



# CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER

# ANNUAL REPORT



Many members of our nearly 100-person team gather after a staff meeting (January 2019).



# LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## 2018 HAS BEEN A YEAR OF TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Inside this report you'll read all about the breadth and depth of our work in the past year. You'll meet Keisha, Davon and Zeke and learn about our game-changing systemic victories that create lasting opportunities for all DC children to learn. You will also hear about how we increased our impact exponentially through effective partnerships. Accomplishing all of this during a tumultuous and challenging time wasn't easy, and it happened thanks to the smart team of lawyers and advocates that come to work every day at Children's Law Center.

Sadly, the punitive policies and hateful rhetoric that have gripped our nation also took a toll on DC's children. Last summer, Congress and the administration drastically slashed the budget of DC's local court. In response, the court was forced to make deep cuts to their longstanding contract with us. In total, we lost almost \$2 million.

My team and I had to make hard choices and focus our resources on CLC's core strengths to address the most critical needs of DC's children. We faced the tough reality that we would help fewer children and would need to reduce the reach of every one of our programs.

Despite these challenges, I am proud that we remain a strong, anchor institution in the District. Our continued success is thanks to a large group of incredibly dedicated supporters and partners.

Children's Law Center is comprised of resilient, tenacious and creative problem solvers. They are the best in the city, and their ability to remain firmly focused on the very center of our work—our children—during an anxious and uncertain year for everyone inspires me daily.

Tough times bring out your truest friends. We turned to many important partners across the District. The generous financial support of our donors, along with the pro bono commitment of the area's lawyers, has been astounding. We continue to be strong advocates in the District's courtrooms and in the halls of the DC Council, and we're thankful for all our allies who have stepped in and stepped up this year.

We remain deeply committed, active and engaged in our community's most important issues, but as this report shows, we surely cannot do it alone.

With gratitude,



Executive Director



# CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER DIVES DEEP

We don't ask what's wrong with a child, we ask what happened to them.



Tiffany's school has labeled her a "bad kid."

She's been suspended multiple times and is distracted in class. Teachers say she disrupts other students.

## BELOW THE SURFACE

- Tiffany has **ADHD**, which makes focusing hard for her. She's frustrated because she can't keep up with her peers.
- Tiffany sometimes **falls asleep in class**, missing out on important lessons and assignments.



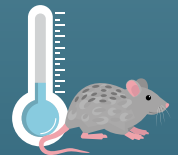
## TIFFANY'S ENVIRONMENT

### HER SCHOOL

- Tiffany's **school doesn't train staff** to identify and serve children with learning disabilities.

### HER HOME

- The **landlord won't repair the furnace**, and it is often too cold to sleep. Also, the home has a mouse infestation.



### HER FAMILY

- Tiffany's **father works long hours** as a truck driver and is often far from home, while her **mother works two jobs**.
- Tiffany's brother Jimmy has asthma, which flares up in the frigid, mouse-infested house. The family takes **frequent trips to the ER in the middle of the night**.

## TIFFANY'S CITY

- In DC, black children like Tiffany are **7x more likely to be suspended or expelled** than their white peers.
- Despite being legally required to support students with learning disabilities, many DC **schools fail to provide the services** and accommodations students need.
- DC has a crisis due to **rapidly aging and unaffordable housing**.

## CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER'S RESPONSE

Tiffany's pediatrician refers her family to Children's Law Center. Our first step is to work with school officials to provide Tiffany the support she needs in the classroom each day.

Second, we get a **court order requiring Tiffany's landlord to fix the furnace and eliminate the mouse infestation** so that Tiffany and her family can sleep. Thanks to the repairs, Jimmy can breathe easier, too.

Finally, our team **helps Tiffany's family apply for additional financial assistance** through government programs to make ends meet.

**CLC's systemic advocacy leads to citywide solutions.** Our policy work is grounded in helping tens of thousands of District children since our founding in 1996.

In 2018, we **worked with DC Council to pass the Student Fair Access to School Act** to help keep thousands of DC students like Tiffany in school, learning.

We also secured funding, so schools could **implement special education reforms**.

We collaborated with the DC Council chair to develop new strategies to **hold landlords like Tiffany's accountable** for unhealthy living conditions.



# TURNING POLICY ADVOCACY INTO LASTING CHANGE FOR DC KIDS

On any given day you will find our lawyers, social workers and investigators meeting with teachers at a local school, coloring with children in their homes or talking with concerned parents in a doctor's office. Through listening to what DC children and families are saying—and advocating for them in courtrooms, classrooms and with government agencies—we have a deep understanding of the challenges they face. Our policy and communications team is dedicated to finding systemic fixes to these challenges.

## FAIR ACCESS TO SCHOOL



At Children's Law Center, we advocate for kids who are disproportionately impacted by school suspensions and expulsions every day: children of color, children with disabilities and children in foster care. For more than 20 years, we have

served kids who are sent home from school—often for minor offenses like falling asleep in class—instead of receiving the support they need to stay in the classroom and continue learning. We know that students who aren't in school miss critical learning time and are more likely to fall behind, get poor grades and drop out.

In 2018 we continued our fight to reduce bias in school discipline by campaigning for passage of the Student Fair Access to School Act. Today, the law is in effect and change is happening in DC schools. This groundbreaking legislation will keep thousands of DC students in school, learning. Now, we're focusing on the bill's successful implementation.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION VICTORY

For years, CLC campaigned to reform DC's special education system. As a result, in 2014, the DC Council unanimously passed a package of bills that resulted in significant changes. However, three critical improvements remained unfunded and unimplemented, so our team kept advocating.

We're proud to share that as of 2018, after our multi-year campaign, the final special education reforms are funded!

The first reform ensures that children can begin school ready to learn. In the past, infants and toddlers had to show major or multiple delays in a developmental area, like walking or talking, to qualify for services that address these delays. The result was that kids with less severe developmental delays were beginning school already behind their peers, contributing to poor academic performance. Now, these children will receive help early, giving them the tools they need to succeed.



The CLC team celebrates the Student Fair Access to School Act victory after months of work with the DC Council, coalition allies, healthcare partners and educators.

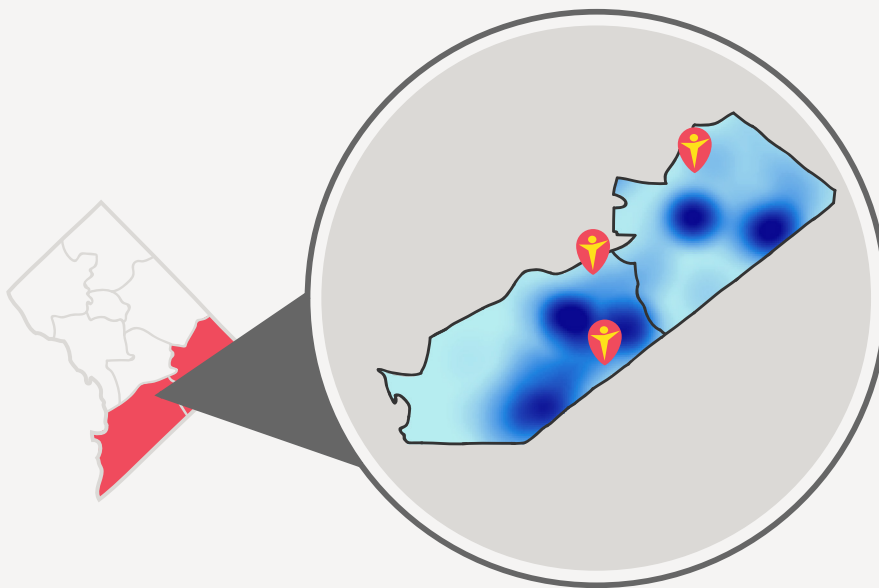
The second reform focuses on evaluations to determine a child's learning needs. Children now have the right to these evaluations within 60 days—half of the previous 120-day wait. The third reform enables schools to begin preparing teenagers with special needs for adulthood at age 14, as opposed to 16. This critical change gives students and their families more time, skills and support to plan for the future.

We are thrilled to see these reforms funded and will continue fighting to ensure all DC children are offered a quality education.

# PRIORITIZING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: A BUILD HEALTH UPDATE

In 2017, Children’s Law Center won the BUILD Health Challenge, a national program that improves health through community partnerships. Working with IMPACT DC (Children’s National’s asthma program) and the DC Department of Health, Children’s Law Center developed a three-pronged strategy to address the stark health disparities of children living in poverty in Wards 7 and 8: (1) using client feedback to improve individual assistance, (2) strengthening government collaboration to develop citywide solutions to the housing crisis, and (3) sharing data to identify trends to guide the future work of CLC and our partners.

## BUILD HEALTH ANALYZES DATA TO DIRECT PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE



The darker areas of this map indicate the blocks and buildings with the most concentrated health-related housing referrals to CLC. This information can focus the District’s efforts to improve children’s health.

 Health clinics with on-site CLC lawyers

Data Source: Children’s Law Center, 2015 - 2018

Through our medical-legal partnerships, CLC attorneys are placed in neighborhoods where adverse housing conditions—and associated health problems—persist. Early on, we encountered a problem that similar partnerships across the nation face: families caring for chronically ill children, while managing the already overwhelming struggles of living in poverty, have limited bandwidth to work with a lawyer. But without information and updates from the family, lawyers are unable to resolve unhealthy housing conditions.

The BUILD Health partnership built on Children’s National’s experience with patient families to improve communication between lawyers, doctors and patient families. Hosting focus groups and feedback meetings with parents of children with asthma allowed us to hear firsthand about the challenges they face to stay connected. Gathering that valuable input will help us overcome these barriers so families can successfully partner with lawyers to resolve the unhealthy housing conditions that cause poor health.



*I’ve lost count of how many patients I care for with asthma that are now healthier, out of the emergency room, and back in school because of Children’s Law Center.*



**Dr. Ankoor Y. Shah, M.D., M.P.H.**

Medical Director for the IMPACT DC Asthma Clinic and general pediatrician at Children’s Health Center at THEARC



## LOOK AT HIM NOW

# ENSURING DAVON'S MENTAL HEALTH

When 10-year-old Davon met Children's Law Center attorney Elizabeth Bowker for the first time, he rushed to her and gave her "the biggest hug."

Davon held on because, as his mom Ebony Priester pointed out, he knew Bowker was fighting to make sure he could get the mental health and education help he needs.

We met the Priester family when Children's National partner Dr. Erica Eisenman referred Ms. Priester to CLC through our medical-legal partnership. The call came after Ms. Priester, a domestic violence survivor, bravely relocated her family to escape an abusive relationship. With the move came a different school for her children.

Davon has bipolar disorder and ADHD. He was struggling in his new classroom without the right mental health resources. At his previous school, Davon had an individualized education program (IEP), which helped him thrive.

Administrators at his new school refused to provide mental health support, despite Ms. Priester's repeated requests. For months Davon didn't receive the services he needed—not even the essential medicines his doctor prescribed.

Dr. Eisenman knew it was time to call Children's Law Center.

"It's disappointing that even though Ms. Priester was doing everything she could to advocate for her children, the school ignored her and her children's needs. They even tried to pressure her into withdrawing from the school," Bowker remembers. "It wasn't until a lawyer got involved that the school took her seriously."

When Ms. Priester pushed school administrators to provide the mental health and special education evaluations her son needed, they retaliated by calling child protective services, claiming Davon was missing school. In fact, the school wasn't providing him with the legally required transportation. Child protective services quickly closed the case after recognizing that Ms. Priester was acting responsibly.

That's one of the reasons Bowker took the time to drive the Priesters to a specialist in Virginia for an independent and comprehensive psychological evaluation—testing that Davon's school originally

refused to provide. The results again proved that Davon needed the mental health and special education services outlined in his IEP.

Now, thanks to Bowker's legal advocacy and Ms. Priester's refusal to

back down, Davon is excelling. The school was forced to implement every piece of his IEP, from help with math to a specialized classroom setting. He's receiving the mental health services he needs, in addition to help with his classes and transportation.

Ms. Priester says that cases like this one aren't just about Davon—they are about all children in DC who are legally entitled to services that will help them succeed.

"Mental health resources affect a child's entire future," Ms. Priester said. "We need to make sure mental health remains a part of our schools because children can't thrive if we don't give them the right tools. They know when adults have given up on them."

Davon's grades have jumped a full letter in just a few months. Ms. Priester is proud of her son and thrilled about his progress.

"Ms. Bowker fought for my children the way I was fighting for my children," she remembers. "She was awesome."

Ms. Priester knows many other families face similar challenges and encourages them to never give up on their children. She recalls feeling like the school didn't care about her son—or believe in his potential.

"They treated my son like he was nothing," Ms. Priester said. "Look at him now."



*Children's Law Center works hard to protect our clients' confidentiality. Davon's image has been changed. All other details are true.*



# EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT: HOW CLC RESPONDS TO AN ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASE

When a child is removed from his home due to abuse or neglect, the first moments are critical to the child's long-term success and must be met with urgency. At Children's Law Center, our lawyers move quickly to gather as much information as possible to build a strong, thoughtful case. Here's a behind the scenes peek into the first 72 hours after we are appointed to represent a child.

## CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER ANSWERS THE CALL

- 3:00 a.m.** DC's Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) removes a child from his home because of allegations of abuse or neglect.
- Noon** DC Superior Court appoints a CLC attorney to represent the child's best interests and sends a report from CFSA to CLC explaining the reasons for removing the child.

## CLC INVESTIGATES THE CHILD'S FAMILY, HEALTH AND EDUCATION STATUS

- 1:00 p.m.** The CLC attorney calls the temporary foster parents and schedules a time to meet the child.
- 2:15 p.m.** The attorney and CLC investigator locate and speak with important people in the child's life.
- 3:30 p.m.** The attorney makes calls to gather school, mental health and medical records.
- 4:15 p.m.** If needed, a CLC social worker helps assess the child's needs and family situation.

## IN-PERSON VISITS HELP US REPRESENT THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS

- 7:35 p.m.** The attorney and investigator meet with the child face-to-face to begin building a relationship and assess his immediate needs.

- 9:45 a.m.** The attorney participates in a meeting with the child's family and professionals to understand the family's strengths and needed supports.
- Noon** The investigator heads to the child's school to speak with his teachers.
- 3:15 p.m.** The investigator interviews possible relative caregivers, inspects their homes and runs criminal records checks.

## THE CLC TEAM LEVERAGES ALL INFORMATION TO PRESENT A STRONG CASE

- 6:30 p.m.** The CLC team meets to consolidate and analyze the gathered information. The attorney then formulates a plan for the hearing.
- 10:00 a.m.** A court holds a hearing to answer the legal question: "Is there probable cause that the child has been abused or neglected and, if so, can the child return home safely or must he stay in foster care?" Based on the results of the team's intensive investigation, the CLC attorney advocates for the child to be placed with either birth, foster or extended family and recommends supports and services (e.g. parent visits, mental health services) for the child and his family. When necessary, the CLC investigator testifies.

This is just the beginning. Children's Law Center continues to represent each child through trial and until the case concludes, whether it takes weeks or years. Throughout the life of the case, a child's CLC team fights to secure the building blocks of future success: a stable family, good health and a quality education.

## WISER THAN HER 26 YEARS

# KEISHA SPEAKS OUT ABOUT OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

What Keisha Hale remembers about being 12 years old is swimming for her life through murky, choppy waters in the streets around her home. It was August 2005, and New Orleans was flooded from Hurricane Katrina.

Her life would change forever.

Following the devastation, her family relocated to DC, but the adults in Keisha's life struggled to cope and couldn't take care of Keisha. So, as a teenager, Keisha entered foster care.

That's when she met Children's Law Center. At the time, Keisha struggled with depression and thoughts of self-harm. One foster parent refused to take her to the metro to go to school, so Keisha spent two hours trying to get to class on time. When she wasn't in the hospital, she was running away from foster homes—like this one—that weren't meeting her needs.

Keisha cycled through four schools and multiple foster placements in just a few years.

"When you're stuck in that environment, it's hard to see that you're more than a foster child," Keisha shared. "Every single situation reminds you of it, but you can't let your past hinder your future."

The CLC team, including attorney Emily Madden, was there to advocate for the right foster care placement and mental health supports, and to empower Keisha to pursue her education.

"I felt like my CLC attorney was a team with my social worker," Keisha remembers. "It was the best support network I could ask for."

The CLC team fought to make sure Keisha was placed in a home that supported her. They also worked to ensure she had access to the mental health services she needed.

"It wasn't just about Keisha's foster placements," Madden said. "I wanted to make sure Keisha had everything she needed as she prepared to age

out. She's always been so resilient, motivated and intelligent. I knew she could succeed."

Achieving these goals meant focusing on Keisha's hopes, dreams and education, too.

"I never talked about applying to college with my foster parent—it was my lawyer and my social worker who I made all those decisions with. I even sent my CLC lawyer my college application essays and she proofed them," Keisha remembers. "She helped me embrace my story, and to make it into my advantage."



Together, Emily and Keisha made sure her application and test prep fees were waived, debated best school options and celebrated when Keisha was accepted to college. Madden even helped her move into her dorm room.

Keisha dreams of using her experiences to help children in the abuse and neglect system. She wants other kids to know what she discovered: "You are more than a foster child, and you can follow your dreams."

Now she's in graduate school, working on everything from medical sociology to projects with nonprofits, including Children's Law Center. Keisha and a team of peers designed our 2018 Thanksgiving card for a school project.

The tenacity that pushed Keisha through those flood waters has continued to push her through the years—from fighting for her education to learning to embrace who she is and becoming a remarkable young woman.

# APPEALING FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF CHILDREN

Law is a powerful tool in our fight to ensure children have a solid foundation of family, health and education. The law’s power, however, often depends upon its interpretation. Children’s Law Center’s appellate team, launched by Allen Snyder in 2011, works hard to guarantee that trial and appellate judges’ interpretation of the law protects DC children. Snyder honed his strategic capacity over several decades as a Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan Lovells) litigator and also brings to CLC the wisdom he gained from serving as a foster parent to more than a dozen children.

The appellate team has three chief roles:

- 1 representing clients in appellate proceedings,
- 2 providing strategic support to lawyers at the trial level, and
- 3 developing long-term strategies to address key legal issues that impact our clients.

## WHEN VAGUE LAWS FALL SHORT

One legal issue CLC has worked hard to address is how much a parent’s preference should influence a court’s decision about who a child’s permanent caregiver should be. When children live with capable, engaged parents, the U.S. Constitution and local law reflect the belief that parents should have great discretion about how to raise their children. And when a parent is unable to care for their child, the DC Court of Appeals often continues to give significant deference to the parent’s preference about their child’s caregiver; this is what the law calls “weighty consideration.”



CLC staff practicing arguments before getting to the podium at the DC Court of Appeals.

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*I’ve been lucky to handle two appeals through Children’s Law Center—one was an en banc appeal with fascinating, high-profile legal issues and the other gave me a chance to represent a client and participate in oral argument. The support from CLC’s appellate team was outstanding and both experiences were personally rewarding.*

**Ilana Gelfman**  
Partner, Jones Day

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Until recently, however, the case law on “weighty consideration” did not provide much guidance about when a parent’s preference should no longer be so heavily weighed by a court. Without clear guidance, some trial judges felt obligated to give “weighty consideration” to all parents, including those who had not seen their children for years.

## CLARIFYING THE LAW

The law’s vagueness led to decisions that harmed children and created confusion for families. This led CLC to search for an opportunity to raise the issue with the Court of Appeals. We spent years watching for a case through which we could advocate for a new standard—one that would lead to the best outcomes for children in need of stable families. Eventually, the Court of Appeals did hear a case in which “weighty consideration” was a key issue. Our team leapt at the opportunity to advocate for a standard that would provide clarity and focus on what is in a child’s best interests.

In an amicus brief, we urged the Court of Appeals to limit the heavy weight given to parental preference to situations in which a parent has the necessary context to make an informed decision about what’s best for the child and is legally competent to do so. When the court ruled, they adopted our newly proposed standard virtually word for word. With it, we were able to refocus the law back on the best interests of the child for all future cases.





# A COOL(EY) WIN FOR ZEKE AND HIS EDUCATION

Window. Teacher. Textbook. Window. Teacher. Textbook. Tiny Zeke's eyes darted around his classroom as he struggled—and failed—to concentrate.

Zeke was diagnosed with a disability and ADHD years before. Though he started kindergarten on track, by 3rd grade his speech impairments made it difficult for his teachers to understand him. Zeke was also acting out and often sent home or to the “computer room” instead of staying in class, learning.

Despite Zeke's challenges, his school refused to conduct a language, speech or behavioral evaluation.

Cooley attorneys Megan Browdie and Julia Renehan met Zeke's mom, Rachel Higgins, through CLC's pro bono program and joined her fight for Zeke's education.

“Our client raised all of these issues with the educators for years and was doing everything she could,” Browdie remembers. “The school was pushing Zeke out of the classroom anyway. He wasn't learning, his grades were dropping.”

Browdie and Renehan partnered to represent Ms. Higgins and ensure that Zeke was getting the education he deserved.

While the lawyer duo had already handled custody and child welfare pro bono cases, this was their first education case. CLC attorney and pro bono mentor D.D. Davis counseled the team along the way.

“Our robust mentorship program includes trainings, an overview on working with clients, practice kits and of course a CLC mentor,” Davis shares. “I've mentored everyone from first year attorneys to partners. What many lawyers don't realize is that they don't need any experience with family or education law to succeed. We offer beginner, intermediate and advanced cases.”

The Cooley attorneys wasted no time getting started. They knew that being sent home not only kept Zeke from learning, it was also illegal—thanks to a law CLC helped draft and get passed.

The team ensured the school stopped the unofficial suspensions.

The lawyers then focused on securing an up-to-date individualized education program (IEP) for Zeke. When the school again refused to provide the evaluations, Browdie and Renehan obtained a comprehensive assessment—one that demonstrated Zeke's language disorder, ADHD, and need for a strong education plan.

“D.D. was a great mentor to us,” Renehan recalls. “Any time we had a strategic question, we reached out. We called, we emailed, we texted. She pointed us toward the right resources, read all of our pleadings and more.”

When it became clear that Zeke needed to transfer schools, the Cooley team helped Ms. Higgins navigate DC's school lottery system. Now Zeke is at a school that meets his educational needs, and he's thriving.

Renehan and Browdie didn't stop there. Zeke had lost years of education. The two filed a complaint against DCPS seeking compensatory education. In the settlement, Zeke was offered nearly 140 mentoring and tutoring hours.

“DCPS failed this little boy,” Renehan said. “When I last spoke with Ms. Higgins, she shared how well things were going at his new school with the right services. His report card has already improved. He's staying in school and finally learning.”

Zeke is no longer overwhelmed or losing critical class time, thanks to the Cooley team.

Making sure children like Zeke are given a chance to thrive is what our pro bono program is all about.



Cooley attorneys Julia Renehan (left) and Megan Browdie (right).

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# CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER PRO BONO WHERE BEING A LAWYER MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Each year, Children's Law Center pro bono attorneys assist hundreds of low-income children and families to resolve critical problems affecting a child's family, health and education. Our pro bono lawyers achieve real results for children and families in need and extend CLC's impact in our community.

Although Children's Law Center is the largest civil legal services provider in DC, many more children come to us than our staff attorneys can represent. We are honored to partner with more than 500 pro bono attorneys every year. Pro bono lawyers find success with our cases regardless of experience because of our comprehensive intakes and our commitment to high-quality training and mentoring. Taking a CLC pro bono case gives attorneys the opportunity to engage in hands-on lawyering that develops their skills and touches their hearts—because our cases are life-changing.

## CASE REFERRALS



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Pediatricians



Parents and Caregivers



Teachers and Social Workers

## CASE TYPES



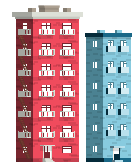
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**Mentoring**  
Experienced CLC attorneys mentor our pro bono lawyers. Mentors provide initial case recommendations, discuss strategy and legal issues, and remain available throughout the duration of the case.

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**Children’s Law Center’s partnership with pro bono attorneys is essential—we cannot make a broad community impact without it. We are tremendously grateful for their tenacious advocacy on behalf of DC’s children and families. With pro bono partners at our side, we will continue to help more of our neighbors in need and make a difference for children in our city.**

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*Children’s Law Center is the go-to nonprofit for DC kids, and we’re honored to partner with them. IBM shares Children’s Law Center’s commitment to ensuring that today’s youth have a quality education and the skills they need to succeed in their futures.*

**Arthur Kentros**  
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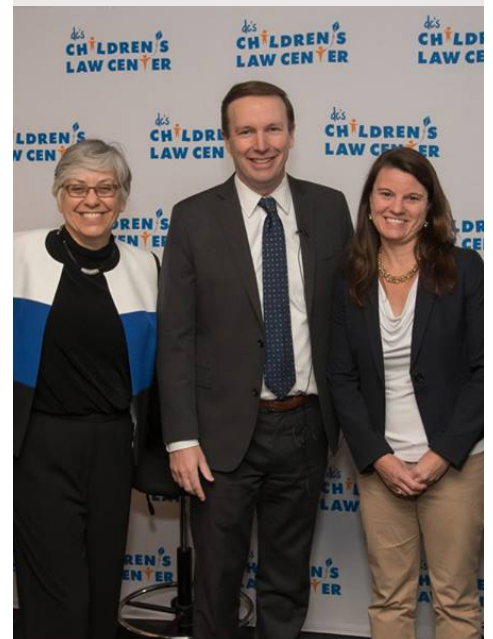


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Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) and Catherine Holahan spoke on March 14, 2018, the morning of a national student walkout protesting gun violence.



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**October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018**

## REVENUE AND SUPPORT

DC Court Contractual Service	\$7,139,218
Grants	\$997,058
Contributions	\$1,750,986
Donated Goods & Services	\$391,442
Other Income	\$45,882

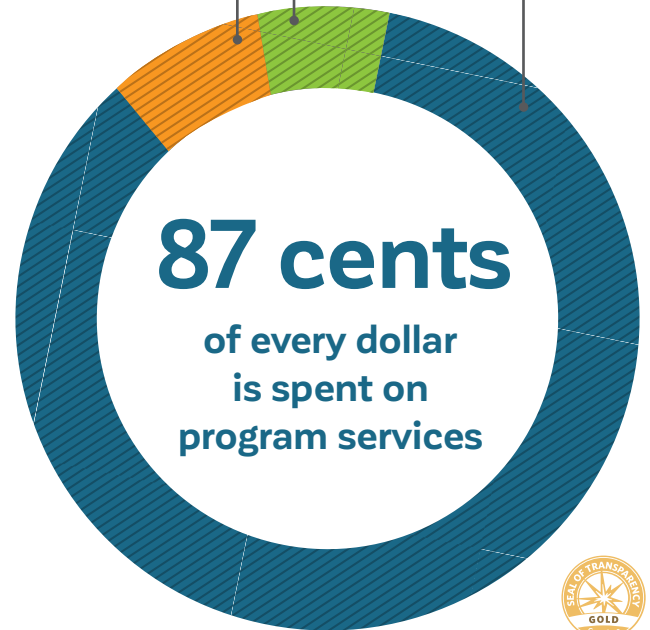
**TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT \$10,324,586**

## EXPENSES

Total Legal Programs	\$9,250,976
General and Administrative	\$771,970
Fundraising	\$616,970

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$10,639,916**

Administrative 7%      Fundraising 6%      Program 87%



*\*Children's Law Center's Board approved an FY18 deficit budget and the utilization of reserve funds to cover expenses.*



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# CHILDREN CAN'T WAIT FUND

Children's Law Center has served as an anchor institution for children and families for more than 22 years. This past year, the organization faced a monster challenge to its important mission to make the District a safer place for children. When long-standing federal funding was cut, this organization had to respond by making itself even more efficient to minimize the impact on the most vulnerable children and families in our neighborhoods.

The FY18 financial information to the left does not reflect a nearly \$2 million reduction in Children's Law Center's operating budget for FY19. With little certainty that this reduction will ever be restored, those of us who believe fiercely in protecting Children's Law Center, and its mission, have launched the Children Can't Wait Fund. Children's Law Center needs to bolster its financial foundation to continue doing its critical work for children—one that can absorb major challenges.

**We believe investing in our children now is the best way to create a bright future for all of us.**

**Our hearts tell us this is true.**

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**And, our community knows it is necessary.**

To all recognized in this report who have supported Children's Law Center—THANK YOU! We hope you will continue to invest in the stability and future potential of this effective organization—and its impact in our community.



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