



# Policy Advocacy & NACC Amicus Curiae

Founded in 1977, the **National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC)** is a nonprofit professional membership and legal advocacy organization dedicated to advancing the rights, well-being, and opportunities of children impacted by the child welfare system through access to high-quality legal representation.

NACC **Promotes Excellence** by providing programs and resources that improve the quality of legal representation for children, parents and agencies.

NACC **Builds Community** by supporting a national community of hard-working and dedicated child welfare professionals, and by helping attract and retain diverse talent in the children's legal advocacy profession.

NACC **Advances Justice** by advocating for policies that advance children's rights, opportunities, and well-being, including the right to counsel.

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# NACC

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Every NACC membership supports child welfare law reform on local, state, and national levels. NACC believes lasting justice for children and families is best achieved by advocates who engage in both practice and policy advocacy. Attorneys and others who work with children, youth, and families every day are an important voice in policy reform to improve the child welfare system. To that end, NACC works to support local advocacy efforts and engage our community in national policy reform.

## **NACC Policy Agenda and Advocacy**

NACC advocates for laws and policies that advance children's rights. NACC's policy agenda promotes the physical and emotional well-being of children by ensuring that courts hear and consider their views in proceedings affecting their lives. Our policy agenda focuses primarily on the right to counsel, access to justice, child welfare and well-being, and juvenile justice while emphasizing the role that competent, well-trained, well-resourced attorneys play in such proceedings. NACC is eager to assist in advocacy projects and initiatives that support our agenda. NACC's small, but dedicated staff maximizes our efforts by selecting projects with the greatest potential impact on children's law and policy.

To view our policy agenda in detail or request NACC's help with an important child welfare advocacy project, please visit our Policy and Advocacy page at [www.NACCchildlaw.org](http://www.NACCchildlaw.org).

## **NACC Amicus Curiae Program**

NACC's Amicus Curiae Program promotes the legal interests of children through the filing of amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs in state and federal appellate courts. We submit our own briefs and participate as co-amici in cases of particular importance to the development of child welfare law, consistent with our policy advocacy agenda. NACC has filed briefs in numerous state appellate courts, federal courts of appeal, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

To submit a request for NACC to participate as amicus curiae in a case, please visit NACC's Amicus Curiae Program page at [www.NACCchildlaw.org](http://www.NACCchildlaw.org).

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