



*protecting the rights and
improving the lives of Maine's children*

KIDS LEGAL is a statewide project at Pine Tree Legal Assistance. We specialize in legal services addressing the needs of low-income Maine children and youth. Our services are free of charge.

Our Services:

- **Represent** children and youth individually or through their caretakers
- **Consult** with attorneys and community providers regarding the rights of youth in Maine
- **Train** groups on legal issues affecting low-income children and youth in Maine
- **Write** client education materials on youth rights in Maine

Cases We Take:

- school issues including special education
- legal issues facing unaccompanied youth
- public benefits for minors
- access to needed medical services
- safety issues in some family law matters
- juvenile defense work for Native American youth

KIDS LEGAL uses a **multidisciplinary approach** in providing legal services to Maine's children and youth. This means we work with non-legal professionals such as doctors, teachers, case managers and others who also work with our young clients. We do this because we believe it is the most effective way to achieve better health, safety, educational, and economic outcomes for children.

Youth and their caregivers can call us directly, and we also take referrals from providers who work with youth. Currently, we have a medical/legal partnership with the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland, and we provide outreach to teen homeless shelters in Bangor and Portland and to Penobscot Nation tribal youth.

See Our Website: www.kidslegal.org

- information about KIDS LEGAL
- resources for kids, teens, young adults, parents and community providers in Maine
- legal information about youth rights in Maine

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