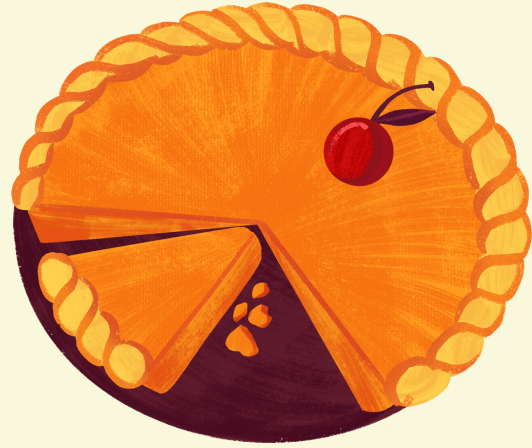


ADVOCACY UPDATE

FALL 2023



A Slice of Advocacy Pie

We protect the rights of more than 3,000 current and former foster youth each year. Our legal advocacy touches many areas in our client's life, like education and health. And over the past six months, our commitment to advocacy has produced some sweet outcomes that KidsVoice would like to share!

PA Supreme Court Victory

The PA Supreme Court agreed with KidsVoice in an appeals case stemming from a client who has been in a stable pre-adoptive home within the foster care system for six years. The decision requires trial judges to take into consideration all factors in a multifactor system used for determining the termination of parental rights. This will help ensure children are not stuck in foster care in perpetuity if a single factor is not met.

In the last 6 months...



We ensured that a talented 8-year-old with a history of trauma and depression was enrolled in his school's gifted program, when the school district at first illegally denied his application.



We gathered medical records from multiple states and coordinated expert evaluations to ensure a 15-year-old has the resources she needs to address her autism.



We helped a 22-year-old client enroll in a paid nursing assistant training program, while also securing Social Security benefits for her 2-year-old daughter who has a seizure disorder.



"We do more than what is required of us because there is a need for it."

Jennifer McGarrity
Supervising Attorney

380

Average hours our clients received in COVID Compensatory Services due to an amicable agreement with Pittsburgh Public Schools to help recoup learning opportunities lost during the pandemic.

With your support KidsVoice can...

continue to secure our clients' safety, expand our advocacy efforts, and grow our programming.

Save the date! Give Big Pittsburgh on 11/28

A 24-hour online fundraising campaign that offers individuals the opportunity to support local nonprofits they love on Giving Tuesday.