

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2023 - 2027



VISION

A world in which all children have a strong foundation of family, health and education and are free from poverty, trauma, racism and other forms of oppression.

MISSION

Together with DC children and families, Children's Law Center uses the law to solve children's urgent problems today, improve the systems that will affect their lives tomorrow and strengthen our community so that change endures.

Since 1996, Children's Law Center has listened, learned and evolved to meet the changing needs of our clients and community. As we look ahead to the next five years, we will:

Hone our core strengths and deepen our capacity to:

- Advocate tenaciously for thousands of children and families each year
- Fight for changes to the laws and systems that improve the lives of tens of thousands of DC children

Build on our existing work to:

- Disrupt racism and other forms of oppression that harm children and families
- Provide legal assistance to parents who are working to improve their children's lives
- Support community-led advocacy
- Increase our impact through new legal strategies

By focusing on these interconnected strategies in partnership with our clients and community, we aim to create enduring and transformative change that improves children's lives.

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Advocate tenaciously for individual children and families

Continue to provide legal assistance so that children are safe, healthy and learning.



Fight for changes to the laws and systems that affect children

Continue to advance policies built on the experience of working with thousands of children and families each year and follow through to ensure change is implemented.



Disrupt racism and other forms of oppression that harm children and families

Challenge and reduce ways in which racism and other biases – structural and interpersonal – prevent each of us, our organization and the systems in which we work from providing children a strong foundation from which to thrive.



Provide legal assistance to parents who are working to improve their children's lives

Represent parents who are advocating for their children in the face of poverty, intergenerational trauma and oppression when these factors impede their ability to secure their children's safety, health and education.



Support community-led advocacy

Work with parents and caregivers who have asked us to provide them with the tools they need to be more effective lay advocates for other parents and caregivers.



Increase our impact through new legal strategies

Deepen our ability to solve clients' problems by utilizing a broader array of legal interventions to secure more enduring results.

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