

A crucial, yet often overlooked, factor in dealing with children and families in crisis is the stressful and destabilizing effects that legal problems present.

This project aims to provide a number of civil legal services to children and their families where there is domestic violence and child abuse to assist in stabilizing situations for these children and their families by reducing the stressors that negatively affect resolutions that can support and promote family reunification, safety for children and overall self-sufficiency. It further aims to provide legal services to children being denied educational access, teen parents, homeless children and runaway children.

Legal Advocacy For Families And Children aims to provide legal services to children experiencing family dysfunction. Legal services are provided in order to ensure a safe and stable family home for families and children.

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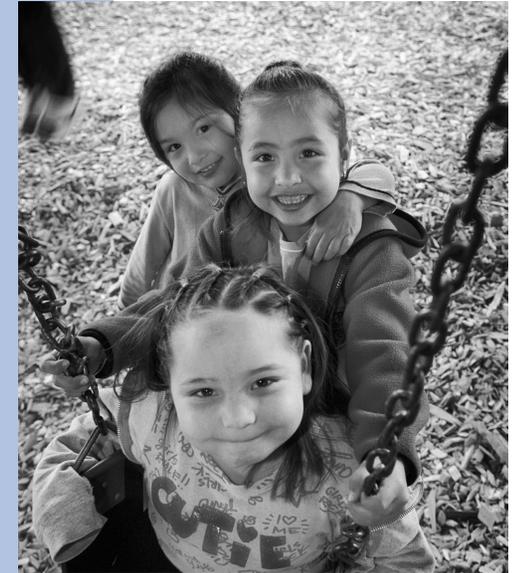
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LEGAL ADVOCACY FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

What is Legal Advocacy for Families and Children?

Who is this program for?

Legal Advocacy for Families and Children is intended for children less than 20 years of age and their families/caregivers living in Hawai'i who are experiencing family dysfunction and require legal assistance that will support and promote family reunification, ensure safety, stability and overall self-sufficiency.

What is the purpose?

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i will provide services to aid children and families with children who can benefit from legal assistance in resolving problems in areas, including, but not limited to child custody, housing, consumer debt, employment, public benefits issues and other child services such as education, teen pregnancy and runaway children.

You may qualify if you have income below 200% of the federal poverty line; **and**:

- are a family with *confirmed* abused and neglected children;
- are a family with children in a violent household;
- have legal barriers preventing self-sufficiency;
- are homeless or a runaway;
- are being denied educational access; **or**
- are a pregnant teen/teen parent (through 19 years of age).

Legal services could include advocacy and services for:

- Children and families with children who are homeless;
- Runaways;
- Teen parents (through 19 years of age);
- Families applying for Section 8 vouchers or public housing;

- Custody guardiam ad litem services required to make recommendations to the court as to the best interest of the child;
- Power of Attorneys;
- Guardianship;
- Adoption;
- Child Support;
- Child Custody;
- Public benefits including but not limited to claims for disability benefits;

- Educational services for children such as advocacy for children in special education meetings, including IEP meetings;
- Representation in a Temporary Restraining Order; and/or
- Domestic violence exemptions under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).