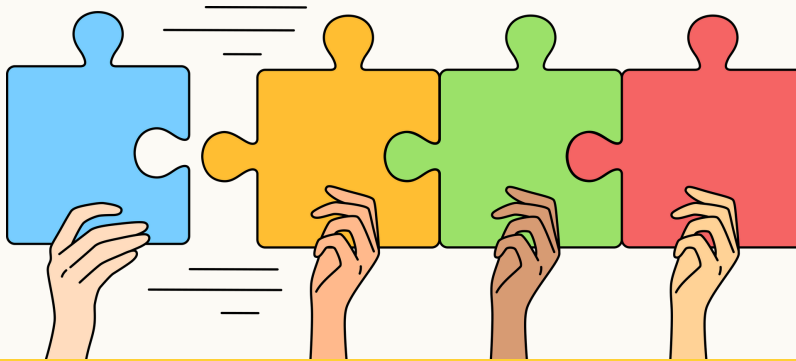


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ADVOCACY UPDATE

KidsVoice puts the pieces of the puzzle in place to ensure better possibilities for abused and neglected children.



A Multidisciplinary Approach to Helping Kids Succeed

By addressing the wide variety of challenges that current and former foster youth face, KidsVoice legal representation and advocacy helps each child put the pieces together. Here are just a few of the areas we have recently helped with...

Safe Home

Tyler* did not feel safe in his foster home because of his gender identity. KidsVoice ensured Tyler's placement in a LGBTQ+ friendly foster home that helped him feel supported and confident.

30% of foster youth identify as LGBTQ+

Social Justice

KidsVoice advocacy resulted in a disorderly conduct charge being dismissed for Alina* when we explained how her abusive uncle's conduct triggered a loud family disagreement. Alina was worried a criminal record would make it difficult to find a job.

90% KidsVoice success rate in magistrate hearings

Housing

Florence* is a former foster youth with autism who became homeless. KidsVoice helped her apply successfully for Social Security disability benefits and found her housing with the 24-hour care she needs.

10% of KidsVoice clients have intellectual disabilities or autism

Education

KidsVoice negotiated a settlement with Pittsburgh Public Schools so children like Clay* will receive COVID Compensatory Services to help recover from special education needs that went unmet during the pandemic. Clay was awarded 1,250 hours of additional education time.

40% of school-age KidsVoice clients have special learning needs



Some puzzles can't be solved alone. We are grateful for your support. Congratulations and special thanks to Allegheny County Bar Foundation's 2024 Pro Bono Organization of the Year, K&L Gates, for their partnership and generous help of our clients!

**Client names and details changed for confidentiality*