basis. Psychologists, psychiatrists, or nurses are sometimes used as consultants on cases. The Center is a Protection and Advocacy office and has brought impact cases, including a class action against a school district in violation of IDEA and a class action involving hospitalization of children and adolescents beyond the recommended discharge date.

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Impact Litigation Only
25% Children's Law

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| Legal Assistance Provided in All Areas of Children's Law That Result in Systemic Change Through Impact Litigation | No Manuals Available |
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The Public Justice Center (PJC) is a Maryland non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and expanding the legal rights of the under represented. For more than a decade, the PJC has been committed to Children's Rights Law. In the early 1990's, the PJC successfully litigated a case involving the delivery of special education for youth incarcerated in adult prison, as well as a child abuse case that resulted in key reforms in the Baltimore City Department of Social Services.

In 1996, the PJC published a report entitled *A Dream Deferred: A Report on Barriers to Education for Homeless Children and Youth*, which focused on Maryland's failure to comply with key provisions of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. This Act required states to remove barriers to educating homeless children. As a result of the PJC's report, the Maryland State Department of Education has issued a comprehensive Action Plan responding to each of the PJC's recommendations for remediation.

Most recently, the PJC's Statewide Juvenile Justice reform Project is the centerpiece of our Children's Rights focus. Through this innovative project, the PJC plans to reform Maryland's juvenile justice detention system by: (1) developing a model of reform that will encourage the use of detention alternatives for "non-violent" juvenile offenders; and (2) developing legal strategies aimed at improving programming and conditions for detained youth.

MASSACHUSETTS

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Does Not Use
 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect; Termination of parental rights | 2006 |
| CHINS (status offenses) | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | |

The Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) was created by the legislature and is funded by the state to provide counsel services throughout the Commonwealth to all indigent parties who are entitled to assigned counsel in Massachusetts. The Children & Family Law Program of CPCS trains and certifies lawyers to represent indigent parents and children in state intervention cases (child abuse and neglect and parental rights termination cases), children in Children in Need of Services (CHINS) cases, and parents and children in any other child custody or guardianship proceeding in which the state or a licensed child custody agency is a party. Separate training and certification requirements govern attorneys assigned to represent children in delinquency cases. The central administrative staff certifies, provides training to, and oversees private attorneys and manages several staff offices throughout the Commonwealth.

The Program offers a basic training program which attorneys must attend to obtain certification before accepting assignments. The Program also monitors completion of continuing education requirements by attorneys so that they can maintain their certification. These continuing education credits are available through programs offered by the Program and relevant programs offered by bar associations and other entities and institutions. The Program also offers a separate, additional, mandatory training that is required for attorneys who wish to be assigned appeals.

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 Attorneys

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|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| ADA | | Mental Health | |
| Employment | | Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | |
| Housing | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | | Public Access | |

Making its start in 1979 as part of the Protection & Advocacy Foundation, the Disability Law Center, Inc. has become involved in representing disabled children in many aspects of their lives. The staff of 16 lawyers and 2 paralegals work with volunteers recruited from local law schools and seminars. Over 50 children's law cases a year are handled by staff and volunteers. Some volunteers work in-house with the staff while others are assigned cases which the volunteer then controls. The staff is always available for support and information. Training is provided on an as-needed basis. The Center also works with social workers, child development specialists, health care professionals and psychologists. Impact litigation cases handled by the Center include enforcing the provision of ongoing special education services to a child in a residential placement, enforcing the provision of education services in the least restrictive environment, and enforcing the provision of Medicaid funded personal care services to children living at home.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Interagency Service Disputes | |
| Adoption | | Mary Moe (Judicial Permission for Minor Abortion) | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | 1997 | Special Education | 1999 |
| Fair Hearings with Agencies for Services | | Status Offenses | 1998 |
| Guardianships for Minors | | Suspension/Expulsion | 1999 |
| Guardian Ad Litem (Represents Best Interests of Child) | | Youthful Offender | 1998 |
| Homeless Youth | | | |

In 1977 two attorneys founded the North Shore Children's Law Project which has since become the Children's Law Center of Massachusetts. The Law Center provides legal representation to low-income and indigent children who are abused, neglected, runaways or delinquent; children with special education and mental health needs; and children with multiple human service problems. Child development specialists and psychologists are employed in appropriate cases. The Law Center has brought significant lawsuits to enforce special education rights and sibling rights. And, from time to time, the Law Center has filed Amicus Briefs regarding the rights of juveniles in delinquency matters.

The Children's Law Center employs an innovative and comprehensive approach to its child and adolescent services, which combines information and referral assistance, direct representation and statewide training of attorneys, human service providers, educators and youth. The agency seeks to ensure that youth have the legal and social services support they need to complete their education and maintain safe, secure and healthy lives for themselves and their families.

In 1996, the Law Center created the Children's Pro Bono Program in response to the growing number of requests for legal assistance in special education and school exclusion matters that it received from students and families who are unable to afford legal assistance. The Pro Bono Program enables the Law Center to educate the larger legal community about the unmet needs of children and to increase the agency's capacity to serve its child-clients. The Law Center provides volunteer attorneys with substantive and procedural training and appoints each attorney an experienced attorney mentor in order to ensure the highest quality of representation.

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Attorneys

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Government Benefits | | Medicaid and Early Periodic Diagnosis Treatment | |
| Guardianships | | Mental Health | |
| Immigration | | Special Education | |
| Housing | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) was founded in 1993 as part of the Pediatrics Department at Boston Medical Center. FAP provides low-income children and their families with legal representation on a host of issues to improve child health by ensuring that families' basic needs are met. FAP staff includes six attorneys, 3 post-grad fellows and an outreach coordinator, as well as 30-40 students each year (undergraduates, law, public health, medical and education graduates), and a host of volunteer attorneys. Last year FAP served over 1,000 families; about 60% of cases are extensive advice and counsel, 20% are full representation, and 20% are referred out to pro bono counsel. Volunteer lawyers receive formal training and are teamed with a staff attorney who monitors cases through phone calls, written requests for updates and self-reporting by volunteer attorneys. Families are referred for assistance by Boston Medical Center health care providers who are trained by FAP staff to recognize legal red flags. FAP staff then partner with the relevant professionals (e.g. social workers, child development specialists, psychologists, etc.) at Boston Medical Center to address the problem identified by the provider and family. Besides taking cases, volunteer attorneys also assist the program through research, training development and by staffing a clinic.

FAP conducts trainings for hospital personnel on a variety of legal issues. The program also identifies issues of concern to a variety of patients and advocates for policy changes to make government services more responsive to the needs of patient-families.

FAP was the first program of its kind in the country and there are now over 25 sites across the US in hospitals and clinics, partnering legal services and pediatric health care providers. FAP is supported by a variety of state, federal and foundation grants, including IOLTA funds.

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|---|-------------------|
| Serious Delinquency Offenses | |
| Youthful Offender (trying juveniles as adults) | |

The Youth Advocacy Project (YAP), established in 1992 as an initiative of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) which is the state agency in Massachusetts charged with providing legal counsel to indigent defendants, is a community-based advocacy project whose mission is twofold: YAP ensures that young defendants facing delinquency and youthful offender charges will receive comprehensive, quality legal representation, including the identification of community-based alternatives to state intervention; and YAP will work to prevent initial or repeat court involvement by incorporating legal, social work, psychology, and community outreach efforts to address the impact of human service issues on urban young people. To achieve this mission, YAP offers legal representation, training and consultation, clinical assessment and testing, service planning, referrals, and social service consultation. In addition to the development of a comprehensive approach to advocacy for each individual client, YAP also has focused its attention to the communities in which it operates. The Youth Advocacy Project works as a proactive, community partner with local organizations, schools and programs to develop new services and identify existing resources that meet the needs of young people in Boston's neighborhoods. YAP's community-focused advocacy benefits young people who currently are court-involved as well as those who are at risk of initial or repeat court involvement.

The Youth Advocacy Project is staffed by a Project Director, two Supervising Attorneys, and four Staff Attorneys. In addition to attorneys, YAP employees an Assistant Director, 3 Social Workers, a Community Liaison, a Psychologist and a Community Outreach Worker. Each professional on the YAP team has an area of expertise and a role to play in the advocacy for each young person YAP represents.

The Youth Advocacy Project offers representation and advocacy to youth who are, or are at risk of becoming, court-involved. YAP targets its services for youth ages 11 to 17, but has provided direct services to children as young as 7 years old and young adults as old as 22.

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|---|-------------------|
| Education Law | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Government Benefits | |
| Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Special Education | |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |

The Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts (LACCM) is a civil legal services program that provides free legal assistance to low-income people. Children's rights is one of its priorities. The program has a Families & Children's Law Unit, staffed by 5 attorneys and 1 paralegal, which provides representation in the areas of education, family law issues, and government benefits. Impact litigation brought by the LACCM includes a suit involving the denial of emergency food stamps and a case arguing against inappropriate criteria for temporary absence in AFDC cases.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | 1997 |
| Guardianships | 1998 | Suspension/Expulsion | |
| Probate | | | |

In 1978 Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) began as a project of the Boston Bar Association, but has now become a separate nonprofit organization that is staffed by eight attorneys and two paralegals. VLP recruits volunteer attorneys and law students through local bar associations, law firms and law schools as well as by offering free trainings. VLP utilizes 600 volunteer attorneys to handle 450 cases a year in a variety of legal matters for low income, U.S. citizens who are Boston area residents.

In the areas of children's law, VLP recruits and trains pro bono attorneys to represent children in SSI matters and to represent relatives or friends raising children who wish to formalize their arrangement through guardianship or adoption. These volunteer lawyers are mentored by the staff or by experienced pro bono attorneys.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Civil Rights | |
| Foster Care Rights | |
| Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |

Justice for Children (“JFC”) was started in 1987 by private attorneys “to educate and focus society on the systematic failure to protect victims of child abuse; to seek proper intervention and treatment for abused children; and to develop and implement solutions that enhance the quality of life for children who are victims of child abuse” (from the mission). JFC utilizes volunteer lawyers to intervene on behalf of abused children when child protection agencies and courts do not take action; advocate on behalf of children who are victims of abuse but who are forced to spend time with the offender; write amicus briefs; perform legal research and writing; make presentations within their community; train other lawyers and serve on the board of directors. JFC only advocates in cases of documented abuse. Trainings for volunteers are offered 4 times a year for CLE credit; interested lawyers should contact JFC via e-mail or telephone.

JFC has some manuals available for distribution including the *JFC Training Manual* and *Defending Against P.A.S. (Parental Alienation Syndrome) Allegations*. JFC does accept calls from the public and from children. Cases are referred from social service agencies, families or children, professional organizations and hotlines, law enforcement, district attorneys offices, etc.

The main headquarters of JFC are in Houston, and there are other offices in Arizona, Michigan and Washington, D.C.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Truancy | yes |
| Foster Care | yes |
| Transition to Independent Living | |

Children's Law Center of Minnesota (CLC) is a statewide 501(c)(3) exempt organization which opened its doors on October 2, 1995. CLC has a rich history of collaboration among attorneys, social workers, youth workers, judges, teachers, pediatricians, and other children's advocates working to improve the lives of children in Minnesota. In 1989, an interdisciplinary group of child advocates organized the first Law for Children Conference in Minnesota. The purpose was to increase the effectiveness of child advocacy in Minnesota. Such multidisciplinary cooperation gathered support from the Minnesota State Bar Association and Hamline University Law School leading to the formation of the autonomous Children's Law Center of Minnesota.

CLC's mission is to promote the rights and interests of Minnesota's children, especially those of children of color and children with disabilities, in the judicial, child welfare, health care, and education systems.

CLC has a two pronged approach to child advocacy. It provides direct representation through discrete projects and it engages in policy discussions regarding child welfare reforms including impact litigation.

Since opening, CLC's activities include: (1) implementing two representation projects using volunteer attorneys, the Foster Child Advocacy Project (FCAP) where CLC is appointed to represent the child in foster care and the Volunteer Attorney Truancy Intervention Projects (VATIP) which is modeled after the successful Atlanta, Georgia, project to encourage the child to stay in school; (2) providing technical assistance to Ramsey County Unified Court Pilot Project; (3) serving on the Minnesota Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care and Adoption and the Minnesota Supreme Court Juvenile Protection Rules Committee; (4) designing and organizing two comprehensive training manuals for attorneys, judges, social workers, and truancy workers; (5) organizing and

assembling two comprehensive training manuals for volunteer attorneys; (6) serving as a friend of the court in important cases affecting children; and (7) co-sponsoring the December 1995, multidisciplinary Children's Health Care Symposium, Taking Care of Minnesota's Children.

Modeled after Philadelphia's Support Center for Child Advocates, CLC uses a multidisciplinary approach to representation. Besides the executive director who is both an attorney and a social worker, CLC has on staff one full-time and one half-time social worker and one full-time and one half-time staff attorney. The Law Center recruits pro bono attorneys for its projects. CLC obtains CLE credits for its training programs which are scheduled as needed.

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The Children & The Law Section is a project of the Minnesota State Bar Association which began in 1990. The Section currently staffs high school legal clinics where volunteers do on-site consultation and screening for the students. The clinics are coordinated through an agency called the Volunteer Lawyers Network (612-752-6655). Volunteer attorneys are recruited through Section members and bar association meetings.

The Section holds training sessions at least once a year to staff the high school clinics, as well as one hour of CLE training at a monthly meeting.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | 10/98 |
| Civil Rights | | Mental Health | 10/98 |
| Emancipation | 10/98 | Special Education | 10/98 |
| Government Benefits | 10/98 | Status Offenders | |
| Foster Care | 10/98 | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

Twenty percent of the case load of the Southside Office Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, or approximately 200 cases a year, are children's law cases. The Youth Law Project is devoted to working with at-risk youth in Hennepin County through the Southside Office. The office was established in 1978 and is staffed by one full-time attorney, and one half-time attorney and one half-time paralegal. Working with local law schools and the Minnesota Justice Foundation, an organization established to encourage pro bono work by law students, the Society represents children in a variety of legal areas. Clients are referred from Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other lawyers and word of mouth. Training is provided as needed. Some training qualifies for CLE credit. The Society was responsible for impact litigation regarding foster care payments for children in relatives' homes.

MISSISSIPPI -- [NO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED]

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| Civil Rights | |
| Mental Health | |
| Special Education | |
| Suspension/Expulsion | |

The Children's Legal Alliance began in 1999 through a partnership between Legal Services and a private donor. The Managing Attorney and Social Worker handle about 60 cases a year, and utilize law students and social work students in their practice. The Children's Legal Alliance focuses on the unmet educational and mental health needs of economically disadvantaged children and youth. Cases are referred through the juvenile public defender and from within legal services.

MONTANA -- [NO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED]

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| Adoption | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | 1998 |
| Guardianships | 1998 |

The Volunteer Lawyers Project is a Statewide volunteer legal services project and referral network founded on the belief that all citizens should have access to the legal system, regardless of ability to pay. Established in 1982 as a project of the Nebraska State Bar Association, VLP seeks to match people who have civil legal problems with attorneys who are willing to provide legal assistance on a pro bono, reduced fee, contingency fee, or full fee basis. Providing pro bono or reduced-fee legal services to those low-income people who need legal assistance is the primary goal of the Program. Any attorney who is an active member of the Nebraska State Bar Association may participate in the program.

Cases are referred from social service agencies, other attorneys, courts and Nebraska Legal Services. Volunteer lawyers are recruited through the bar association, and trainings are provided as needed. One staff attorney, 1 full time paralegal and 1 part time paralegal distribute a list of cases or call volunteers regarding potential cases, and volunteers are monitored through written requests for updates and self reporting. Approximately 50 pro bono attorneys each handle 1 children's law case a year. Volunteer Lawyers Project is willing to handle areas other than those described above depending on the interests of the volunteer lawyers.

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Does Use Volunteer
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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |

The Children's Attorneys Project began in October, 1999 through a Task Force composed of judges, court administrators, legislators, professors and others. The six full-time attorneys represent children as attorneys in abuse and neglect cases, and receive referrals from juvenile court, social services agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. The project utilizes law students, works with the William S. Boyd School of Law's clinical program and has begun a *pro bono* program for attorneys to represent children. Trainings for volunteer attorneys will be conducted as needed. Last year volunteer lawyers donated 10,000 hours to pro bono representation.

NEW HAMPSHIRE -- [NO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED]

NEW JERSEY

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The Association For Children of New Jersey Children's Legal Resource Center does not offer direct representation of children, but does recruit and train pro bono lawyers who are then assigned cases in two (2) areas of law - termination of parental rights cases and children's SSI appeals. These training programs are co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Association. Volunteer attorneys are recruited through advertisements in legal publications and bar association mailings. In exchange for taking one pro bono case, attorneys are provided comprehensive training and a manual, free of charge. The Center does use volunteers for projects other than litigation.

The Center provides extensive information and assistance primarily through telephone inquiries, training and publications on the status of New Jersey law affecting children. These services are available to lawyers and interested individuals and cover a comprehensive list of children's issues. Written materials are available in the areas of abuse and neglect, family law custody disputes, guardianships, and law guardians. A manual regarding the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, Pro Bono Attorney's Manual (1998); a book covering the general rights of children in New Jersey entitled You Have The Right (1990); and a 1992 manual covering foster care are available upon request.

The Children's Legal Resource Office is staffed with 3 attorneys.

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 100% Education Law

Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Homeless Youth and Education | Yes |
| Special Education | Yes |
| Suspension, Expulsion and Other Public Education Issues | Yes |

Education Law Center, Inc. (ELC) is a not-for-profit, public-interest law firm specializing in reform of the public elementary and secondary school systems in New Jersey. Founded in 1973, ELC provides free legal assistance to parents, students, their organizations, and concerned individuals who encounter individual or system problems in public school education. ELC also maintains a community education program to inform individuals of educational rights, monitors the impact of federal and state judicial decisions, legislation, and regulatory activity on public education, and is involved in drafting and commenting on legislation and administrative regulations that concern education. ELC is staffed by three attorneys who work with volunteer lawyers to handle approximately 1,000 cases each year. In addition to the three attorneys, the center has a director of school reform initiatives, a director of research, a community liaison, and an intake coordinator/office manager. Clients are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys in the community. Volunteers are recruited through the local bar association, local law schools and through legal service agencies. Training is offered to volunteers on an as-needed basis. Staff members are teamed with volunteer attorneys who, along with handling cases, also assist in writing and updating publications. In addition to the written materials listed above, ELC also has materials pertaining to HIV positive children.

ELC brings extensive impact litigation. Abbott v. Burke, a class action in behalf of poor and minority children residing in poor urban districts, resulted in a June 5, 1990 landmark decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court declaring school funding for poor urban schools unconstitutional and requiring the State to assure more funding for poor children than for wealthier children because poor children have greater education needs.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Housing | |
| Emancipation | | Immigration | |
| Family Law/Custody | | Status Offenses | |
| Government Benefits | | SSI | |
| Homeless Youth | | Suspension/Expulsion/Truancy | |

Covenant House New Jersey is the largest provider of services to homeless and at-risk adolescents between the ages of 16 and 21 and provides not just shelter but a comprehensive array of supportive services that help young people to not only stabilize their crises, but also to transition to a stable living environment, where they can continue to progress in their life goals. The Youth Advocacy Center at Covenant House New Jersey offers direct legal services to the clients of Covenant House and engages in policy initiatives to best serve homeless and runaway youth.

The attorneys at the Youth Advocacy Center primarily provide direct representation in civil matters including: custody and child support, public benefits, housing, and foster care cases. Many of the clients at Covenant House have criminal legal issues as well and the legal staff helps these clients to understand the criminal process and to better communicate with their court appointed public defender. The direct services aspect of the Center began in the fall of 1998.

The Center's second major area of work revolves around advocacy efforts to shape public policy in a way that is beneficial to the clients served by Covenant House. Those efforts include lobbying Congress around juvenile justice issues and drafting, proposing, and generating support for a state Homeless Youth Act to give minors the right to seek crisis shelter without the permission of a parent or guardian. The staff at the Center strongly believes that the provision of direct service and interaction with their clients should inform and shape the policy work of the Center.

NEW MEXICO -- [NO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED]

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Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Education | yes |
| HIV Positive Children | |
| Homeless Youth | |
| Immigration | |
| Special Education/Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | yes |
| Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | yes |

Advocates for Children of New York, Inc. (AFC) is a non-profit organization started in 1988 that provides a full-range of educational support, legal and advocacy services for parents, young people and professionals. AFC works in partnership with New York City's most impoverished and vulnerable families to secure quality and equal public education services for every public school child in New York City. AFC works on behalf of all children, with a particular emphasis on children that are at greatest risk for school-based discrimination and/or academic failure due to factors such as poverty, ethnicity, disability, race or sex discrimination, homelessness, domestic violence, and/or teen parenting. AFC's program is carried out by a multi-racial, bilingual staff of attorneys, educational specialists, policy analysts and trainers. AFC's five key program areas are individual advocacy, impact advocacy, workshops and training, public policy and informal dissemination. Clients are referred from social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys in the community and parents of children with legal needs.

In February and March 1999, AFC, Legal Services of New York (LSNY) and Volunteers for Legal Services (VOLS) co-sponsored training programs for attorneys from major firms in New York that are interested in representing parents and children on a pro bono basis on education-related matters. The goal of this initiative is to build and institutionalize a strong network of firms in New York City that are committed to pro bono educational work and a strong coalition of referring agencies that can provide a sophisticated level of support for pro bono attorneys.

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Neighborhood Services Planning and Coordination | |

Agenda for Children Tomorrow (ACT) is a joint project of the City of New York and a coalition of not-for-profit agencies and organizations. Started in 1989, ACT is working to make social services easy to use and easy to find by improving the delivery and coordination of health and human services and economic development on a neighborhood level. ACT has chosen its first ten community districts and has developed "local collaboratives" in five of these communities. These "collaboratives" include service providers, coalition leaders, city officials, residents and others who have a stake in the community. ACT provides the funding for a local planner who works with each group on identifying and solving the problems of each community. ACT will develop a strategic plan that ultimately will address the needs of all 59 community districts in New York City.

ACT regularly uses volunteer attorneys, recruiting them through the local bar association and law firms. Training is provided on an as-needed basis. The legal staff at Sullivan & Cromwell, on a pro bono basis, has helped design an effective interagency case management protocol and has helped ACT consider the role that Family Court can have in the creation of a network of neighborhood based services.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardianships | |
| HIV Positive Children | |
| Domestic Violence | |

The Children’s Law Center (CLC), incorporated in 1997, is a not for profit law firm composed of 14 lawyers, paralegals and social workers. CLC is appointed by the court to represent children in custody/visitation, guardianship and domestic violence cases in Brooklyn and Bronx, NY, and handles over 3,000 cases as attorneys and law guardians. Volunteer lawyers are utilized, based on their experience, for writing, research or client representation.

The Children’s Law Center is also a clinic through Brooklyn Law School, in which 30 law students handle approximately 50 cases under the supervision of the Executive Director.

CLC does not accept calls from the public or from children.

CHILDREN'S PROJECT

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Immigration | |
| Government Benefits | | Special Education | |
| Health Care | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Housing (Landlord/Tenant) | | | |

Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) works to increase pro bono civil legal services to New York City's poor. VOLS has a number of different projects for volunteer lawyers to serve vulnerable New York City populations, and to assist poverty law offices. The VOLS Children's Project, which began in 2001, is an undertaking by volunteer lawyers who work with doctors and social workers at local hospitals to improve health outcomes for poor children through the provision of free legal services. The Children's Project has recruited seven law firms to be matched with seven participating hospitals. Hospital social workers refer cases directly to the contact person at the matched law firm. VOLS monitors the project by regular requests for case activity reports from each law firm. Current participating law firms include Cravath, Swaine & Moore; LeBoeuf, Lamb Greene & MacRae; Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; Patterson, Balknap, Webb & Tyler; Pillsbury Winthrop; and White & Case. Law firms interested in participating in the Children's Project should contact VOLS.

In addition to providing legal services, the project organizes workshops for the participating medical and social work teams to familiarize them with basic legal issues in the areas of housing, benefits and immigration law, thereby enabling them to be part of the advocacy process. Training sessions are also held for the volunteer lawyers on medical and social issues facing children and their families served by the project.

The Children's Project does not accept calls from the public seeking legal assistance.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | |

Children's Rights, Inc. began in 1995 to continue the work begun by the Children's Rights Project of the ACLU, which was formed in 1973. Children's Rights, Inc. is at the forefront in the fight for the rights of poor children in the custody of child welfare agencies across the country. With an annual budget of nearly two million dollars, a staff of seasoned litigators, and a growing public policy department, Children's Rights combines the power of the courts and the assistance of expert partners to improve services for abused and neglected children.

Children's Rights now has six child welfare systems under some form of court supervision and five others before the courts. Equally importantly, Children's Rights is drawing from its experience to evaluate the long-term effect and limitations of impact litigation, and, based on its own analyses and partnerships with experts, identifying new and more effective means of creating and sustaining long-term change. In all instances, Children's Rights recognizes that no one approach works everywhere and that the needs of children must come before those of any government bureaucracy or courtroom strategy.

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Homeless Youth | |
| Emancipation | | Housing | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Immigration | |
| Government Benefits | | Medicaid | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Mental Health | |

The Covenant House Legal Department provides direct legal services to the residents of the agency's homeless shelters in Manhattan, and to low income residents of the Bronx, Queens and Brooklyn who are working with Covenant House non-residential programs. All of the clients in the agency's shelters are homeless, "push-out," and/or runaway adolescents. Typically clients are between the ages of 16 and 21. The majority of their legal problems pertain to family and immigration law matters. The Legal Department's domestic relations work includes child custody disputes and child support motions. The Legal Department's staff of three attorneys, one paralegal and several law students works with volunteers to handle 150 cases a year. Volunteer lawyers are recruited through the local bar association and law schools and trainings are provided as needed. Volunteers are utilized to provide direct representation, conduct research and work on policy issues. The Legal Department works with in-house social workers, health care professionals and psychologists.

The Advocacy and Legal Services Office also works on policy issues on behalf of kids, on a local, state and federal level. The staff and volunteers analyze bills and government policy, meet with officials regarding policies, and provide testimony on proposed bills.

Legal services are provided to youth involved in several Covenant House programs. For example, Covenant House runs school programs in seven schools which provide tutoring and academic services to youth. Covenant House also runs a crisis center and a transitional skills program. Participating in these programs allows these kids access to the Advocacy and Legal Services Office.

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Attorneys

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|---|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| Adoption | | Guardianships | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Homeless Youth | |
| Civil Rights | | Immigration | Pamphlet/ Guide |
| Consumer Issues | | Mental Health | |
| Contracts | | Orders of Protection | Yes |
| Delinquency (Advice) | | Patent/Copyright | |
| Emancipation | Pamphlet | Special Education | Pamphlet |
| Family Law Custody Disputes (Child Support/Paternity) | Pamphlet | Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/SSD/Survivor & Dependency Benefits | Pamphlet |
| Government Benefits | Pamphlet | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | Pamphlet |

The Door's Legal Services Center is part of a multi-service alternative youth center that opened in 1972. It provides direct representation and information to children and young adults about their rights under the law. In addition to the areas listed above, The Door's Legal Services Center is also involved in employment, foster care and housing issues, living wills, health proxies and guardianships. Clients are referred from the courts, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. Volunteer lawyers are recruited through the local bar, law firms, law schools, and with the help of Volunteers of Legal Service, Inc. (discussed herein). Training is offered to volunteers four times a year and on an as-needed basis. Volunteers may work independently, or with the staff attorneys. The staff attorneys are assisted by a paralegal. Volunteers handle cases, help train clients to handle their own cases, or hold legal trainings for social workers and other professionals who work with children. Legal Services has created a law-related education curriculum that is taught in high schools and GED classes. Volunteers are trained to

conduct legal education workshops throughout New York City. The Door maintains an extensive, multi-lingual, library of instructional pamphlets to teach clients how to handle problems concerning immigration, benefits, education, family law and street law. Pamphlets are distributed throughout New York State and copies are available upon request to anyone. In addition to the legal staff, the project provides over 70 services including, complete health care, vocational and college counseling, intramural sports, a free weight room, creative arts classes, complete counseling services ranging from individual therapy to group workshops, GED and English classes, and a nursery. The project employs social workers, child development specialists, health care professionals, psychologists, and teachers.

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Attorneys

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | Yes | HIV Positive Children | |
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Voluntary Foster Care Approval and Review | Yes |
| Law Guardian | | | |

Lawyers for Children provides free legal and social work services to children who come before the family courts of New York City in abuse, neglect, termination of parental rights, custody, visitation and foster care proceedings.

Attorneys and social workers at Lawyers for Children work to ensure that a child who must be placed in foster care finds a temporary home where he or she feels safe and wanted. And they reduce the time a child must spend in foster care by advocating for court ordered plans that will achieve permanency for children by helping them to return to their families or speed their adoption.

Lawyers for Children employs a collaborative system of child advocacy. Together, our social workers and lawyers evaluate the background, needs and desires of our clients. Attorneys inform the court of a child's plight and plan the legal strategy that will insure that a child's rights are protected.

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Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Immigration | |
| Delinquency | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Mental Health | |
| Government Benefits | | Probate | |
| Law Guardian | | Status Offenders | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Homeless Youth | | | |

The Juvenile Rights Division of The Legal Aid Society was established in response to a mandate issued by the New York State Legislature in 1962 that required children to be represented by counsel in the State's new Family Court, and provided that such services could be obtained by contract with a legal aid provider. The Division has approximately 131 attorneys. In 1997, these attorneys, with the invaluable assistance of numerous paralegals, social workers, support staff, investigators and volunteers represented over 45,000 of New York City's children. Volunteers are increasingly an important part of this effort. Volunteers are recruited through law schools, seminars and by word of mouth. Training for volunteers is provided on an as-needed basis after which they are supervised by a staff attorney. CLE credit is available only for in-house staff training.

Volunteers are welcomed in all aspects of the Division's practice, but there are two areas in which volunteers are especially welcome. One is the Appeals Bureau Project which represents children in appeals from a variety of juvenile matters arising in the Family Court. Volunteer are provided with sample briefs and work closely with a senior appellate attorney. Secondly, the Division has developed a Post Termination Review Project through which attorneys represent children at post termination reviews which address the status of children who are freed for adoption but not yet adopted. The purpose of these reviews is to ensure that these children achieve permanence.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Government Benefits | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Immigration | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Special Education | | | |

Legal Services for Children began in 1999 as a nonprofit organization. Currently 5 staff attorneys, 1 social worker, 1 paralegal and volunteer attorneys handle approximately 750 cases a year, representing their child clients as attorneys. Trainings for the volunteer attorneys are offered periodically, and a staff member teams with the volunteer in order to monitor the pro bono cases.

Legal Services for Children, Inc. accepts calls from the public and from children who are seeking legal information. Cases are referred from social services agencies, schools, health care professionals, clients themselves, other attorneys and other legal service organizations.

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Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Government Benefits | |

The Center was founded in 1965 and engages in legal representation and policy advocacy around the country to improve the administration of cash assistance, Medicaid, Food Stamps, and Child Care. A major part of the program involves direct participation in significant litigation around the country, support of such litigation by others and encouragement of the involvement of the private bar in welfare cases. The office regularly utilizes volunteer attorneys and law students who handle cases and provide training and counseling to community groups. The staff attorneys provide assistance to the volunteers.

The Center has launched a Low Income Networking and Communication (LINC) Project to provide technology capacity-building assistance to low-income grassroots organizations and coalitions and promotes the use of technology as a critical strategy for organizing on economic security issues. More information about LINC can be found at www.lincproject.org.

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Focus on Foster Care

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Young People's Rights in the Child Welfare System | Yes |

Youth Advocacy Center was founded in 1993 to work to empower foster care youth to advocate for themselves and for changes in the child welfare system that respond to their needs. The heart of YAC's program is its Advocacy for Success Seminar. YAC holds semester-long seminars for groups of foster care teens. The curriculum for these seminars, which meet weekly for three hours, focuses on the development of advocacy and negotiation skills that help the students succeed in the world after foster care. It teaches teens concepts and skills they need to set goals for themselves, make and implement plans to reach these goals, and overcome obstacles along the way. YAC graduates hold jobs and attend college. Its success is prompting program expansion and preparation for replication of this unique program.

NORTH CAROLINA

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Civil Rights | | Kinship Care | |
| Delinquency | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Emancipation | | Mental Health | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Special Education | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits (TANF, food stamps, etc) | | Status Offenders | |
| Guardianships | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Health Care | | Suspension/Expulsion and Truancy | |

Advocates for Children's Services ("ACS") began in 2000 as the Mental Health Unit of Legal Services of North Carolina and has evolved into a separate nonprofit agency. ACS focuses on providing free legal representation for children who are in need of medical, psychiatric, special education and foster care/adoption services to which they are entitled under state and federal law. ACS utilizes volunteer attorneys, law students and other professionals, along with 3.3 staff attorneys, a paralegal, a teacher and a health care professional, to handle approximately 200-250 cases a year.

Cases are referred to ACS through juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, self, health care professionals, foster parents and other attorneys. Volunteer lawyers presently assist staff as co-counsel or through research or consultation. Trainings for volunteers are offered as needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the program director.

ACS does handle impact litigation by picking issues of systematic injustice or by taking cases that represent many others. ACS takes them through appeals and does public education about the specific cases.

The agency does accept calls from children and the public who are seeking legal information. ACS has a foster parents' rights manual that assists foster parents in protecting their foster children's rights.

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 Attorneys

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|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | Yes Statewide | Guardian Ad Litem (Custody, domestic violence and Juvenile Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Cases) | |
| Adoption | | Law Guardian (Delinquency and Mental Health Cases Representing the Expressed Interests of the Juvenile) | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | Yes |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | Yes | Status Offenders | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | Yes |

In 2006 the Council for Children (founded in 1979) and the Children's Law Center (founded in 1985) merged to become The Council for Children's Rights. Twelve attorneys and eleven advocates and professional staff provide a full range of research, advocacy and legal services for children and serves thousands of children in the community ever year. Clients are referred from the courts, schools, social service agencies, health care professionals and other attorneys. Lawyers and community members are welcomed as volunteers.

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Associated with a Court

Does Use Volunteer

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Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | Current |

The North Carolina Guardian Ad Litem Program was created by the state legislature passed in 1983 which requires the appointment of a community volunteer training to be a guardian ad litem (GAL) together with an attorney advocate. These two individuals work as a team to promote the best interests of any child who comes before the courts because of abuse or neglect by his or her parents or caretakers. Every district court in the State of North Carolina has an office through which GAL volunteers can be trained and put to work. Currently approximately 90 part-time attorneys work and are paid as attorney advocates. These attorneys worked with a over 3,000 GAL volunteers last year, handling an estimated 15,000 cases.

Volunteers, who can be either attorneys or interested individuals, are recruited throughout the state. Methods include newspaper ads, billboards, outreach to local bar associations, law firms, law schools, the courts and civic groups. A mandatory 20-hour training program (some offices offer more) is provided along with 12 hours of in-service training to all volunteers. The GAL Program also is sponsoring a pilot project to provide pro bono attorneys to represent children in abuse, neglect and dependency matters.

NORTH DAKOTA -- [NO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED]

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Guardians Ad Litem | |

ProKids was created in 1981 by the Hamilton County Juvenile Court, the Cincinnati Bar Association and the Junior League of Cincinnati out of a concern for children in Hamilton County, Ohio who had been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. ProKids provides CASA's court appointed special advocates for children who have been abused or neglected. Funding is provided by United Way, victims assistance funds, grants and hundreds of donors.

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | Updated Annually |
| Delinquency | Updated Annually |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | Updated Annually |
| Judicial Bypass Cases (Abortion Notification Bypass) | |
| Status Offenders | |

Established in 1980 by the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, the Guardian Ad Litem Project currently handles 3,500 children's law cases each year. Staffed by one full-time director/administrator, the actual representation of the children referred by the Juvenile Court is handled by specially trained lawyers. Approximately 325 lawyers participated in the Project last year through the direct representation of children as well as service on various task forces and committees whose goals include the development and advocacy of policies and legislation for the best interests of children and juvenile justice. Project attorneys have access to assistance from social workers, child development specialists, health care professionals, and psychologists through a "resource bank" of volunteers for the program. Training sessions are offered four times a year with CLE credit available. Impact litigation is not handled by the Project.

TEAMCHILD AND CHILDREN'S PRACTICE GROUP

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Does Use Volunteer

Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Medicaid and Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Mental Health | |
| Government Benefits | | Special Education | |
| Health Care | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Homeless Youth | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Kinship Care | | Suspension/Expulsion and Truancy | |

This project began when the Legal Aid Society decided to focus on children's advocacy as a result of community input. The Children's Practice Group engages in advocacy including representation, advice, and referrals related to a range of issues including school discipline and special education, children's mental health, GAL and linkages to juvenile delinquency. Clients are referred from court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, the client him or herself and other attorneys. The office handles approximately 150-200 cases a year and utilizes volunteer lawyers, law students and other professionals. Training is offered for volunteers and mandatory continuing legal education credit is available.

The program has two impact projects (both non-litigation):

- 1) In the "Keep Students in School Project," staff
 - a) Engage in community education around issues of zero tolerance;
 - b) Works closely and collaboratively with Cincinnati Public Schools to revise policies and develop programs to reduce the numbers of children put out of school for disciplinary reasons. Outcomes have included abolishing expulsions for students in kindergarten through third grade and creating alternative programs in lieu of out-of-school suspension and expulsion so that thousands of students are remaining in school instead of being expelled to their homes and streets; and
 - c) Works with Cincinnati Public Schools to promote Positive Behavior Supports as a

tiered system of interventions to respond to challenging student behavior.

- 2) Staff created a "Special Education Work Group" made up of leaders of all child-serving agencies that interface with Cincinnati Public Schools. The goal is to improve delivery of services, compliance with laws and improve educational outcomes for students with special needs or needing interventions.

The program does accept calls from the public and children seeking legal information. If an attorney is interested in volunteering he or she should contact the agency's executive director.

OKLAHOMA

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Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Foster Care Rights | |
| Adoption | | Guardianships | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Homeless Youth | |
| Civil Rights | | Probate | |
| Emancipation | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |

OILS is a legal aid office that provides civil legal services to low-income Native Americans in Oklahoma. It began through a law firm and is still associated with that firm. OILS provides services to people in five general areas: children's issues, property, tribal sovereignty, housing, and property. 10 staff attorneys and 4 paralegals also utilize law students and volunteer lawyers, and they represent approximately 150 children a year. Clients are referred from juvenile court, social service organizations, other attorneys and tribes. Training is provided for volunteers. The office also handles impact litigation.

OILS has available a Handbook on the Indian Child Welfare Act, Edition 9.1 (CD Rom), 2006 (\$30.00).

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | yes | Mental Health | yes |
| Adoption | yes | Representing children in criminal child abuse cases | yes |
| Guardianships | yes | Special Education | yes |
| HIV Positive Children | | | |

The Oklahoma Lawyers for Children (OLFC) began in 1997 by a group of private attorneys. There is one paralegal on staff who coordinates 191 active volunteer attorneys and monitors their cases. These volunteers are recruited through a local bar association, law firms, law schools and seminars. Trainings are offered two times a year. The cases are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, public defenders and other attorneys, and are then handled entirely by volunteers. The project also utilizes volunteer private investigators and court reporters.

OLFC has also established a mediation program with four volunteer mediators/attorneys.

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Does Use Volunteer
 Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | yes |

Tulsa Lawyers for Children began in the spring of 2000 and currently handles approximately 125 children’s law cases a year with the assistance of 80-90 volunteer attorneys. The office also utilizes law students and other professionals and provides trainings for volunteers a minimum of once quarterly. In addition to handling cases volunteer attorneys also mentor less experienced attorneys. Tulsa Lawyers receives a case when a juvenile judge determines the need for an attorney other than the Public Defender (who is automatically appointed to every case unless there is a conflict) and at that time a volunteer lawyer is assigned. Lawyers interested in volunteering should contact the office.

Tulsa Lawyers does have a manual prepared by the organization’s Director of Program and Professional Services which is updated before each training. The manual includes information on juvenile law statutes, procedures applicable to abuse and neglect cases, the role of the child welfare agency, the role and duty of a child’s attorney.

Calls are accepted from the children and the public for the sole purpose of referrals to appropriate agencies.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Appellate and Legislative Advocacy on Children's Issues | | Immigration | |
| Civil Rights | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | yes | Special Education/Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Status Offenders | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

The Juvenile Rights Project began initially as a branch of a legal aid agency and now operates as a separate nonprofit organization. The Project is staffed with 17 attorneys and 8 paralegals. The JRP defense unit acts as a children's public defender firm. JRP attorneys are appointed by the juvenile courts to represent children in delinquency, dependency, and termination of parent rights cases at the trial and appellate level. The advocacy unit of JRP functions like a children's legal services office. It is staffed by attorneys and a social worker, in order to have an inter-disciplinary approach. The advocacy unit provides information, individual and class representation, administrative and legislative advocacy, technical assistance and training throughout the state. The Project does not recruit volunteer attorneys, but works in cooperation with the Oregon Law Center, to refer appropriate cases to volunteer lawyers recruited by that organization. A research bank is maintained by the Project which includes information on materials covering a wide variety of children's legal issues.

The Project works with social workers, child development specialists, health care professionals, psychologists and education specialists when bringing impact litigation. Two examples of class actions brought by the Project are: 1) a case attacking the practice of holding juveniles in an adult detention facility prior to trial and; 2) a case challenging the health conditions and standards at a juvenile facility.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|
| Medicaid and Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Mental Health | |
| Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children and Children with Serious Emotional Problems) | 1995, 1997 |
| Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | 1993 |
| Education Rights of Children in Placement | 1994 |

The Education Law Center has been representing the health and education needs of children since 1975 with a focus on poor children, children of color, children with disabilities, English language learners, children in foster homes and institutions and others. Clients are referred from social services agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys, advocacy groups and former clients. The Center has published several manuals, reports and fact sheets, many of which are published on their website. Six attorneys and three paralegals staff the Center. Impact litigation handled by the Center has included a case concerning the established right to compensatory education under IDEA and representation of a class of Asian refugee students.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | 2004 | Emancipation | 2003 |
| Adoption ** | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Mental Health | 2006 |
| Civil Rights | | Status Offenders | |
| Delinquency | | Truancy | |

The Juvenile Law Center was formed in 1975 to provide pro bono representation to children in Philadelphia in a wide range of legal areas on behalf of children who have come within the purview of public agencies (for example foster children or delinquent youth). The staff of five attorneys and two paralegals, with the help of volunteers, litigates key cases in state and federal court, including appellate advocacy, writes amicus briefs, works with academic researchers to develop sound public policy, trains lawyers, judges and professionals who work with children, educates the public, advises the executive and legislative branches of state and federal government on the effects of proposed legislation or regulations on children, serves as a resource to the media and answers telephone inquiries or questions asked to our website.. Law students are recruited through local law schools. Lawyers who contact the Center wishing to volunteer do not directly represent clients, but assist the staff with legal research and occasional class action suits. Training is provided on an as-needed basis. The Center also works with social workers, child development specialists and psychologists.

JLC has several publications, including a 'Know Your Rights' booklet for dependent youth (2006), which can be accessed via their website.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Immigration | |
| Adoption | | Kinship Care | |
| Civil Rights | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Probate | |
| Family Law Custody Dispute | | Special Education | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits (TANF, etc.) | | Status Offenders | |
| Guardianships | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Health Care | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |
| Homeless Youth | | | |

KidsVoice is a nonprofit organization, begun in 1984, that handles approximately 5,000 children's law cases a year. Twenty-two staff attorneys work with seventeen full time child advocacy specialists (experts in development, drug and alcohol abuse and domestic abuse) to represent children primarily in abuse and neglect cases. This multi-disciplinary approach represents a new model of advocacy that permits KidsVoice to take full account of the child's needs and provide comprehensive child advocacy in the most effective and efficient manner. Attorneys working on these cases are able to represent children in many of the collateral issues that arise, for example, in their special education or delinquency cases.

The office does utilize volunteer lawyers, law students and other professionals. Currently

volunteer lawyers consult on issues such as immigration, trusts and estates, and personal injury matters, however KidsVoice is starting a *pro bono* program in spring, 2003. Lawyers who want to volunteer should call the legal director, Eleanor Bush.

The office does not accept calls from the public seeking legal information, however calls are accepted from children. Cases are received from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys and from children themselves.

KidsVoice does handle some impact litigation brought in conjunction with other law firms, and it submits amicus briefs on some cases.

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Does Use Volunteer
Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Immigration | yes |

Started in 1996 as a separate, nonprofit organization, the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center represents unaccompanied immigrant children in their deportation hearings. One staff attorney, an accredited representative and volunteer attorneys and law students handle roughly 20 cases a year. In the past, trainings for volunteers has taken place once a year and mandatory legal education credit is offered for the training. Besides taking cases volunteer lawyers also enforce detention standards for immigrant children. If lawyers are interested in volunteering, they should call the center. The center does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information.

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | Yes | HIV Positive Children | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | Yes | Probate | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | Yes | Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | Yes |
| Government Benefits | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | Yes |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | | | |

The Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP) is funded largely by The Philadelphia Bar Association, and The Philadelphia Bar Foundation. It was started in 1981 as a project of The Philadelphia Bar Association, but is now a separate nonprofit organization. Clients are referred from Community Legal Services, Philadelphia Legal Assistance, and other agencies to the staff of 2 attorneys and 3 paralegals. Volunteer lawyers are recruited from local law firms and law schools and training seminars. VIP holds frequent training seminars for attorneys wanting to know more about representing the indigent. CLE credits are available at the training sessions, the price for which is acceptance of one VIP client referral. Impact litigation cases are accepted for possible referral to volunteer lawyers.

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 Attorneys

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|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | |
| Foster Care | |
| Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | |

Started in 1969 in affiliation with the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights, the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia now represents children in civil rights cases which include access to health care and education. The staff of eight attorneys works with health care professionals and psychologists as well as a small number of volunteer lawyers whose help is solicited directly by a staff member. A number of impact cases have been handled by the Center including actions to open classes to disabled students, a Medicaid case to expand services to all eligible children, and an action to end unequal education provided to racial minorities.

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect (Including Representation of Children in Criminal Child Abuse Cases) | 1999 | HIV Positive Children | 1995 |
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Extended Family Caregivers | | Mental Health | 1995 |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | 1995 |
| Kinship Care (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | 1992 | | |

The Support Center for Child Advocates is Philadelphia's lawyer volunteer program for abused and neglected children, providing legal assistance and social service advocacy to more than 500 children each year. The Support Center is one of the most successful volunteer models serving children in the country, with 200 active volunteers. Each child receives the service of one of seven staff social workers, who are teamed with volunteer attorneys throughout the term of representation; the agency is also staffed by four attorneys who provide technical assistance and service on special projects.

Support Center legal and social services are offered to child victims in four Core Programs: a). Child Abuse and Neglect; b). Medically Needy Children; c). Kids 'N Kin and d). Adoption. The agency represents child victims in criminal prosecutions for child abuse, and children who are parties to civil dependency proceedings. Special service initiatives include: the Children's Paralegal Program, offering paralegals and legal assistants the opportunity to serve children in casework, legal research and initiatives for systemic reform; Kids 'N Kin: The Caregiving Program, a joint venture that provides in-home legal and social services to relative caregivers; and Volunteer Attorneys for Medically Needy Children, an advanced volunteer program targeted at children with serious medical needs. Clients are referred from the Juvenile Court, the District Attorney, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. Volunteers are recruited from law firms, corporate legal offices and solo practitioners in the Philadelphia legal community. A full-day training (CLE credit) and half-day Courtroom Observation are offered semi-annually.

RHODE ISLAND -- [NO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED]

SOUTH CAROLINA -- [NO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED]

SOUTH DAKOTA -- [NO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED]

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Does Use Volunteer

Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Emancipation | | Mental Health | |
| Family Law Custody Cases | yes | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Health Care | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Immigration | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |
| Medicaid and EPSDT | | | |

This program began in July of 2006 within a legal services office. In addition to staff attorneys this project employs two domestic violence advocates with advanced degrees and utilizes law students and volunteer lawyers. In the last year, the Legal Aid Society has offered direct representation to 482 children and 5,244 children have indirectly benefited from services to their families. This program does accept calls from the public and from children seeking legal information.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Guardianships | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Medicaid and EPSDT | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits | 2000 | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | 2001 |

The Volunteer Lawyers Program began through the efforts of private attorneys in 1979 and presently exists as a separate nonprofit organization. Volunteer lawyers are recruited through a local bar association, local law firms and seminars. Approximately 5% of VLP's 350 volunteer lawyers handle children's law cases as guardian ad litem. Cases are referred through social service agencies, health care professionals, other attorneys and self-referrals. Nine attorneys and three paralegals call volunteers regarding potential cases, and cases are monitored through calls from staff and self-reporting. Trainings are offered once a year for continuing legal education credit. Aside from case representation, attorneys also volunteer to be community education speakers, seminar presenters and to assist by advising clinics and helping with fundraisers. VLP has a manual produced in 1998 and updated in 2000 entitled Rights as a Dependent Child in State Custody.

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | |
| Civil Rights | | Medicaid and EPSDT | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Family Law Custody Cases | | Special Education | yes |
| Government Benefits | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Health Care | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |

West Tennessee Legal Services (WTLS) began doing children's law cases as part of their overall work in 1994. WTLS has 10 staff attorneys, 10 paralegals and 2 social workers currently on staff. Approximately 40 volunteer lawyers are utilized each year, and volunteer law students could be utilized as well. Trainings for volunteers are offered as needed. Cases are assigned through a *pro bono* coordinator and monitored through calls to volunteers, written requests for updates, volunteer mentors and self reporting. To volunteer, contact the agency.

The office has handled impact litigation, a recent example being a case on special education policy and procedure conformance with IDEA and due process.

Calls are accepted from the public and from children seeking legal information. Cases are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys, and children themselves.

TEXAS

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Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Immigration | |

This program began in May 2002 when the center began representing children in their immigration proceedings who were housed through a separate Catholic Charities program. Volunteer attorneys are utilized to handle individual cases, and training is provided for CLE credit. The program employs four staff attorneys, and handles approximately 70 children's law cases a year.

The program does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information. Clients are referred through the Unaccompanied Immigrant Children Program of Catholic Charities, other attorneys or the children themselves.

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | 1998 |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardians Ad Litem | |
| Immigration | |
| Law Guardians | |
| Representing Children in Criminal Child Abuse Cases | |
| Special Education | |

The Center was started in April, 1998 by a private attorney and a social worker with assistance from the ABA Section of Litigation Task Force on Children (now the Children's Rights Litigation Committee). The primary goals of the center are to provide direct representation for children; develop broad community involvement, education and advocacy; promote systematic reform; and develop community based support of both volunteers and paid legal and social service professionals. The Center presently handles approximately 60 cases a year, about 80% of which are handled by volunteer attorneys. Clients are referred from Children's Court. The Center received a grant in 2001 to represent unaccompanied immigrant children in their deportation proceedings. The Center has 1 staff attorney and 1 paralegal in addition to their volunteer attorneys who are recruited through local law firms and the local bar association. The Center also uses volunteer social workers who work with the volunteer attorneys on some cases as a team. Training is provided for volunteers and CLE credit is given for trainings.

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 Director

A Project of a Bar Association

Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | 1998 |
| Emancipation | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Name Changes | |

The Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program began through Legal Services of North Texas in 1983 and with the Dallas Bar Association in 1992 with an alliance between the two entities beginning in 1997. The Program handles other cases besides children's law cases. Clients are referred from Juvenile Court, Social Service Agencies, schools, health care professionals and attorneys. The Program regularly uses volunteer attorneys, law students, and other professionals who are recruited through the local bar association, local law firms, local law schools, and through seminars. There are currently two attorneys and four paralegals on staff. There are approximately 1,000 volunteer attorneys a year who handle approximately 700 cases a year. Besides taking cases, volunteer attorneys also give advice, mentor, mediate, do community education, and train and recruit other volunteers. Training is provided to volunteers at least four times a year, and volunteers are also offered support and malpractice insurance. Continuing legal education credit is given for the trainings.

JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN

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Jim Shields
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A Separate Nonprofit Organization
 100% Children's Law

Does Use Volunteer
 Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Civil Rights | |
| Foster Care Rights | |
| Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |

Justice for Children (“JFC”) was started in 1987 by private attorneys “to educate and focus society on the systematic failure to protect victims of child abuse; to seek proper intervention and treatment for abused children; and to develop and implement solutions that enhance the quality of life for children who are victims of child abuse” (from the mission). JFC utilizes 150 volunteer lawyers and law students to handle approximately 100 children’s law cases a year. Volunteer lawyers intervene on behalf of abused children when child protection agencies and courts do not take action; advocate on behalf of children who are victims of abuse but who are forced to spend time with the offender; write amicus briefs; perform legal research and writing; make presentations within their community; train other lawyers and serve on the board of directors. JFC only advocates in cases of documented abuse, and it employs five former investigators. Trainings for volunteers are offered 4 times a year for CLE credit; interested lawyers should contact JFC via e-mail or telephone.

JFC has some manuals available for distribution including the *JFC Training Manual* and *Defending Against P.A.S. (Parental Alienation Syndrome) Allegations*. JFC does accept calls from the public and from children. Cases are referred from social service agencies, families or children, professional organizations and hotlines, law enforcement, district attorneys offices, etc.

The main headquarters of JFC are in Houston, and there are other offices in Arizona, Michigan and Washington, D.C.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS PROJECT

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Nelson Reyes
Director

A Nonprofit Organization
70% Children's Law

Does Use Volunteer
Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Immigration | |

Know Your Rights began in 1997 as a separate nonprofit organization. Currently one staff attorney and 2-3 paralegals give a rights presentation to approximately 450 children a year, individual counseling to approximately 180 children a year and they represent approximately 35 children a year. Volunteer lawyers team with the staff attorney to provide individual representation to children. Trainings for volunteers occur twice a year at the YMCA Pro Bono Training and as needed by Know Your Rights staff. Volunteer law students along with other volunteer professionals are also utilized, along with paid translators. Clients are referred through social service agencies, schools, the clients themselves, attorneys and from the legal service list from INS. Spanish services are available.

CHILDREN'S JUSTICE PROJECT

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Kathy Joubert

Project Coordinator

LAMP (Legal Advocates for Program) began in 1995 and is a collaborative project of the Dallas Bar Association's Juvenile Justice Committee and Legal Services of North Texas (now Legal Aid of Northwest Texas). In 1998 LAMP was folded into the Children's Justice Project (CJP) under the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program. CJP utilizes volunteer attorneys and law students to provide case representation, legal advice and/or mentoring to at risk students.

CJP has several programs:

1. CJP volunteer attorneys participate in Child Advocacy Clinics in which training is provided in child-related cases and volunteers undertake representation in those cases.
2. CJP volunteer attorneys are trained in juvenile law issues and provide an educational forum for juvenile offenders and their parents in conjunction with the Juvenile Justice department.
3. CJP attorneys can volunteer as a Big Brother or Sister and help a child, one on one.
4. CJP attorneys can volunteer as tutors or mentors in DISD schools where there are significant low income students who are at risk.
5. CJP volunteer attorneys periodically engage in special projects dealing with at risk children either through the Dallas Bar Association or with other area agencies

SOUTH TEXAS PRO BONO ASYLUM REPRESENTATION PROJECT

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Does Use Volunteer
 Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Immigration | 206 |

The South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Presentation Project (ProBAR) was created in 1989 as a joint project of the State Bar of Texas, the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the American Bar Association. Located in Harlingen, TX, ProBAR recruits, trains and coordinates the activities of volunteer attorneys, law students and legal assistants from across the country who provide legal services to detained immigrants and asylum-seekers in South Texas. More than 900 volunteers from 31 U.S. states, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Korea have participated in this effort.

In 2000, ProBAR developed the Immigrant Children’s Assistance Project to focus on the needs of unaccompanied minors in detention and those living in and around the Rio Grande Valley in undocumented status. The U.S. government detains almost 8,000 unaccompanied children a year. Approximately 25% of those detained are held in the Rio Grande Valley with a capacity of up to 285 children at any one time. ProBAR has been successful in winning several political asylum cases for minors in detention and helping undocumented children who have been ordered a ward of the state gain legal permanent resident status. In June 2006 ProBAR received funding that originates with the Office of Refugee Resettlement to initiate a Pro Bono Project focused exclusively on unaccompanied children detained in South Texas.

Several opportunities are available for volunteers ranging from translation to representation. ProBAR attempts to team each attorney with a volunteer law student, translator or legal assistant, as well as an experienced immigration attorney-mentor. Volunteers travel to South Texas and are provided a place to work, office equipment and basic resource materials as well as liability insurance on ProBAR cases. Immigration law experience is not necessary; training is provided either before or upon arrival in South Texas, as needed. Spanish speaking ability is desirable, but not absolutely necessary. Volunteers are also needed to act as attorney-mentors to other volunteers and in the writing of appellate briefs. Impact litigation is not handled at this time.

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Bill Kroger
Contact

A Committee of the Houston Young Lawyers Association operates a pro bono program that handles adoption, birth certificate and name changes. Approximately 60 attorneys volunteer with the Committee and handle a total of about 80 to 100 cases a year representing clients who are referred by child protective services. The program has been operating since 1982. Volunteers are provided with a "How To" manual that will guide them through the case they accept. No other training is offered. A volunteer coordinator calls attorneys to assign cases, and the pro bono attorneys report any significant developments to the coordinator. The coordinator is also provided with quarterly reports from child protective services.

UTAH

UTAH OFFICE OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND PRIVATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

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 Manager

Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

100% Children's Law
 Associated with a Court

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | YES |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |

The **Utah Office of Guardian ad Litem** was established in 1994 as an arm of the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts, under the authority of the Utah Judicial Council. An Oversight Committee was established by the Judicial Council in 2006 to better ensure the independence and effectiveness of the Office in representing the best interests of the children within the court’s jurisdiction. The Office of Guardian ad Litem is appointed by the State District and Juvenile Courts to represent children who are the subject of allegations of abuse, neglect, or dependency in all districts and venues state-wide. Over 30 attorneys are employed by the Office, including the Director, an appeals specialist, and training specialist. The Office also employs one investigator and one clinical psychologist, and assigns volunteer CASAs to assist with cases. Twelve separate offices currently exist within the seven judicial districts.

The office also trains, certifies and assigns private attorneys who may be ordered by the District Courts to represent children in high-conflict divorce cases, involving issues of custody or parent-time. The attorneys involved in this Private Attorney Guardian ad Litem program are either paid directly by the parties to a case (often pursuant to a Court order) or may accept assignment to a case pro bono.

VERMONT -- [NO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED]

VIRGINIA

JUSTCHILDREN PROGRAM

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Andrew Block
 Legal Director

Part of a Legal Aid Office
 100% Children's Law

Could Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Delinquency--Sentencing Advocacy | | Mental Health | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Medicaid and/or EPSDT | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

This project began in January of 1998 through a Soros Justice Fellowship at the Legal Aid Justice Center. Presently, the program has seven attorneys and two community organizers and has offices in Charlottesville, Richmond and Petersburg. Cases are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, the clients themselves, health care professionals, CASA volunteers and other attorneys or community members. The office also supervises law students from the University of Virginia School of Law Child Advocacy Clinic (listed in this Directory), and works with volunteer psychologists. Although the project does not currently work with volunteer attorneys, they could use volunteers to assist with research (interested attorneys should call the legal director).

JustChildren has not filed any impact litigation cases as of yet, however they are working on cases related to the provision of public education in low-income communities and the condition of confinement for juveniles incarcerated in juvenile and adult correctional centers.

The project does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information. It also has a manual for parents entitled *Helping You Help Your Child*, which explains the rights of children to a variety of services, and effective advocacy strategies.

**THE LAW CENTER FOR CHILDREN OF
LEGAL SERVICES OF NO. VIRGINIA**

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A Division of Legal Services
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Does Use Volunteer
Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Health Care | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardianships | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

The Law Center for Children is a division of Legal Services of Northern Virginia. The Law Center utilizes two staff attorneys, one paralegal and volunteer attorneys to handle approximately 225 cases a year (cases may include representation or advice/counsel). Besides representation volunteers also write brochures and other outreach materials. Volunteers are assigned a mentor and are given training materials.

The Law Center does accept calls from the public and from children seeking legal information. Clients are referred from social service agencies, schools, or they refer themselves.

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Jay Speer
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 Christie Marra
 Family Law Specialist

A Nonprofit Organization

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|
| Domestic Violence | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | Yes |
| Government Benefits (AFDC, AFDC-FC, Youakim) | Yes |
| Homeless Youth | |
| Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | Yes |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | Yes |

The Virginia Poverty Law Center is a legal services support center offering a variety of services to the Commonwealth's low-income children on issues including juvenile justice, health care, special education, public benefits, and domestic violence.

WASHINGTON

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95% Children's Law

Does Use Volunteer

Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Immigration | |
| Blocked Trusts | | Kinship Care | |
| Civil Rights | | Medicaid and/or EPSDT | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Probate | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Special Education | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits | | Status Offenses | |
| Guardianships | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Health Care | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington (SYLAW) began in 1996 through a law school and then became a nonprofit organization. Later this organization linked up with Columbia Legal Services. SYLAW primarily serves youth under 21 who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. The program utilizes law students at the University of Washington and Seattle University, who are supervised by the program attorney, to provide legal representation, information and education to the street youth of the greater Seattle area. Volunteer lawyers are utilized to provide representation (within their area of expertise), to consult with the staff attorney, or to act as

co-counsel. If lawyers are interested in volunteering they should let the program know their area of expertise.

SYLAW does accept calls from children and other low income individuals seeking legal information. Clients are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys and the clients themselves.

The program does handle impact litigation and acted as co-counsel on Braam v. State of Washington which was a class action on behalf of foster children who had three or more placements while in care, alleging violations of their substantive due process rights. The program also brought Currier v. Henderson which was an action on behalf of homeless youth and adults alleging that the Postal Service had violated their constitutional rights regarding delivery of mail.

TEAMCHILD

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Anne Lee

Director

A Nonprofit Organization

100% Children's Law

Does Use Volunteer

Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | 2006 |
| Foster Care Rights | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits | | Status Offenses | |
| Health Care | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Homeless Youth | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | 2006 |
| Medicaid and/or EPSDT | | | |

TeamChild began in 1995 as a collaboration between the public defender and civil legal services. TeamChild addresses the underlying causes of juvenile delinquency by advocating for education, mental & medical health services, safe living situations and other supports. Eight attorneys and social workers in five different counties handle approximately 600-800 cases a year for children in the juvenile justice system in order to help them receive their basic rights to education, health care and other social services. The office utilizes volunteer attorneys, law students and other professionals. Trainings are provided as needed for mandatory CLE credit. Volunteer lawyers handle cases, assist with research, writing, trainings and fundraising. Volunteers handling cases are assigned a mentor to provide support and check in regarding cases. Lawyers who would like to volunteer should send a letter or an e-mail to the director.

TeamChild has a manual available for those who are advocating for the educational rights of children who are out of home or in foster care entitled, "Make a Difference in a Child's Life." The manual can be downloaded at from www.teamchild.org or www.washingtonstatecasa.org.

WEST VIRGINIA

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Does Not Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Adoption | | Foster Care Rights | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Guardianships | |
| Delinquency | | Status Offenses | |
| Emancipation | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |

Childlaw Services, Inc. began in 2000 as a separate nonprofit organization. Currently 2 attorneys and 1 social worker handle approximately 300 children's law cases each year. Although the office does not currently utilize volunteers, if attorneys are interested in volunteering they should call the executive director. Cases are received from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools and clients themselves. Childlaw Services does accept calls from the public seeking legal information.

WISCONSIN

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Steve Meili
 Juliet Brodie
 Directors

A Nonprofit Organization
 100% Children's Law

Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|
| Child Care Issues | |
| Government Benefits | Yes |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | Yes |
| Medicaid | Yes |

The Economic Justice Institute (EJI) (formerly The Center for Public Representation, Inc.) is home to the law school's anti-poverty clinical programs. It has three aspects: a Family Court Assistance Project, a Consumer Law Litigation Clinic and a Neighborhood Law Project. EJI programs are dedicated to serving low-income and other under-represented clients in matters designed to enhance access to justice and economic security.

EJI is affiliated with the Economic Justice Institute, Inc., which supports the activities of the EJI clinics.

FOSTERING FAMILY TIES FOR CHILDREN

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 Mary Triggiono (VLP)

A Nonprofit Organization in partnership with legal services
 100% Children's Law

Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Health Care | |
| Adoption | | Kinship Care | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Mental Health | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Special Education | |
| Guardianships | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |

Fostering Family Ties for Children began in 2002 as a joint project between In Their Best Interest and the Volunteer Lawyers Project of Legal Action of Wisconsin. The project has one attorney and a staff social worker and does utilize volunteer attorneys, law students and other professionals. Training is provided annually for CLE credit, and volunteers take cases, train CASA volunteers, and do research and writing. Although legal assistance is generally provided in the above areas, other substantive representation may be provided on a case by case basis. Clients are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, clients themselves or other attorneys.

Attorneys interested in volunteering should contact Susan Conwell at the above number.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM DIVISION

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A Division of a Nonprofit Organization

100% Children's Law

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Adoption | |
| Guardianships | |
| Kinship Care | |

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee has a contract with Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee County Court to provide guardian ad litem representation to children primarily in ChIPs (Children in Need of Protection or Services), guardianships and termination of parental rights cases. Thirteen staff attorneys and six social workers handle approximately 2300 children's law cases each year. Volunteer law students are currently utilized to assist with research and some discovery management. If lawyers are interested in volunteering they should contact the chief staff attorney.

This office does not accept calls from the public seeking legal information.

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60 % Children's Law

Does Use Volunteer

Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Homeless Youth | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Special Education | |
| Guardianships | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Suspension, Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

The Volunteer Lawyers Project, the key mechanism through which Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. (LAW) involves private attorneys in the delivery of legal services to low-income clients, was begun in 1981. Separate VLP offices have been set up in 11 southeastern Wisconsin counties; each of these offices is co-sponsored by LAW and the local bar association of each county.

This unique partnership has resulted in the handling of approximately 6,000 children's law cases each year serving children in custody disputes, guardianships, SSI, education and other issues involving the poorest of Wisconsin's citizens. 800 of these cases are handled each year by between 600 and 800 volunteer attorneys. These cases are first referred to LAW from Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, etc. LAW provides an extensive referral service in response to the lack of such coordination in most local bar pro bono programs resulting in frustration on the part of both volunteer attorneys and clients. Clients are screened and referred to the appropriate VLP office with an emphasis on volunteer expertise, availability and possible conflicts. Cases are also monitored by the VLP staff through a computerized case tracking system which requires a quarterly update on each case from both the client and the attorney as well as individual reports on each case as needed. Upon completion, each attorney provides the VLP with a closing statement and the VLP contacts the client to determine their satisfaction.

Volunteers are also utilized by the VLP as mentors, in training, manual preparation, recruitment, intake and advice clinics, community education forums, impact litigation, litigation support and donations. The VLP conducts 20 training sessions each year, mainly in the fall to insure that its volunteers provide the best service possible. CLE credit is available. In 1997, the VLP trained over 600 attorneys in social security disability, SSI, family law, unemployment compensation, ethics, landlord/tenant and housing law. The VLP also offers training in bankruptcy, special education and children in need of protection and services when it has the resources. Paralegals and health care professionals also volunteer their services to the VLP. Impact litigation

cases have included welfare litigation and general relief litigation.

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| NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | |
| JUVENILE DEFENDER CLINIC | |
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| UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW CLINIC | |
| JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN PRACTICUM | |
| OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MICHAEL E. MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW | |
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| FAMILY LAW CLINIC | |
| THE DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW | |
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| CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC | |
| UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF LAW | |
| CHILD AND FAMILY LAW POLICY CLINIC | |
| VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | |
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| CHILDREN’S RIGHTS CLINIC | |
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| JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC | |
| THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW | |

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|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Probate | |
| Delinquency | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes/Child Support | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Government Benefits | | | |

Established in 1974 by Professor Hillary Rodham as a volunteer no-credit, no-grade general clinic program, the Legal Clinic of the University of Arkansas Law School now has six clinical courses, each of which are graded and involve 80 students each year. Cases involving children currently comprise 10% of the Clinic's caseload. Clients are referred through legal aid and the Clinic's current staff of six attorneys. Volunteer attorneys, law students and other professionals are also recruited to deliver lectures to the students.

The Legal Clinic also handles impact litigation. One recent suit involves the establishment of Spanish interpreter services for defendants who had need of this service at arraignments and other court hearings.

CALIFORNIA

THE DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL CENTER

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights (Disability Related Cases Only) | Yes |
| Special Education | Yes |

The Western Law Center For Disability Rights is a separate non-profit organization that was established in 1976 to assist the disabled in obtaining the rights available to them under the law. In association with Loyola Law School and with the help of private attorneys, the Center has represented disabled children in cases involving school access, special education, AIDS discrimination, and other civil rights matters. The Center provides training to law students on an ongoing basis through Loyola Law School, and training is provided to volunteer lawyers as it is needed. The directing attorney and the staff attorney teach classes at Loyola and students there may sign up for a clinical program operated by the Center. Pro bono attorneys are recruited through law firms and personal contact. When a client has a particular need, the Center will recruit an attorney who specializes in that area of the law. A number of volunteers are alumni of the clinical program. Volunteers may work independently or team with a staff member. They often are assisted by students on both individual and impact litigation matters. The Center has brought significant cases concerning school access for disabled children, special education, the right of disabled parents to have custody of their children, and dependent's benefits for the children of veterans. A special education project that will utilize pro bono attorneys is currently being developed by the Center.

The Western Law Center offers seminars and workshops to law firms, community groups, health care providers, employers, businesses, and others on such topics as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other disability rights laws, disabilities in the workplace, mediation of disability disputes, and the elimination of disability bias. Additionally, the Center offers general information on the legal issues facing people with disabilities.

CENTER FOR JUVENILE LAW AND POLICY

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Could Use

Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | | Special Education | |
| Delinquency | | Status Offenders | |
| Homeless Youth | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

The Loyola Law School Center for Juvenile Law and Policy was created in the fall of 2005 to foster systemic reform of the Los Angeles juvenile justice system by participating in and encouraging research, discussion and advocacy. Part of this project is a juvenile justice clinic. Two attorneys and one social worker supervise 12 law students who handle approximately 40 cases a year, representing the children as attorneys (students act as ‘Certified Law Students’ under the California Bar). Social work students also participate in this clinic. The law school offers several juvenile law courses including Juvenile Delinquency Law & Procedure, Advanced Criminal Litigation Skills and Children and the Law. The clinic does not currently utilize volunteer lawyers but would do so if a lawyer was interested (contact Roxanne Hill at (213) 736-5339). This clinic does handle impact litigation. Cases are referred from juvenile court, public defenders and the public. Calls are accepted from the public and from children seeking legal information.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Emancipation | |
| Government Benefits | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | |
| Policy Issues in California Regarding Children's Services | |

The Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI) was founded in 1989 with a grant from the Weingart Foundation and has offices in San Diego, Los Angeles and Sacramento (for a listing of all of CAI's offices, please see Part III, Resource Centers, herein). CAI is an institute within the University of San Diego School of Law. As an Institute, CAI focuses on child abuse and neglect, child care and development, child health and safety issues, and on efforts to improve the government's delivery of children's services in California. During the 1991-97 sessions of the California State Legislature, for example, CAI sponsored 22 bills that were enacted, and successfully litigated impact cases securing rights for children and children's service providers.

The staff of CAI consists of an interdisciplinary team of legal, social science, and health professionals. Within the Institute, along with many other programs which are described more fully in Part III, Resource Centers, CAI operates a law school clinic that teams staff attorneys with volunteer law students to assist clients in abuse and neglect, dependency, and guardianship cases. Clients are referred from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys in the community. The law school clinic program of CAI also focuses on impact litigation, and the staff and students have assisted in impact cases brought by CAI. Two recent cases involved funding for child abuse protection in California and playground safety rules.

THE CHILDREN’S PROJECT-Children’s Legal Issues Clinic

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Immigration | |
| Emancipation | | Kinship Care | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Guardianships | | | |

The Children’s Project was started in 1995 in response to faculty and student interest. Currently five law students take this clinic in conjunction with the class, “Children’s Legal Issues.” These students work with 2-3 staff attorneys, 3 social workers, and participating student social workers to handle approximately 30 children’s law cases a year.

The clinic does not accept calls from the public seeking legal information, and instead receives cases from the Children’s Rights Project of Public Counsel (see listing in this Directory).

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Clinic Director

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Kinship Care | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Guardianships | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Homeless Youth | | | |

The Children’s Rights Clinic began in the summer of 2000 as part of the law school’s broader academic Center for Children’s Rights. 25—30 students participate in the clinic every year and work with 4 staff attorneys to handle at least 150 cases a year. Cases are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, the Legal Aid Society and pro bono programs. The clinic does use 3-4 volunteer attorneys a year as mentors and for research guidance; training is provided for volunteers, and interested attorneys should call the clinic. The clinic does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information. Although the clinic is not offered through a class, the law school offers many juvenile law courses, including Family Law, Juvenile Trial Advocacy, Adoption Law, Juvenile Law and Special Education Law.

Whittier Law School also runs the Center for Children’s Rights which has two missions, first to train students to represent the rights and interests of children, and second to serve as a resource for the community. The Center runs a Fellowship Program that each year offers 20 entering law students the opportunity to participate in a three year curriculum focused on children’s law. The Center also runs a monthly colloquia on children’s issues for students, the practicing bar, legal scholars and policy makers.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Kinship Care | |
| Delinquency | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Emancipation | | Mental Health | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Status Offenders | |
| Homeless Youth | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Immigration | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

Twelve students participate in the Juvenile Rights Clinic through their participation in the Legal Rights of Children, Family Law and Clinic Seminar to handle approximately 24 dependency/delinquency cases and 100 truancy cases a year. Clients are referred from Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. This clinic began in 2005 and does accept calls from the public and from children.

CONNECTICUT

ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLINIC

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Volunteer Lawyers

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Guardianships | |
| Adoption | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Delinquency | | Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | |
| Emancipation | | Termination of Parental Rights | |

The Advocacy for Parents & Children program is a recent addition to the clinical program at Yale Law School. The program began in 2003. The clinical program provides training to 20 law students a year as part of the law school's curriculum. Students receive academic credit for their participation in the clinic working with the two staff attorneys. Law students are supervised by staff attorneys to assist clients referred from Juvenile Court and social service agencies. The Clinic also retains social workers as paid consultants when needed. Impact litigation is not handled at this time.

CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, INC.

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Martha Stone

Executive Director

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|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Representing Children in Criminal Child Abuse Cases | | Mental Health | |
| Civil Rights | | Special Education | |
| Emancipation | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Status Offenders | |
| Homeless Youth | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Immigration | | Suspension, Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

The Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc. was founded in 1997 as a non-profit entity and based at the University of Connecticut School of Law with planning grant from IOLTA. The center handles 75 children's law cases a year. There are two staff attorneys and 16 students participate in the clinic. The Center uses law students as well as students from other disciplines (i.e. social work and psychology). The students are recruited from local law schools. Clients are referred by Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, and other attorneys. Training is provided for volunteers on a bi-monthly basis. The Center also uses psychologists.

The Center has a TeamChild program that pairs an attorney from the Center with a Public Defender in order to handle a child's civil legal issues and to improve the outcome for the child in the juvenile justice system; a medical-legal partnership project that places a Center attorney at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in order to provide comprehensive legal representation to pediatric patients of the Medical Center in matters affecting children's health, education and welfare; and a school based legal clinic that places a Center attorney at a local high school in order to handle some of the legal issues of the students.

The Center does handle impact litigation including a consent decree involving child welfare system and consent decree involving 3 juvenile detention facilities.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLINIC

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Binny Miller
 Director

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Does Not Use
 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Delinquency | Updated Annually |

The Criminal Justice Clinic has been in existence for over twenty-five years, making it Washington College of Law's oldest clinic. The Clinic began handling delinquency cases in 1988. Each year 12-16 law students participate in the defense portion of the Clinic as part of the law school's curriculum and receive academic credit. The Clinic is staffed with two full-time attorneys and one part-time attorney. Law students are teamed with faculty attorneys to assist clients referred from the Office of Public Defender's of Montgomery County, Maryland. Impact litigation is not handled at this time.

JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC

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Wallace J. Mlyniec
 Director

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Does Not Use
 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | |
| Delinquency | |
| Homeless Youth | |
| Special Education | |
| Status Offenders | |

The Juvenile Justice Clinic was started through a grant in 1973 and provides training to 14 law students a year as part of the law school's curriculum. Students receive academic credit for their participation in the clinic and handle approximately 50-80 children's law cases each year. The Clinic is staffed with 2 to 3 attorneys. Law students are teamed with staff attorneys to assist clients referred from Juvenile Court, social service agencies and other attorneys in the community. The Clinic also retains social workers, child development specialists and psychologists as paid consultants when needed. Impact litigation is not handled at this time.

All materials produced by the Clinic in the above areas are available through the D.C. Bar.

JUVENILE AND SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW CLINIC

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Delinquency and Special Education | 1998 |
| HIV Positive Children (Through an HIV Clinic) | |
| Special Education | 1998 |
| Status Offenders | |
| Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

The Juvenile Law Clinic of the University of the District of Columbia - David A. Clarke School of Law was started in the 1970's (when the U.D.C. School of Law was the Antioch School of Law) to focus on the legal needs of children in the local community. The Clinic's staff of three attorneys recruits attorneys and trains law students to represent parents of children (as well as the children themselves) with special education needs who are in the neglect and delinquency systems. The staff train law students as part of the law school curriculum. The Clinic's faculty also engage in impact work. Examples include: (1) representing a class of persons with mental retardation; (2) developing and publishing in 1995 a symposium regarding illegal detention of children; and (3) developing a manual, published in 1998, regarding representing children with special education needs who are in the delinquency system.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Adoption | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardianships | |
| HIV Positive Children | |

The Children's Law Project is a part of the Civil Law Clinic which operates out of the Shepard Broad Law Center located at Nova Southeastern University. The Project was created in 1991 through a Department of Education Grant and provides training to law students as part of the law school's curriculum. Twenty law students in the fall and spring work with attorneys to assist clients referred from Juvenile Court, social service agencies, and attorneys from the community. The Project handles 25 children's law cases a year. The Project has handled impact litigation cases in the areas of foster care placement and termination of parental rights.

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 Volunteer Lawyers

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Delinquency | | Special Education (Services for Developmentally Delayed Children) | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

The Children's Advocacy Center at the Florida State University College of Law was created and funded by the Florida Bar. Operating since 1991, the Center provides training to law students as part of the law school's curriculum. Law students are teamed with one of two staff attorneys to assist clients referred from Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. The Center handles between 100 and 200 cases a year. Students who are working on their master's degree in social work volunteer as interns, as do criminology students who act as investigators. Social workers, child development specialists, health care professionals, and psychologists may be used as expert witnesses by students preparing their cases. The Center has handled impact litigation cases including a challenge of the incarceration of status offenders for contempt of court, conditions of confinement in detention centers and the law school's refusal to admit disabled students.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CLINIC

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Could Use

Volunteer Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Immigration | |
| Adoption | | Kinship Care | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Mental Health | 2002 |
| Civil Rights | | Special Education | |
| Delinquency | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Emancipation | | Status Offenders | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Government Benefits | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |
| Homeless Youth | | | |

Children and Families Clinic began in 1998 and is still in its beginning stages. Currently 12-16 students participate in this clinic every year (though this number will grow as the law school enrollment grows) and they work with two clinic attorneys and one paralegal. The clinic is associated with a class of the same name and the law school also offers Child and the Law, Child and the Law II, Public Defender Externship, Education Law, Juvenile Justice, Family Law and Family Law Advanced Seminar. Although volunteer lawyers are not currently utilized, the clinic could use some volunteer lawyers to take referral cases. Interested lawyers should contact the director. The Clinic does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information and may obtain cases through phone calls if appropriate. Clients are also referred from juvenile court and other attorneys. Children and Families Clinic has handled some impact litigation including a challenge to Florida's statutory ban on adoptions by gays and lesbians and a challenge to the adequacy of mental health services provided to children in state custody through either dependency or juvenile delinquency proceedings.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LAW CLINIC

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 Volunteers Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Kinship Care | |
| Adoption | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Civil Rights | | Mental Health | |
| Delinquency | | Name Change | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Guardianships | | Status Offenders | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Homeless Youth | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy | |
| Immigration | | | |

Children & Youth Law Clinic began in 1995 with funding from echoing green. The clinic handles approximately 45 cases a year, representing children as attorneys, through two clinic attorneys and approximately 25 law students. The clinic also utilizes graduate social work students and volunteer lawyers in their work. Furthermore, the clinic has an affiliation with the University of Miami School of Medicine in order to provide law students with an interdisciplinary education as well as with expert consultation on cases. Volunteer lawyers are utilized as co-counsel in complex civil rights lawsuits and to provide individual representation to immigrant children in juvenile dependency court. Trainings are provided to volunteer lawyers as needed. If attorneys are interested

in volunteering they should call or e-mail the clinic.

The clinic receives cases through self referral, juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. The clinic does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information.

University of Miami School of Law offers the following law school classes: Children & Youth Law Workshop; Community Justice Workshop; Summer Public Interest Law Seminar; Children and the Law; Juvenile Justice Workshop; and Foster Care Seminar.

The clinic has developed expertise in advocating for older foster youth and has brought impact litigation in federal court on behalf of this population (Two examples: Occean v. Kearney, 123 F.Supp. 2d 618 (S.D. Fla. 2000); Bonnie L. v. Bush, - F.Supp. 2d -, 2001 WL 1580127 (S.D. Fla. 2001). The clinic has also been involved in advocating for the due process rights of foster children facing commitment to locked psychiatric institutions. Two appearances in the Florida Supreme Court have resulted in a rule of juvenile court that enhances their rights to attorneys and to hearings before those children are involuntarily committed by the state to residential facilities for mental health treatment. See M.W. v. Davis, 756 So. 2d 90 (Fla. 2000).

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Immigration | |
| Adoption | | Kinship Care | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Civil Rights | | Mental Health | |
| Delinquency | | Probate | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Status Offenders | |
| Government Benefits (TANF, food stamps, etc.) | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardianships | | Suspension/Expulsion and Truancy | |
| HIV Positive Children | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |
| Homeless Youth | | | |

Gator TeamChild began in the fall of 1998. 30-32 third year students enroll in the class, Juvenile Clinic Preparation, in order to be certified by the Florida Supreme Court to practice law under the supervision of two staff attorneys. The following semester the law students work in teams with graduate level social workers to represent child clients. Aside from two staff attorneys, the clinic also employs two licensed clinical social workers and an education specialist. Clients are referred to the clinic from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys and the clients themselves, and the clinic handles approximately 100 cases a year. The clinic accepts calls from children and the public seeking legal information during normal

business hours.

The law school presently offers two other children's law courses: Children's Law, and Children's Law Seminar.

The clinic has handled impact litigation in the past by acting as co-counsel on a foster care reform suit and in an appeal challenging the criminalization of status behaviors of SED children.

Although the clinic does not currently utilize volunteer attorneys, it may be able to do so in the future; interested attorneys should call the supervising attorney.

GEORGIA

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Homeless Youth | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Emancipation | | Mental Health | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Probate | |
| Government Benefits | | Special Education | |
| Guardianships | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Health Care | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| HIV Positive Children | | | |

The HeLP Legal Services Clinic is an integral component of the Health Law Partnership, an interdisciplinary community collaboration among Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society and Georgia State University’s College of Law to improve the health and well-being of low-income children and their families. The Clinic offers students the opportunity to develop basic lawyering skills such as client interviewing, counseling and representation, negotiation, research and drafting, and case management. HeLP offices based at Children’s Healthcare handle cases involving guardianship, Medicaid, housing, SSI, family law, education and employment issues. HeLP will refer appropriate cases to the HeLP Legal Services Clinic. Each student will be assigned to work on ongoing cases and will interact directly with clients under the supervision of the Clinic’s Associate Directors.

For more information see the HeLP listing in the Children’s Law Programs section of this document.

ILLINOIS***CHILDREN & FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER***

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Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect (Represents Children, Relatives and Parents) | | Mental Health/Disability | Yes |
| Adoption | Yes | School-based Concerns: Suspension and Expulsion | |
| Delinquency | Yes | Special Education | |
| Emancipation | Yes | Termination of Parental Rights | |
| Family Law/Domestic Violence | Yes | Transfer/Waiver (Juviles Tried as Adults) | |
| Guardianship (Custodian Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | Yes | Asylum and Immigration | |
| Juvenile Death Penalty | | | |

The Center is a holistic children's law center, where seven clinical faculty attorneys supervise some 60 law students each year, providing legal representation for the whole spectrum of children's needs: health and disability, safety (domestic violence, child neglect, abuse), education, adoption, custody and immigration, delinquency, mental health, asylum, constitutional and criminal rights. The center is actively engaged with a major urban court, the Juvenile Court of Cook County - the first juvenile court in the world, through law school clinical representation of children and parents, through research, and with advocacy. Additionally, the Center works to direct first time offenders to community panels for youth. We strive for a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, community-involving approach to the crisis of millions of children who find themselves in courts in America each day. Established in 1992, it offers ongoing, practical training with seven attorneys supervising law students and social work students in the representation of children and parents. The

Center has established a Community Legal Clinic located in the Northwestern Settlement House in West Town, staffed by an attorney, social work and law students and pro bono volunteer attorneys. The Center's staff also includes a full time social worker, three researchers and a director. Clients are referred through the Juvenile Court, the Public Defender, social service agencies and community organizations.

The Center also undertakes impact litigation (bringing cases concerning kinship care, lesbian custody, and challenging transfer/waiver implementation); testifies concerning legislation, regulations and policies; and conducts research on the consequences of legal involvement for children, court outcomes, representation of parties, conditions in correctional facilities, court information systems and mental health clinical services.

EDWIN F. MANDEL LEGAL AID CLINIC

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Does Not Use
 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Delinquency | Yes |
| Government Benefits | |
| Homeless Youth | |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | Yes |
| Employment Discrimination | Yes |
| Mental Health | Yes |

The Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic offers a variety of services to the community including representation of children, which comprises a percentage of the case load. The Clinic opened in 1957 and is staffed with eight attorneys and one paralegal. The Criminal Justice Project (established in 1992) of the Clinic is focused on providing legal representation to children accused of criminal and delinquent behavior subject to transfer from juvenile to adult criminal court. Training is provided to law students as part of the law school curriculum and students are teamed with staff attorneys to assist clients referred from Juvenile Court, the Public Defender's Office and other attorneys. Social work students assist the law students and staff in preparation of their cases.

LOYOLA CIVITAS CHILDLAW CLINIC

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Bruce Boyer
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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Delinquency | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardians Ad Litem | |
| Special Education | |

The Clinic is an outgrowth of the Loyola Childlaw Program, a program that offers degree programs for legal and nonlegal professionals who seek a specialized understanding of the law in order to better serve the needs of children and families. The Clinic began in 1996. There are 2 staff attorneys and approximately 25 students participate in the Clinic each year. The Clinic handles approximately 50 cases each year. Clients are referred from Juvenile Court and other attorneys in the fields of abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency and contested child custody matters.

The Childlaw Program includes a wide variety of classes in children’s law including Children and the Law, ChildLaw Policy, Legislative Advocacy for Children and Adolescence and the Law. Loyola also offers a Masters of Laws (L.L.M.) in Childlaw degree and a Masters in Jurisprudence (M.J.) Degree in children’s law for nonlegal professionals.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Government Benefits | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | |
| Emancipation | | Supplemental Security Income | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | | |

The Valparaiso University Law School Clinic provides training to 55-60 law students each year as part of the law school curriculum. Students receive academic credit for their participation in the clinic which handles approximately 700 cases per year. Students may enroll in a Juvenile Advocacy section of the clinic program in which they are appointed to act as guardians ad litem for children who have been found to Children in Need of Services in juvenile court for children whose parents are having their parental rights terminated. Currently 5 students are enrolled in the Juvenile Advocacy Section. In other sections of clinic, students may represent clients in domestic relations and public benefits cases.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN MEDIATION CLINIC

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 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Family Law Custody Disputes | yes |

The Child Advocacy Clinic was started in 1996. 16 students participate in the clinic every year and are appointed as guardian ad litem by the court to represent the best interest of children in highly contested custody and visitation disputes. The clinic faculty includes an attorney, a paralegal and a social worker who has special expertise in child abuse and child interviewing.

IOWA***CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CLINIC***

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | |
| Adoption | | Special Education | |
| Delinquency | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |
| Government Benefits | | | |

The Children's Rights Clinic began in August, 2001 as the brainchild of the Iowa Supreme Court Juvenile Court Improvement Project, and members of the bar, judiciary and social activist field, through an endowment gift from Joan and Lyle Middleton, with additional funding support from the Court Improvement Project. One staff attorney supervises 10 student attorneys to handle approximately 80 cases a year. The clinic is an interdisciplinary clinical education program in which representation teams are comprised of student attorneys licensed to practice law under a provisional license rule, a practicum graduate student in social work from one of the major state universities, graduate students in special education or counseling students from Drake's Graduate School of Education. This enables the clinic to provide a holistic approach to case management and provision of services to children in abuse and neglect cases. The clinic employs an in-house social worker as well. Though the clinic does not currently utilize volunteers, they might be able to do so; interested attorneys should contact the Executive Director of Clinical Programs. Prior to enrolling in the clinic, students must take the class *Children and the Law*.

The clinic does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information. Currently the clinic does not handle impact litigation but does plan to do so in the future.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Adoption | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits (AFDC, AFDC-FC) | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Guardian Ad Litem (Represents Best Interests of the Child) | | Suspension, Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

The primary mission of the Washburn University School of Law's Children and Family Law Center is to prepare Washburn law students to become advocates and creative problem solvers for children and families. Students partner with faculty members and practicing lawyers to handle cases. Additionally, students receive hands on experiences through mentoring, internships and externships. The Center sponsors lectures, symposia, workshops and CLE programs. The School of Law offers several courses regarding children's law including Family Law, Children and the Law and Domestic Violence.

LOUISIANA

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Does Not Use
 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Adoption | | Guardian Ad Litem (Represents Best Interests of the Child) | |
| Delinquency | | Homeless Youth | |
| Emancipation | | Immigration | |

The Loyola Law School Clinic began its children's law project in 1987 to represent children in abuse and neglect, adoption and other important areas. Eighteen percent of the Clinic's total case load is children's law cases. The Clinic's five staff lawyers and law students in the Clinic handle 54 children's law cases a year. Clients are referred to the Clinic from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies and other attorneys. Training is provided to volunteers twice a year through the law school curriculum. The Clinic does not seek out impact litigation, but will provide representation should such a situation arise.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Delinquency | |

The Tulane Juvenile Law Clinic is one of seven clinics run by the Tulane University School of Law. Begun in 1980, the Clinic handles approximately 1-50 children's law cases each year. Law students participate in helping with the Clinic's caseload for credit and are supervised by one supervising attorney. Other professionals such as health care professionals, psychologists and psychiatrists are employed by the Clinic on a case by case basis. Clients, which include parents, are referred to the Clinic by the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

The Clinic had been active in the area of impact litigation in the past, but is not currently engaged in this area.

MAINE

JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAM, CUMBERLAND LEGAL AID CLINIC

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Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | | Emancipation | |
| Delinquency | | Homeless Youth | |

This clinic began in September, 2006 with a grant from a local foundation after a unanimous vote of the faculty. The Program is part of the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic. Currently the Program works with 10 – 15 students a year, and handles about 50 cases. Its goals include effectively educating and training the next generation of juvenile defenders, as well as serving as a resource center for practicing attorneys. Aside from the clinic the law school also offers the class Juvenile Defense: Policy and Practice and Juvenile Law. The clinic does accept calls from the public and from children seeking legal information.

MARYLAND

FAMILY LAW CLINIC

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 Volunteer Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardians Ad Litem | |

The Family Law Clinic began in 1989 when the legislature appropriated funding to expand clinical program. Jane Murphy was hired in 1988 to develop and run Clinic. The Clinic has 3 staff attorneys and 20-25 students participate in the Clinic each year. Clients are referred from social service agencies and judges.

JUVENILE LAW, CHILDREN'S ISSUES AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CLINIC

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Head of Children's

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Does Not Use

Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Delinquency | |
| Guardianships | |
| Special Education | 1994 |

The University of Maryland Law School Clinic has chosen children's law as one of its areas of specialty. The Clinic currently handles between 40 and 50 children's law cases each year. Clients are referred to the Clinic from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professions and other attorneys. Training is provided to law students as part of the law school curriculum. School of Social Work staff members also work in conjunction with law students on Clinic cases. The Clinic has brought impact litigation in matters involving juvenile correction institutions and does extensive public policy work with the Maryland legislature.

MASSACHUSETTS

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Uses a Small Number
 of Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Delinquency | |

The Criminal Justice Institute is Harvard Law School’s curriculum-based clinical program in criminal law. The Clinic has “Juvenile Justice Project,” which focuses on delinquency issues. The Projects four clinical instructors and one social worker work with 20-30 students a year to handle 100 cases a year. The Project receives appointments from district court. The Project is currently working to implement a juvenile diversion program.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | |
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Education | |
| Delinquency | |

The Child Advocacy Program provides an academic classroom course, a policy workshop, and a clinical course. Students are involved with field work through several different organizations in order to secure hands on experiences.

JUVENILE RIGHTS ADVOCACY PROJECT

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Delinquency (and related legal issues) | | Probate | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits (TANF, food stamps, etc.) | | Status Offenders | |
| Guardianships | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Mental Health | | Suspension/Expulsion and Truancy | |

The Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project began in 1995 as a grant funded project to investigate a juvenile prison in Massachusetts. Two and one-half staff attorneys, four law students handle approximately thirty cases a year as attorneys and guardian ad litem. In the past, the clinic has utilized volunteer lawyers and former students as consultants on immigration law issues. Clients are referred to the project through juvenile court, social service agencies, self-referral, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys. The project does accept calls from children, but not from the public, seeking legal information.

Students involved in the clinic take the class Juvenile Rights Advocacy, and must take Juvenile Justice Seminar as a prerequisite to clinic enrollment. The law school also offers the class, Family Law: Child, Family and the State.

The project operates a law clinic at Brighton High School as well as a ‘girls in the justice system project’ in which staff and students provide full-service representation to young women with some delinquency issues. Once staff take a young woman’s case, they will continue to represent her through the many legal issues that arise over the years until she ages out of the system. In addition to developing a model of comprehensive legal representation, staff focus on policy advocacy relating to young women in the justice system through research and dissemination, public education, and consultation with defense counsel and advocates for girls nationally.

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 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Delinquency | |
| Post-Dispositional Advocacy with the Department of Youth Services | |
| Special Education | |
| Suspension/Expulsion | |
| Referrals for Other Legal Issues Affecting Client | |

The Suffolk University Juvenile Justice Center is guided by the philosophy that comprehensive lawyering is essential to meet the needs of juveniles involved with the courts. The Center is a demonstration model wherein thorough representation by advocates continues through disposition and addresses the legal needs of the child. The Clinic serves the Boston Juvenile Court, South Boston, West Roxbury and Chelsea Juvenile Courts.

In the Commonwealth's new expanded juvenile courts, students represent juveniles who are charged with crimes and any ancillary legal matters flowing from the case such as special education and suspension/expulsion; this will include all aspects of the court process commencing with arraignment, bail/detention, pre-trial motions, plea negotiations, trial, disposition and post-dispositional advocacy in the Department of Youth Services, the youth correctional agency in Massachusetts.

Staff Attorney/Clinical Supervisors work closely with the student attorneys and case worker/advocates support the Attorneys and students in advocacy efforts addressing client needs and case disposition.

The program is a full-year, six credit course in which students spend several hours per week at the clinic office, attend a two-hour weekly class at the law school and meet with their clinical supervisor regularly.

MICHIGAN

CHILD ADVOCACY LAW CLINIC

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|--|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | 1998 |
| Emancipation | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardian Ad Litem (Represents Best Interests of the Child) | 1998 |

The Child Advocacy Law Clinic represents children, parents and the state child welfare agency in abuse and neglect and other areas. Last year the Clinic's three staff lawyers supervised 40 law students in the Clinic and handled 65 children's law cases. Clients are referred to the Clinic from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies and other attorneys. Training is provided to law students as a clinical program of the law school curriculum. Training is also offered by invitation to lawyers in private practice approximately one to three times a year. CLE credit is sometimes available. The Clinic also maintains materials on abuse and neglect and guardianships. The Clinic does bring impact cases. Several years ago it was involved in the Baby Jessica case which concerned the rights of natural parents who were trying to remove a child from her potential adoptive home. The Child Advocacy Law Clinic has been in existence since 1976.

MINNESOTA

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Guardianships | |
| Adoption | | Special Education | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| Foster Care Rights | | | |

The Child Advocacy Clinic began in 1995 through federal funds. Currently 6 students participate in the clinic and handle approximately 30 cases a year. Aside from the clinic the law school also offers a Juvenile Justice Class.

The clinic does not accept calls from the public seeking legal information.

GENERAL PRACTICE CLINIC - CHILD ADVOCACY

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Indian Child Welfare Act Issues | |
| Adoption | | Status Offenders | |
| Emancipation | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

The General Practice Clinic of Hamlin University School of Law formed its Child Advocacy section in September of 1993. The Child Advocacy section was created by a Department of Education grant given in response to a year-long series of meetings and conferences on child advocacy. Law students participate in the Clinic for credit under the supervision of a staff attorney. Clients are referred to the Clinic by the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, attorneys and via word of mouth. The Clinic has handled impact litigation involving the Indian Child Welfare Act.

NEBRASKA

CIVIL CLINICAL LAW PROGRAM

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | 1998 |
| Birth Certificate/Name Changes | 1998 |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | 1998 |
| Immigration | |

The Civil Clinical Law Program at the University of Nebraska College of Law handles approximately 50 children's law cases a year as part of its General Civil Practice Clinic. Sixty-six students participate in the work of the Clinic each year, including students from other disciplines. Clients are referred from social service agencies, attorneys in the community, and court personnel. In addition to the written materials noted above, the Program also has information on guardianships prepared in 1998. The Program does not handle impact litigation.

NEVADA

THOMAS AND MACK LEGAL CLINIC

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 100% Children's Law

Does Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | For students |
| Adoption | |
| Delinquency | For students |
| Guardianships | For students |
| Special Education | |
| Suspension, Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

Faculty at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas began this project in August 2000. 32 law students a year participate in the two clinics, Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice, and handle approximately 100 cases, representing children and families. Clients are referred from Juvenile Court, social service agencies and community members. During 2002 the clinic hopes to hire a social worker and will begin to work with social work and special education students in the handling of the cases. Although the clinic has not worked with many volunteer attorneys, attorneys who are interested in volunteering should contact the clinic to get involved.

NEW JERSEY

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| Delinquency | |
| Status Offenders | |

The Juvenile Justice Clinic began in 1973 as a joint effort of the law school and the Public Defender’s Office. 16-20 students participate in the clinic, and handle approximately 2,000 detention hearings every year. The students, under the supervision of one clinic attorney, also represent approximately 40 clients in juvenile trials, dispositions, adjudications and information hearings. The classroom component of the clinic involves many hands on activities which are designed to prepare the students to litigate criminal law cases, and is patterned in part on a Criminal Trial Practice course.

RUTGERS/LEAP LEGAL PROJECT
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| Legal representation/advice provided for the families of students that attend LEAP Academy University Charter School | |
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The Rutgers/LEAP Legal Project, a partnership between the Rutgers Civil Practice Clinic and the LEAP Academy University Charter School (LEAP Academy), began in 1998, and provides legal advice, representation and community education to the parents of LEAP Academy students. LEAP Academy is a full-service year round school in Camden that provides legal assistance, health care and a full range of social services to LEAP families and children. The LEAP Academy also offers ongoing training and leadership development opportunities for parents. The 8-12 senior law students participating in the Rutgers/LEAP Legal Project have provided legal advice and representation to parents in several different areas of law.

Cases come to the Rutgers/LEAP legal project in a variety of ways. Law students conduct weekly intake sessions for parents at the LEAP Academy where parents can schedule an appointment to meet with a law student for an intake interview or they can drop by without an appointment. Parents can also call to schedule intake interviews at the law school.

Providing effective representation and appropriate referrals is also made possible with the assistance of the LEAP Pro Bono Panel. The panel is made up of attorneys from the Camden County Bar Association who support the project by providing expertise and/or training in a substantive area, help in the community education workshops or by taking on pro bono representation.

A lawyer interested in volunteering should contact the supervising attorney.

NEW MEXICO

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The Corinne Wolfe Children's Law Center was established by the New Mexico Court Improvement Project. The goal of the Center is to increase the effectiveness of civil and criminal proceedings related to child abuse and neglect and other proceedings under the New Mexico Children's Code by improving the knowledge and skill of the participants-- primarily the judges and court appointed attorneys in child abuse and neglect case. The Center accomplishes this goal by providing trainings for attorneys and others in civil and criminal child abuse and neglect proceedings including termination of parental rights and adoption. The hope is that outcomes will be improved by providing standardized high-quality current training to participants in the child abuse and neglect legal system. Trainings are offered 3-4 times a year. The center produces a Children's Law Handbook.

NEW YORK

THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER CLINIC

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardianships | |
| HIV Positive Children | |
| Domestic Violence | |

The Children’s Law Center (CLC) clinic was conceived as a placement for students in a legal services office providing representation to children. 3-4 law students take the clinic while attending the weekly class, Children’s Law, and handle approximately more than 200 cases under the supervision of the Executive Director. The Law School also offers Family Law, Children and Health Law, and Genetics and the Law.

Volunteers are utilized at the Children’s Law Center, but do not work with the clinic.

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Could Use
 Volunteer Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |

The Child Advocacy Clinic began in the fall of 2005. 16-24 students participate in the clinic every year representing children as law guardians in abuse and neglect cases. The clinic utilizes a multidisciplinary approach by collaborating with St. John’s departments of psychology, human services and counseling, and fine arts. Staff consists of one attorney, one fellow, one health care professional and one education consultant. Clients are referred from juvenile court and the Legal Aid Society (Queens County). Law students also conduct “Know Your Rights” trainings for youth in the community. The clinic does not accept calls from the public but does accept calls from children seeking legal information.

The Clinic also offers a two-year clinical teaching fellowship to law school graduates and lawyers interested in a career in law school clinic teaching.

CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Foster Care, Child Welfare, Social Services | |

The Family Advocacy Clinic provides training to law and social work students as part of the Columbia Law School's curriculum. Students receive academic credit for their participation in the Clinic. The Clinic represents parents who are trying to have their children returned to them from foster care or helps secure services for parents who are in danger of having their children placed in foster care. The Clinic also represents adult relatives or custodians seeking services or assistance to reunite families. Clients are referred from preventive service agencies, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs); and other legal services offices. Students are supervised by two law school professors and a social work director. Some appellate cases are handled.

FAMILY DEFENSE CLINIC

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Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Adoption | |
| Foster Care | Yes |
| Termination of Parental Rights | |

The Family Defense Clinic is a teaching clinic of the New York University School of Law which focuses on children who are in foster care or at risk of foster care placement. This includes abuse and neglect cases, voluntary foster care cases, extensions of foster care placement, foster care review proceedings, termination of parental rights cases, adoption, and post-termination issues. In addition, the Clinic handles matters connected with custody, visitation, and guardianship matters as well as representing clients in administrative proceedings in the areas of foster care, welfare, SSI and public assistance.

Each year, the staff of 2 supervising attorneys, 1 social worker, 2 graduate social work students and 12 law students handle approximately 15 to 20 cases. Other professionals such as psychiatrists, psychologists, and medical doctors are consulted when necessary. The Clinic has written materials giving an overview of foster care, additional collected readings on the subject, and teaching simulations. The Clinic does not handle impact litigation.

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Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Delinquency | 1990 |

The Juvenile Rights Clinic provides fieldwork training to law students as part of the New York University School of Law's curriculum. Students receive academic credit for their participation in the clinic and take a substantive course which meets twice a week to provide relevant information and training. The delinquency manual prepared in 1990 is updated periodically. Law students work with staff attorneys and social workers of the New York Legal Aid Society to assist clients. The project began in 1975 and is staffed with three clinical teachers to supervise the students. Impact litigation is not handled at this time.

CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Extension of Placement | |
| Termination of Parental Rights | |

The Hofstra Child Advocacy Clinic began through private donations in January, 2000. Twenty students enroll in the Child Advocacy Clinic Seminar in order to handle approximately 50 cases a year as Law Guardians. Cases are referred to the clinic by the Juvenile Court. The clinic is run by two attorneys and a psychologist, and they utilize students from non-legal disciplines such as social work or psychology in their work. The clinic does accept calls from the public seeking legal information.

Hofstra University School of Law has several other children's law courses including Juvenile Justice, Child and Family Advocacy, Child, Family and the State and Child Abuse and Neglect.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CLINIC

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | | Homeless Youth | |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Government Benefits (AFDC, AFDC-FC, Youakim) | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Guardianships | | Family Law | |
| HIV Positive Children | | | |

The Children's Rights and Family Law Clinic provides legal representation to children and their families in matters relating to access to public benefits, housing, special education, school suspension and disciplinary hearings, emancipation, guardianship, AIDS-related issues, and general family law matters including adoption, child support and custody. Student attorneys represent children and their families in federal and state court proceedings, administrative hearings, and engage in community advocacy and education on behalf of children.

NORTH CAROLINA

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Medicaid and/or EPSDT | |
| School discipline and other educational issues | |
| Special Education | |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |

During a process of strategic planning at Duke Law School, a commitment was made to enhance the clinical offerings. This was followed by a community needs assessment, during which children's legal needs were identified as ones that were underserved. Following that process, the dean assigned two faculty members (now the director and supervising attorney in the clinic) to develop the idea and engage in fundraising. These development efforts resulted in a decision to focus primarily on education issues (special education/discipline, etc). The Law School received a planning grant followed by a large start-up grant (\$725,000) and opened the doors of the clinic in January, 2002. Two staff attorneys work with up to 10 law students a semester to represent children as attorneys. Clients are referred from juvenile courts, social service agencies, health care professionals, clients themselves, other attorneys, mental health or hospital social workers and advocacy organizations. The clinic does not currently use volunteer attorneys, but might do so if it becomes over-subscribed. Interested lawyers should contact the director.

The law school also offers the classes "Children and the Law" and "Education Law" in addition to the clinic.

The clinic does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information.

OHIO

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | |
| Visitation | |

The Law Clinic at the University of Dayton School of Law handles approximately 30 children's law cases a year in the areas of abuse and neglect, family law custody disputes, guardianships (called "custody" in Ohio, but similar to guardianships in other states), and visitation. Approximately 32 students participate in the work of the clinic each year. Clients are referred from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, other attorneys in the community, legal aid and local volunteer lawyers' projects.

The Law Clinic is a general poverty law clinic with a focus on housing law, contested family law, guardian ad litem and social security disability cases. It is staffed by two attorneys. The Law Clinic works closely with local legal aid and volunteer lawyers' projects to provide services to those in need of legal representation.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Adoption | |
| Delinquency | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Judicial Bypass & Dependency | |
| Status Offenders | |

The Justice for Children Practicum began in January, 1998 through funding from an Ohio State University academic enrichment grant. Funding for the director and staff attorney positions is “hard” money, and the costs of running the clinic are paid for with “hard” money from the Law School. The Practicum provides direct legal representation of children and their interests. The objective of the Practicum is not to represent a large number of clients, but instead to assemble a selection of cases that provides students with an opportunity to learn an ethical and strong legal practice model. 16—20 students, along with one staff attorney, handle approximately 40 cases as both attorneys and guardian ad litem. Although volunteers are not currently utilized, the clinic might be able to use volunteers; interested lawyers should contact the director. Cases are referred primarily through juvenile court, though some are referred by other attorneys or from the clients themselves. The clinic does accept calls from the public seeking legal information.

In addition to the Justice for Children Practicum, the College of Law has a Justice for Children Project which is an interdisciplinary research initiative (see the Section on Resource Centers for more information).

PENNSYLVANIA

DISABILITY LAW CLINIC

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 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Special Education | |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |

The Disability Law Clinic at The Dickinson School of Law provides legal representation to the parents of children in approximately 15 cases each year. Up to four students participate in the work of the Clinic each year. Clients are referred from the Social Security Administration, the County Board of Assistance, other social service agencies, and attorneys in the community.

The Disability Law Clinic supervises students in the representation of persons with disabilities who cannot afford private attorneys. In that capacity, the Disability Law Clinic has represented a significant number of children in claims for SSI, including involvement in the Zebley case at the Supreme Court level. The Clinic also occasionally represents children in special education cases.

FAMILY LAW CLINIC

THE DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW
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Does Not Use
 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Child Support | |
| Name Changes | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |

The Family Law Clinic at The Dickinson School of Law provides legal representation to the parents of children in approximately 100 cases each year in the areas of custody, child support, protection from abuse and other domestic matters. Up to 12 students participate in the work of the Family Law Clinic each year for academic credit as part of the law school curriculum. The Clinic is staffed by one attorney. Clients are referred from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and other attorneys in the community.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC
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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Special Education | |
| Adoption | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | |
| Government Benefits | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |
| Kinship Care | | Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |
| Mental Health | | | |

Professor Douglas Frenkel, Director of Clinical Programs at the Law School, Dr. Cindy Christian, pediatrician and Director of the Child Abuse and Referral Clinic at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), and Alan Lerner, practice professor of law decided to develop a clinical model for interdisciplinary teaching of law students and medical students. The clinic opened in January, 2002 and for its first semester had one staff attorney, one staff social worker, law students and 4 medical students. Currently the clinic, one supervising doctor, attorney and social worker, and 16 law students, 4 medical students, and occasionally M.S.W. students. Cases are referred from juvenile court and from schools. The clinic does not accept calls from the public seeking legal information.

TENNESSEE

CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC

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Could Use
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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | HIV Positive Children | |
| Adoption | | Kinship Care | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | yes |
| Emancipation | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Suspension, Expulsion and Truancy Issues | |

The Child Advocacy Clinic began in 1990 through grant funding. Currently 24 students take the clinic every year, and with a supervising attorney these students are able to handle approximately 60-70 cases a year. Cases are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, health care professionals, other attorneys and Memphis Area Legal Services. Currently the clinic is not using volunteer attorneys, but could use volunteers to handle special education cases (call the director if interested in volunteering). The clinic is associated with the class, Child Advocacy Clinic Orientation. Additional children's law classes include Juvenile Law, Family Law and Civil Rights. The class utilizes the books, Child Advocacy Clinic Practice Manual (2002-03) and the Children's Mental Health Manual (2002).

The clinic does not accept calls from children or the public seeking legal information.

CHILD AND FAMILY LAW POLICY CLINIC

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 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Delinquency | |
| Kinship Care | |
| Special Education | |

Jurisdiction follows ABA Guidelines on representing abused/neglected children. The Vanderbilt Legal Clinic was started in 1975 and provides training to law students as part of the law school's curriculum. Students receive academic credit for their participation in the clinic. The Clinic is staffed with 2-3 attorneys, who focus exclusively on juvenile law. Law students work in conjunction with supervising attorneys who are part of the law faculty to assist clients referred from Juvenile Court and a local legal services office. Impact litigation is undertaken when appropriate.

TEXAS

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CLINIC
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 Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |

Since 1980, the Clinic has provided training to between 60 and 75 law students each year as part of the Law School's curriculum and 15 students participate in the Children's Rights Clinic. Supervised by two staff attorneys, law students receive six hours of academic credit in both classroom and field work components that focus on representation of children and on Texas family law. The Clinic represents only children in custody cases arising in Travis County, Texas, pursuant to court-ordered appointments.

JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW

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Does Not Use

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Volunteer Lawyers

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Delinquency | 8/95 |

The Juvenile Justice Clinic was started in the 1970's by a faculty member of the University of Texas School of Law who is now deceased. Approximately 300 children's law cases were handled by the Clinic last year. The Clinic provides training to between 30 and 40 law students each year as part of the law school's curriculum for which they receive academic credit. The Clinic is staffed by five attorneys and one paralegal. Law students are teamed with staff members to assist clients referred to the Clinic from The Travis County Juvenile Public Defender's Office. The Clinic also has materials relating to general school law.

UTAH

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Guardians Ad Litem | |

Brigham Young University has established a program in which students may earn internship credits working as a CASA volunteer. Approximately 12 students a year work with an attorney who serves as a supervisor to the students and guardian ad litem for clients referred by the Juvenile Court and social service agencies. The University also has written materials prepared in 1993 regarding family law issues.

Students may participate in a child advocacy seminar and externship. The Seminar is taught by a local Juvenile Court Judge. Through the externship, students visit the Detention Center, treatment providers, child protective services and other facilities which provide resources. Students "shadow" a deputy attorney general, a public defender, a guardian ad litem and a juvenile court judge.

VIRGINIA

Child Advocacy Clinic

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Could Use Volunteer
 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Mental Health | |
| Delinquency--Sentencing Advocacy | | Special Education | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Services for Developmentally Delayed Children | |
| Government Benefits | | Status Offenses | |
| Medicaid and/or EPSDT | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |

Law students from the University of Virginia work as volunteers with JustChildren, and are supervised by two full time and two part-time attorneys approximately 20-30 cases a year. The clinic is coordinated by Richard Belnave who is also considered a volunteer of JustChildren, and by Andrew Block, the legal director of JustChildren. The project also works with volunteer psychologists and employs a community education coordinator. Although the project does not currently work with volunteer attorneys, they could use volunteers to assist with research (interested attorneys should call Andrew Block).

JustChildren does accept calls from children and the public seeking legal information. It also has a manual for parents entitled *Helping You Help Your Child*, which explains the rights of children to a variety of services, and effective advocacy strategies.

CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Abuse and Neglect | | Special Education/Services for Students with Disabilities | |
| Delinquency | | Suspension, Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| Guardian Ad Litem (Represents Best Interests of Child) | | | |

The University of Richmond Law School houses the Children's Law Center of the University of Richmond (CLC-UR) which operates three entry-level clinics and one advanced clinic in which the students, under the supervision of Law School faculty members, represent real clients. The clinics include the Disability Law Clinic, the Delinquency Clinic, the Juvenile Law and Policy Clinic, and the Advanced Children's Law Clinic. The Clinic provides training to law students as part of the law school's curriculum. Students receive academic credit for their participation in the Clinic which handles 30 to 40 cases for children every year. Clients are referred from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and attorneys in the community. The Clinic is staffed by two attorneys and a secretary. The Clinic is interested in handling impact litigation when that opportunity arises.

WASHINGTON

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Could Use Volunteer

Lawyers

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|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | | Guardianships | |
| Birth Certificate/Name Change | | Special Education | |
| Foster Care Rights | | | |

The Child Advocacy Clinic began in 1996 and currently handles some family law cases in addition to children's law. Twelve students take the class "Child Advocacy" in order to participate in the clinic, and with the supervision of one staff attorney and the assistance of students from other disciplines, they handle approximately 19 cases a year as both attorneys and guardian ad litem. The clinic receives cases from juvenile court and from the CASA program. Although the clinic does not currently utilize volunteer lawyers, they may be able to in the future and interested attorneys should contact the director. The clinic does not accept calls from the public seeking legal information, however they do accept calls from children.

The clinic has handled some impact litigation.

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Adoption | |
| Emancipation | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | |
| Guardian Ad Litem (Represents Best Interests of Child) | |
| Guardianships (Custodial Adult Obtaining Temporary Legal Status) | |
| Status Offenses | |

The Legal Services Program of the University of Wyoming was established in the early 1970's to provide training to law students as part of the law school's curriculum. Approximately 7 students each year receive academic credit for their participation in the Clinic. The Clinic handles 70 cases for children every year. Clients are referred from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals and attorneys in the community. The Clinic is staffed by one attorney. The Clinic does not handle impact litigation at this time.

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The Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI) was founded in 1989 with a grant from the Weingart Foundation and has offices in San Diego and Sacramento. CAI is an institute within the University of San Diego School of Law. As an Institute, CAI focuses on child abuse and neglect, child care and development, child health and safety issues, and on efforts to improve the government's delivery of children's services in California. During the 1991-92 session of the California State Legislature, for example, CAI sponsored 12 bills enacted into law and successfully litigated impact cases securing rights for children and children's service providers. At the University of San Diego Law School, CAI operates a law school clinic that teams staff attorneys with volunteer law students to assist clients in abuse and neglect, dependency, emancipation, government benefits and guardianship cases. This law school clinic is described more fully in Part II, Law School Clinics.

Describing itself as a "watch-dog group with teeth," CAI has taken an active stance in a wide number of areas involving the welfare of California's Children:

Child Abuse Projects - Improvement of Child Abuse Investigations: Child Abuse Victim-Witness Pilot Projects; Representing Children More Effectively: The SCA Pilot Project; Extending the SCA Model through the Nathan Cummings Foundation Project; Improving Attorney Representation of Children in Juvenile Court; Improving Judicial Performance in Juvenile Court;

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Legislation to Refine State Law to Protect Children Threatened by Severe Neglect; Detection of Legislation Harmful to Abused Children; Child Abuse Litigation.

Child Care Projects - Licensing Improvements; Child Care Regulations and Health and Safety Funding; The "Kids' Plates" Program; Training of Child Care Providers; Litigation to Protect Child Care and Development Program Funding.

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The Child Care Law Center (CCLC) specializes in access to child care for low income children. Working primarily with child care providers, CCLC is a counseling, resource and training center helping providers serving low income families understand and utilize the government benefits available in the child care area. CCLC produces 20 publications on a wide range of legal issues including:

- * *Caring for the Future: Meeting California's Child Care Challenges*
- * *Child Care Contracts: Information for Providers*
- * *Liability Insurance*
- * *Family Day Care Zoning Advocacy Guide*
- * *Legal Guide for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies*
- * *Caring for Children with Special Needs: the ADA and Child Care*

CCLC also produces a quarterly newsletter, the *Legal Update*, which publicizes the latest legal developments affecting the child care field.

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| Legal Assistance Provided Through Class Action Litigation Only in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided Through Class Action Litigation Only in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | |
| Adoption | 1993 | Immigration | |
| Civil Rights | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Emancipation | | Status Offenders | |
| Government Benefits | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | 1993 |
| HIV Positive Children | 1990 | | |

Founded in 1970, the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to use the law to improve the lives of children and youth affected by poverty. NCYL represents poor children in major litigation and provides specialized legal assistance to attorneys and other child advocates who work on behalf of poor children and youth. The center also promotes laws and public policies to improve the conditions in which poor children must live. We are particularly committed to protecting and increasing their access to vital services and health care.

NCYL has co-counseled cases with numerous firms across the country including the San Francisco firms of Morrison & Foerster, and Farella, Braun & Martal, and the Salt Lake City firm of Junes, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough. Pro bono attorneys are recruited through the Litigation Assistance Partnerships Project, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, and private attorneys interested in child advocacy.

NCYL's advocacy on behalf of poor children concentrates on six specific areas:

- Protecting abused and neglected children;

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- Expanding access to health care for children and adolescents;
- Securing public benefits to meet the special needs of children;
- Increasing access to housing for families with children;
- Addressing the special problems of children living in institutions;
- Improving child support collection.

We can provide on request a bibliography of materials available from NCYL and Youth Law News (published by-monthly).

NCYL houses the Child Support Project run by Leora Gershenzon. The Project operates as a resource center of information on child support issues for legal service organizations and child support advocacy organizations. The Project provides bi-monthly mailings containing information for advocates and custodial and noncustodial parents. The Project also does legislative and administrative advocacy.

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| Abuse and Neglect (Impact Litigation Only) | |
| Civil Rights (Impact Litigation Only) | |
| Delinquency (Impact Litigation Only) (Conditions of Confinement) | |
| Special Education (Impact Litigation Only) | |

The Youth Law Center San Francisco, California, was established in 1978 to focus attention on legal issues affecting children through public education, training, technical assistance and impact litigation. The staff of eight lawyers teams with volunteer lawyers and law students to provide representation in impact litigation cases nationwide. Clients are referred through social service agencies, health care professionals, other attorneys and community groups. Because of its national reputation, the Center receives applications from law students from all over the country for its summer internships. The Center has been responsible for significant impact litigation. The Center's staff is supplemented by health care professionals, psychologists and juvenile justice/corrections specialists when needed. In August 1994, the Youth Law Center opened an office in Washington D.C. to focus on federal policy issues and advocacy on the east coast.

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The National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1977 to enhance the well-being of children by promoting excellence in the field of children's law. The NACC is a membership organization which works to improve the legal protection and representation of children throughout the United States and abroad. The NACC provides training and technical assistance to attorneys and other professionals, serves as a public information and professional referral center, and engages in public policy advocacy to improve the system.

The NACC membership is multidisciplinary and includes attorneys, judges, medical and mental health professionals, social workers, teachers, law enforcement officials, guardians ad litem, court appointed special advocates and other individuals who care about children.

The NACC publishes a quarterly newsletter of cases, brief articles, news of conferences and other information related to the practice of children's law. *The Guardian* is a forum through which members share case law, referrals, strategic approaches, and other resources to promote effective representation of children in need of protection. Each year the NACC holds a major national conference devoted to children's legal issues. The NACC also produces a children's law manual in conjunction with each year's conference. The following manuals are available for purchase:

- * *Kids, Courts and Community: Providing Children Access to Justice (1999)*
- * *Serving the Needs of the Child Client: Keeping Pace with the Practice of Law for Children (1998)*
- * *Advocating for Children in Crisis: Poverty, Violence and Changing Resources (1997)*
- * *Child Advocacy at a Crossroads: The Development and Direction of Children's Law in America (1996)*
- * *Children's Law, Policy and Practice (1995)*
- * *Excellence in Children's Law (1994)*
- * *Current Issues in Pediatric Law (1993)*
- * *Using the Law for Children; New Horizons for Attorneys and Expert Witnesses (1992)*
- * *Children's Law Update (1991)*
- * *Using the Law to Protect Children (1989)*

The NACC maintains a membership Deskbook & Directory which contains NACC organizational information, a membership directory, a referral network of child advocates and other resources. It is provided to all members as a benefit of membership. Membership in the NACC is \$75 annually for a basic membership.

The NACC also works to educate legislators and their staff members about measures that would assist children in need of protection. While the NACC does not provide any direct legal representation, in recent years, it has filed amicus Curiae Briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court, state appellate and state supreme courts.

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Technical assistance and consultation is provided to attorneys, judges, and child protection professionals on the following topics, as well as relevant publications:

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| Abuse and Neglect | Delinquency | Kinship Care & Foster Care |
| Adoption | Family Preservation | Law Guardian |
| Child Support | Guardian Ad Litem | Parental Child Abduction |
| Custody Disputes | HIV Positive Children | Permanency Planning |

Founded by the ABA Young Lawyers Division in 1978, The ABA Center on Children and the Law's mission is to improve the quality of life for children through advancements in law, justice and public policy. It is the only federally-supported Resource Center (funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) specializing in a wide range of legal matters related to the protection of children.

The staff of 12 attorneys and one paralegal provides technical assistance and consultation to attorneys, judges, and child protection professionals, produces a wide range of publications and scholarly policy studies, has an extensive training program and holds a bi-annual National Conference on Children and the Law. CLE credit is available for most of the Center's trainings.

The Center works with state child welfare agencies to develop curricula and train attorneys and social workers. The Center has conducted extensive child welfare policy studies to assist states updating their child welfare laws and procedures. After performing a policy study, the Center can recommend and help implement changes -- including drafting legislation, court rules, and policy standards, and preparing attorney and caseworker training based on new laws, policies and practices.

The Center publishes two in-house publications: (1) the *Quarterly Report* describing the Center's ABA and grant/contract-funded work; and (2) the *ABA Juvenile and Child Welfare Law Reporter*, a 16-page monthly legal information service containing case law abstracts on abuse and neglect, civil rights, juvenile delinquency, foster care, adoption, drug and alcohol abuse, termination

of parental rights, and liability under federal and state laws for agencies and individuals working with children. Also included is Supreme Court news, legislative developments, analysis of cutting-edge legal issues, highlights of new reports and books, and summaries of state legal ethics decisions. Subscriptions and back issues are available. The Center also makes available a wide variety of books concerning children's law.

No direct representation of clients is undertaken by the Center.

The Center also houses the National Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues. This Resource Center provides free or low-cost training, technical assistance and consultation to agencies and courts on all legal and judicial aspects of the child welfare system. To learn more about this Center, visit its website at: www.abanet.org/child/rcjli.

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The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, previously the Mental Health Law Project, handles impact litigation only, and provides information and support for attorneys nationwide. The Bazelon Center is a separate non-profit that has been operating since 1972. Children's law cases are 30-50% of the total case load and includes cases in the following areas: Civil Rights, Homeless Youth, Medicaid, Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment, Mental Health, Special Education, Status Offenders and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Children. The Bazelon Center is staffed by nine attorneys, one paralegal, and nine non-legal professionals, including a social worker. Psychologists and others are used as paid consultants when appropriate. Clients are referred from the Protection and Advocacy System, other attorneys and community advocates.

Volunteer lawyers and law students are recruited through law schools and by word of mouth because of the excellent reputation of the Bazelon Center. No specific general training program is offered, but information and support for attorneys is available in a wide range of areas.

The Bazelon Center publishes an "Advocates Guide to SSI For Children," which explains the laws, regulations, policies and procedures governing a child's eligibility for SSI benefits. The guide is an essential resource for attorneys representing children who are appealing SSI denials.

The Bazelon Center also brings impact cases for children with mental disabilities or who are at risk of disability. In Alabama, the Bazelon Center teamed with the Civil Liberties Union of Alabama and the Southern Poverty Law Center to successfully challenge the failure of the state's child protection and foster care systems to (1) provide children and their families with in-home supports and other services to permit them to stay at home, and (2) provide children with the appropriate care, treatment and services they need after they are removed from their homes. A consent decree creating a new system is being implemented to serve more than 4,000 children.

The Bazelon Center also represented 8,000 children when Florida failed to develop sufficient community-based therapeutic programs for children in state custody. In New Mexico, the Bazelon Center is helping local counsel prepare a lawsuit on behalf of children with emotional and behavioral disorders who are at risk of placement in the state's child welfare and juvenile justice systems. A class action focusing on class member's rights under federal special education law challenges the systemic deficiencies in the service-delivery systems of three Vermont state agencies that allow children to fall through the cracks due to lack of interagency coordination and cooperation.

In addition to litigation, the Bazelon Center monitors implementation of the Child Mental

Health Services Program, advocates for development of appropriate federal regulations and guidelines for state child welfare systems under the recently enacted Family Preservation Act and works with the Mental Health and Special Education Coalition. (A new 100-page book for advocates, "Making Medicaid Work," explains how states can use the Medicaid program to finance key components of a comprehensive system of care for children with severe emotional disturbance is now available from the Center.) Recently, it started a new entity, LINKS, Linking Networks For Kids, a national consortium which promotes the coordination of resources for developmentally vulnerable children. The LINKS newsletter is available from the Bazelon Center.

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The Center for Law & Education (CLE) serves as the national support center for neighborhood legal services offices, pro bono attorneys, and their low-income clients in the area of education. For the past 25 years, it has provided legal service nationwide to parents, students, educators, lawyers, and community organizations. The Center works to improve laws affecting the education of low-income children and to hold local and state educational agencies accountable for the implementation of those laws. Services available from the Center include advice and collaboration on cases, publications, training, federal program advocacy, and litigation. It also handles special, national implementation projects in the areas of Title I/State and Local Education Reform and vocational education/school to work. Other priority areas of the Center are education rights of students with disabilities, early intervention services and early childhood education issues affecting the limited-English proficient student, and educational rights of welfare recipients.

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Created in the 1970s as a part of the ABA, the Center works to monitor and influence the policy, practice, fiscal and administrative changes rapidly emerging in juvenile justice systems across the nation. The Center has now left the ABA and is a free-standing non-profit, with regional centers around the country.

The Center provides training, technical assistance, model program design, information and advocacy, and responds to a vast assortment of juvenile delinquency issues and provides leadership to state and local practitioners, bar associations, defenders, judges, youth workers, correctional agency staff, policy makers, and the like. The Center addresses many issues such as:

- * quality representation and access to counsel in juvenile delinquency proceedings
- * juvenile detention and correction reform
- * waiver/transfer of juveniles into the adult criminal courts
- * over-representation of children of color in the juvenile justice system
- * implementing the juvenile justice standards
- * designing and implementing model programs
- * research and analysis

Some of the Center's most popular publications include:

A Call for Justice: An Assessment of Access to Counsel and Quality of Representation in Delinquency Proceedings (December 1995). FREE.

More Than Meets the Eye: Rethinking Assessment, Competency and Sentencing for a Harsher Era of Juvenile Justice (August 1997). \$12.00 plus applicable sales tax, shipping and handling.

Beyond the Walls: Improving Conditions of Confinement for Youth in Custody (January 1998). FREE.

IJA/ABA Juvenile Justice Standards with commentary (1979-1980). Call for price list.

IJA/ABA Juvenile Justice Standards, Annotated (1996). \$49.95 for ABA Criminal Justice Section Members; \$59.95 regular price.

Practice Paper Series (FREE):

Checklists for Use In Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings (August 1985).

Preventive Detention after Schall v. Martin (November 1985).

An Emerging Judicial Role in Family Court (August 1986).

Some of the goals recently identified by the Center include: improving conditions of confinement for youth; increasing juveniles' access to counsel and quality of representation at all stages of the juvenile justice system; addressing the needs of children waived to adult criminal court.

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The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty was established in 1989 as the legal arm of the movement to end homelessness, with an emphasis on protecting the rights of homeless children and youth. The Center focuses on children's civil rights, government benefits, and the education rights of homeless children and youth (the McKinney-Vento Act). As part of its mission to end homelessness, the Center works to ensure that all homeless children and youth have access to a free, appropriate public education and a real opportunity for academic success. The Center can provide legal and practice information to practicing lawyers, as well as technical assistance and support for cases, opportunities to become involved in education issues on behalf of homeless children and youth, amicus briefs, connection to *pro bono* assistance from law firms, a membership network, and other assistance and support as needed.

The Center has the following manuals available for distribution:

Education Rights of Homeless Children and Youth (booklet, issue briefs and fact sheets), 2001

Various legal memos on advocacy/enforcement of the McKinney-Vento Act, 2001

Compendium and analysis of state laws affecting unaccompanied youth, 2001

Training materials on McKinney-Vento Act (including overhead transparencies and practice scenarios), 2001

Education Rights of Homeless Children and Youth with Disabilities (booklet), 2000

Access to Public Benefits for Unaccompanied Youth (anticipated in 2002)

The Center utilizes volunteer attorneys, law students and other professionals, in addition to five staff attorneys. Volunteer attorneys provide legal research, and help with policy and legal strategizing. The office does handle impact litigation, such as Lampkin v. District of Columbia, which resulted in a 1995 appellate court decision that the McKinney-Vento Act is enforceable via 42 USC 1983.

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| Abuse and Neglect | | Homeless Youth | |
| Civil Rights | | Medicaid and/or Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment | |
| Delinquency | | Mental Health | |
| Foster Care Rights | | Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| Health Care | | | |

Florida Legal Services, Inc. provides technical expertise and works towards systemic reform in poverty issues of all types. Deborah Schroth was hired in 1996 and she began a juvenile program which engages in systemic reform of the systems which serve children, including foster care, juvenile justice, the health care system, schools and other institutions, through all reasonable and necessary manner of advocacy through the state and federal courts, administrative proceedings, and legislative and other policy advocacy. The office does handle impact litigation and was one of many co-counsel on *Bonnie L. v. Bush* which was a state-wide challenge to Florida's foster care system. The program also secured an appellate decision that when a parent in a dependency is entitled to court-appointed counsel, that counsel must be competent and the remedy for incompetent counsel is through a habeas action. The office does handle a few individual cases if they present any type of due process issue of first impression or otherwise fit into the office's impact area. Calls from children and the public seeking legal information are accepted.

Florida Legal Services also provides support to practicing attorneys through training, technical assistance and sometimes co-counseling. The program also maintains several list-serves on various substantive issues affecting children. Sample memos of law and other pleadings are posted on this site. To view these sites and list-serves, contact the supervising attorney to be admitted as a member. Volunteer attorneys are sometimes utilized to assist in research and in drafting pleadings. Volunteers

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The Center for Law and Human Services, Inc. (CLHS) was organized in April 1990. The CLHS mission is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of human services programs that target low income persons. CLHS provides legal research, analysis, training, technical assistance and public policy advocacy. A number of CLHS' projects have involved children's issues. CLHS has also provided brief consultation and technical assistance to 34 states and county child welfare agencies concerning SSI benefits for foster children.

Pursuant to a contract with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), CLHS undertook a survey of 200 parents receiving in-home services from that agency. The survey screened parents and their children for eligibility and receipt of public benefits and services available from federal, state and local human services programs. A report of this project will guide DCFS allocations of training and technical assistance resources. CLHS has also prepared a package of resource materials including brochures, handbooks and training guides that enable child welfare departments to improve utilization of tax benefits available to foster parents.

CLHS offers research, analysis and other technical assistance for identifying funding sources and to prepare grant applications for programs serving pregnant and parenting teenagers. Training and consultation is available to local and regional organizations concerning public benefits programs affecting low-income parents and children enrolled in Head Start. CLHS is undertaking a comprehensive, critical review of health care needs and medical care entitlements of homeless youth in the Chicago area. CLHS has prepared a handbook on the right of homeless children and youth to receive a free and appropriate education in local school districts.

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| Adoption | yes |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | yes |
| Guardianships | yes |

The Child Custody Pro Bono Project began in 2001 through the American Bar Association and is sponsored by the Standing Committee on Pro Bono and the Family Law Section. The Project is funded through the ABA FJE by Bill and Melita Grunow in honor of Ann Liechty, and has the mission of designing and implementing programs and policies in proceedings for marital custody, non-marital custody and adoption that will assist in children’s well-being, development and safety. The goals for achieving this mission include:

- ◆ Increasing the number of pro bono child custody projects, opportunities, attorneys and children served.
- ◆ Implementing innovative delivery strategies to expand legal services for children in child custody matters.
- ◆ Higher quality representation in child custody matters.
- ◆ Improving coordination and communication among groups working at a national level on the complex issues involved in child custody.
- ◆ Heighten judicial sensitivity and knowledge in making decisions regarding a child’s best interest in a custody matter.
- ◆ Children and parents who are better educated and informed about custody proceedings, results and impacts.
- ◆ Improving relationships between lawyers and other children’s advocates, including doctors, psychologists, social workers, and teachers.
- ◆ Greater support for legislation impacting child custody matters.

The Project regularly utilizes law students in its work, along with researches and library management specialists.

INDIANA

THE CHILDREN’S LAW CENTER OF INDIANA

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Attorneys - Yes

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect | Yes | Mental Health | |
| Adoption | Yes | Probate | |
| Delinquency | | Special Education | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | Yes | Status Offenders | |
| Guardianships | Yes | | |

The Children's Law Center of Indiana (CLCI) is a private non-governmental resource center for Indiana legal issues. The CLCI seeks to improve the well being of children by enhancing the legal representation on behalf of children and by promoting multidisciplinary excellence in children's law. The primary objectives of the CLCI are the training and education of professionals who serve children. Trainings for volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates/Guardian ad Litem are offered 4-6 times a year. To volunteer contact the law center at 317-558-2870 extension 50 or 23.

Clients are referred from juvenile court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, other attorneys and clients themselves. The office does accept calls from the public seeking legal information.

MASSACHUSETTS

CENTER FOR LAW AND EDUCATION

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The Center for Law and Education (CLE) strives to make the right of all students to quality education a reality throughout the nation and to help enable communities to address their own public education problems effectively, with an emphasis on assistance to low-income students and communities. For more than a quarter of a century, the Center for Law and Education has worked to bring about school- and district-wide change across the country in order to improve educational outcomes, particularly for low-income students. CLE directs three national projects, namely, School Reform/Title I; High School Restructuring/Vocational Education; Educational Rights of Students with Disabilities, and has undertaken a new membership initiative, Community Action for Public Schools (CAPS). CLE can help with these topics in a number of ways, including: (1) training of parents, students and community members; (2) assistance to attorneys and advocates representing students and parents; (3) policy analysis and policy drafting; (4) staff development; (5) assistance in dealing with state and federal policy-makers; (6) access to, and assistance in using, out extensive publications on program implementation in these areas (such as our implementation and advocacy guides on Title I, the School-to-Work Opportunities Act, and other programs); (7) access to other resources around the country, including schools, exemplary programs, researchers, and advocates. Some of these services are available to CAPS members, while others may be available through our projects, or in some cases on a fee-for-service basis.

MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN CHILD WELFARE LAW RESOURCE CENTER

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Abuse and Neglect | | Foster Care Rights | |
| Adoption | | Guardianships | |
| Delinquency | | Kinship Care | |
| Emancipation | | | |

Michigan Child Welfare Law Resource Center began in 1995 with a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to improve the legal system's handling of child related cases through professional development. The center offers practicing lawyers training, publications and technical assistance. The center is a membership organization for lawyers (currently there is no cost to become a member), with member benefits including a free subscription to the Michigan Child Welfare Law Journal, reduced rates on training and conferences and advance notice of publications. There is one lawyer on staff, and no need for volunteer lawyers, but the center does utilize law students. The office does not accept calls from the public or from children.

The center has for sale the Michigan Child Welfare Law Source Book, April 2000 (periodic revisions) for \$30.

NEW JERSEY

ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN OF NEW JERSEY

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Resource Center
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Up-To-Date Publications

Information and assistance (primarily through telephone inquiries), training and publications on the status of New Jersey law affecting children is available to lawyers and interested individuals in the following areas:

Abuse and Neglect

Adoption

Delinquency

Emancipation

Custody Disputes

Government Benefits

Guardianships

Homeless Youth

Medicaid

Special Education

Suspension/Expulsion

Truancy

The Children's Legal Resource Center is a service of the Association For Children of New Jersey (ACNJ). The ACNJ is a statewide child advocacy organization whose goal is to bring about positive changes for children through a variety of advocacy strategies. The Children's Legal Resource Center acts as a clearinghouse of information by answering telephone inquiries and publishing and distributing manuals and fact sheets dealing with abuse and neglect, family law, custody disputes, and guardianships. Also available is a manual published in 1990 entitled *You Have A Right* which covers the general rights of children in New Jersey and another manual published in 1992 covering foster care.

The Children's Legal Resource Center also trains pro bono lawyers. The Center provides training and a manual free of charge in exchange for the acceptance of one pro bono assignment in a termination of parental rights case. When training is completed, the lawyer's name is forwarded to judges and/or family case managers for direct assignment to a case. Once trained, the lawyers are also free to call the Center for further assistance. The Center holds a formal training session at least once a year which it advertises through legal publications and bar association mailings. In exchange for taking a pro bono case, attorneys are provided comprehensive training and a manual free of charge which was published in 1998.

NEW YORK

THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND THE LAW

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| Legal Assistance Provided Through Class Action Litigation Only in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available | Legal Assistance Provided Through Class Action Litigation Only in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
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| Abuse and Neglect | | Guardianships | |
| Delinquency | | Health Care | |
| Family Law Custody Disputes | | Mental Health | |
| Foster Care Rights | | | |

Founded in 2001, the Center for Children, Families and the Law began as a collaboration between Hofstra University and the North Shore-Long Island Health System. The Center’s mission is to provide interdisciplinary education, community service and research to benefit children and families involved in the legal system. The Center trains law students to serve as child advocates through the Hofstra University Child Advocacy Clinic (see Clinic listing in this Directory). The Center promotes important interdisciplinary research and proposed reforms through the *Family Court Review*, a quarterly journal sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) and edited by Hofstra law students. Court reform projects include participation in a tri-state alliance of institutions focused on developing more effective court services for dissolving families, and a program of research and development in cooperation with Nassau county courts and agencies to help divorcing and separating parents manage their conflicts over their children responsibly.

The Center serves as home to the P.E.A.C.E. (Parent Education and Custody Effectiveness) Program, a court-affiliated, interdisciplinary education program for divorcing and separating parents (a P.E.A.C.E. Program and Curriculum Manual is available through the Center). Lawyers working on a *pro bono* basis assist local P.E.A.C.E. providers with the presentation of the program.

The Center also offers practicing lawyers training programs, such as NITA’s “Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child” planned for 2004 and mediation trainings. The Center also organizes conferences to foster dialogue between academic disciplines, policy makers and the judiciary about how children and families are treated by the legal system.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, INC

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 Attorneys

| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Civil Rights | |

Children's Rights, Inc. began in 1995 to continue the work begun by the Children's Rights Project of the ACLU, which was formed in 1973. Children's Rights, Inc. is at the forefront in the fight for the rights of poor children in the custody of child welfare agencies across the country. With an annual budget of nearly two million dollars, a staff of seasoned litigators, and a growing public policy department, Children's Rights combines the power of the courts and the assistance of expert partners to improve services for abused and neglected children.

Children's Rights now has six child welfare systems under some form of court supervision and five others before the courts. Equally importantly, Children's Rights is drawing from its experience to evaluate the long-term effect and limitations of impact litigation, and, based on its own analyses and partnerships with experts, identifying new and more effective means of creating and sustaining long-term change. In all instances, Children's Rights recognizes that no one approach works everywhere and that the needs of children must come before those of any government bureaucracy or courtroom strategy.

NORTH CAROLINA

CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH & THE LAW

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| Legal Assistance Provided in the Following Areas: | Manuals Available |
|---|-------------------|
| Health Care | |
| Medicaid and EPSDT | |
| Adolescent Health | yes |

The Center for Adolescent Health and the Law began in 1999 as part of a larger organization, and became a separate nonprofit organization in April 2002. The center exists to support laws and policies that promote the health of adolescents and their access to comprehensive health care; the office does not handle impact litigation. The center maintains a list of up to date publication on its website and offers copies of publications as resources to practicing lawyers. One staff attorney does work with law students, however the center does not utilize volunteer attorneys.

The center does not accept calls from the public seeking legal information.

Some current available manuals are:

* Adolescents in Public Health Insurance Programs: Medicaid and CHIP (1999)

* State Minor Consent Laws: A Summary, 2d Edition (May, 2002)

OHIO

JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN PROJECT

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The Justice for Children Project is an interdisciplinary research initiative at The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law. The Project engages in research and law reform while providing law students with opportunities to explore issues pertaining to children. The Project may undertake law reform initiatives. For example, the Project filed an amicus brief in the Ohio Supreme Court and the Kentucky Supreme Court, arguing that the children have a constitutional right to maintain and pursue their sibling relationship in a contested adoption matter. The Project is also developing GAL standards in abuse, neglect, dependency, delinquency, and unruly cases, and in domestic matters.

The College of Law also has a Justice for Children Practicum that handles individual cases for children (see the section on Legal Clinics).

OKLAHOMA

THE OKLAHOMA INSTITUTE FOR CHILD ADVOCACY

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Anne Roberts
Executive Director

The Institute provides legislative monitoring of Oklahoma state laws that will affect children in a variety of substantive areas. A weekly report on all legislation affecting children in Oklahoma is available from the Institute for a subscription fee. Anne Roberts, the Executive Director, is a registered lobbyist. The Institute provides no direct legal representation.

The Institute maintains a lending library with videos and books on health and education issues. Educational programs presented to schools or other organizations by one of the ten staff members are available and cover parenting, teenage sex and health issues.

OREGON

JUVENILE RIGHTS PROJECT

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The Juvenile Rights Project began initially as a branch of a legal aid agency and now operates as a separate nonprofit organization. The Project is staffed with 17 attorneys and 8 paralegals. Clients are referred from the Juvenile Court, social service agencies, schools, health care professionals, and other attorneys in the community. The Project does not recruit volunteer attorneys. The Project sponsors monthly Brown Bag Training sessions at Juvenile Court for defense attorneys, Juvenile Court counselors, CASA's (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and the judiciary on topics related to juvenile law. A research bank is maintained by the Project which includes information on materials covering a wide variety of children's legal issues.

SOUTH CAROLINA

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| Abuse and Neglect | |
| Delinquency | |
| Status Offenders | |
| Suspension/Expulsion and/or Truancy Issues | |
| Victims in Criminal Proceedings | |

Children’s Law Office began in 1985 as a special grant project of the University of South Carolina School of Law, and it exists to improve the knowledge and skills of lawyers and other professionals who work in child abuse/neglect and juvenile justice court proceedings. The organization offers training, written resource materials, information and technical assistance to attorneys and there are several manuals specific to South Carolina law available through the office’s website. There are 4.5 lawyers currently on staff, and though they have not utilized volunteers in the past, they could use both lawyers and law students to assist with their work. This office does not accept calls from children or the public, and solely offers services to lawyers or other professionals.

VIRGINIA

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

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A Nonprofit Organization

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was established in 1984 as a private, nonprofit organization which operates under a Congressional mandate and works in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice in coordinating the efforts of law enforcement, social service agencies, elected officials, judges, prosecutors, educators, and the public and private sectors to break the cycle of violence that historically has perpetuated crimes against children. The NCMEC spearheads national efforts to locate and recover missing children, and raises public awareness about ways to prevent child abduction, molestation, and sexual exploitation.

In 1990 NCMEC merged with the Adam Walsh Child Resource Centers to become "a strong, loud voice for children." This merger has made NCMEC truly a national organization with its headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. The Adam Walsh Children's Fund (AWC), based in Florida, focuses on special projects to reach millions of children and families with positive, nonfearful child safety programs. Branch offices operate in California, Florida, New York, and South Carolina, and Kansas City, Missouri, providing hands-on assistance to families of missing children, advocating legislative changes to better protect children, conducting an array of prevention and awareness programs, and motivating citizens to become personally involved in child protection issues.

NCMEC has a number of books, brochures and publication packages available either for free, or a nominal charge depending on the number of copies desired. Some of the titles available include:

Books:

- * *Child Molesters: A Behavioral Analysis*
- * *Child Sex Rings: A Behavioral Analysis*
- * *Investigator's Guide to Missing Child Cases*
- * *Nonprofit Service Provider's Handbook*
- * *Family Abduction*
- * *Selected State Legislation*

Brochures for Hospital Professionals:

- * *Child Protection*
- * *For Camp Counselors*
- * *Kids and Company: Together for Safety (Child Safety Curriculum)*
- * *Just in Case . . . Series*

- * *"Child Safety on the Information Highway"*
- * *"Teen Safety on the Information Highway"*

NATIONAL COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE ASSOCIATION

(CASA)

The National CASA Association supports the growing number of CASA programs who are serving abused and neglected children in 50 states. CASA volunteers interview the child, parents, teachers, doctors and relatives to find the information necessary to help judges make more appropriate placement decisions -- taking into account the special needs of each individual child.

For more information on CASA, write: National CASA Association, 100 W. Harrison Street, North Tower, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98119, call (800) 628-3233, or visit <http://www.nationalcasa.org>.