

family. health. education.

Sometimes litigation is the best medicine for health problems that get in the way of a child's success.

Children's Law Center works to give every child in the District of Columbia a solid foundation of family, health, and education. Children struggling with health problems can't reach their full potential.

DeMarco has sickle cell anemia, which compromises his immune system and puts him at a higher risk of infection. His family of 7 used to live in a 2-bedroom apartment, and DeMarco shared a room with his 4 brothers. Being in close contact all the time meant he frequently picked up infections his siblings could avoid, and DeMarco often had to be hospitalized.

♦CLC convinced the landlord to transfer DeMarco and his family to a larger apartment. Now, with his own room, DeMarco rarely gets sick.

Kimberly couldn't stop nodding off in class because she was constantly spending nights at the emergency room. Her asthma was getting worse because her family's apartment had rats, roaches, and mold due to flooding in the units downstairs. The apartment's landlord said he would fix things, but never did.

♦CLC threatened the landlord with litigation. To avoid court, he moved Kimberly's family to a better building. Her asthma is under control, and now she can focus on her schoolwork.

Hakim was looking forward to first grade. But a month before school started, Hakim was hospitalized. As a result of his illness, he suddenly lost his ability to walk. Hakim needed to transfer to a wheelchair-accessible school and his mother, who spoke little English, was left to find a school and arrange the services he needed with only weeks before the start of classes.

♦CLC found Hakim a placement in an accessible school and negotiated for a dedicated aide, nursing, and special transportation. Hakim is thriving and loves school.

All parents want their children to be healthy. When children's illnesses are caused by poverty, doctors can treat the symptoms, but families need a lawyer to help them overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of full health. That's where Children's Law Center comes in. By working next door to pediatricians in clinics that treat low income families, CLC attorneys can help parents access medical care, better housing conditions, and supports at school. Being healthy means children like DeMarco, Kimberly, and Hakim have a chance to succeed.

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