



### Did you know?

- One third of DC's children live in poverty
- DC has the 4th lowest graduation rate in the country - only 58% of students graduate high school.
- 2,500 abused and neglected children live with uncertainty in DC's child welfare system.
- Hundreds of young people "age-out" of foster care without a family—the safety net that most of us take for granted.

The Children's Law Center envisions a future for the District of Columbia in which every child has a safe home, a meaningful education and a healthy mind and body.

The Children's Law Center is the *largest legal services* provider in the District ... helping more than 1,000 children each year.

The Children's Law Center is the *only* organization in DC that provides free legal representation specifically to children.

The Children's Law Center advocates for abused and neglected children and low-income children with special education and health needs.

### Guardian *ad litem* Program

Children's Law Center attorneys are a voice for DC's abused and neglected children finding safe homes and services for children who need to heal from the trauma of abuse.

### Family Permanency Project

Children's Law Center attorneys, along with more than 300 pro bono lawyers from over 70 area law firms, represent foster parents and relatives seeking to give children permanent homes.

### Health Access Project

A medical / legal collaboration between Children's Law Center & Children's National Medical Center. *Together, lawyers and doctors overcome obstacles to children's health that each cannot do alone.*



### Systemic Advocacy

Children's Law Center advocates for laws, policies and programs that improve the lives of neglected children and children with special education and health care needs.

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