

## CFCR's Mission Moments Newsletter



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## Taking a Moment to Reflect

At **Council for Children's Rights**, we believe August is a time for reflection. As summer ends and school begins, we reflect upon the important role we play in the lives of all of the children we have served over the past fiscal year.

**In the 2024 fiscal year, CFCR represented 2,162 clients in 4,421 cases, an 8.2% increase in case numbers from 2023.**

Since the pandemic, our attorneys have seen a rise in complex cases involving crisis situations, often related to unmet mental health needs. In schools, our children have faced barriers including insufficient student evaluations, long-term suspensions and expulsions, as well as inequitable access to education in psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs).



**Council for Children's Rights** continually advocates for the legal rights of our child-clients, envisioning a better future for all children, despite their personal circumstances.

**As we reflect upon data collected from the past fiscal year, it is clear that our work is increasingly important and the need for our services continues to grow.**

Whether we are providing direct legal services or tackling systemic challenges at large, we continue to serve as community leaders standing up for every child's right to be safe, healthy, and well-educated. By providing trainings to our community, we are able to bring awareness to the social issues our children face on a daily basis and further educate individuals interacting with our children in their various roles (ex: medical professionals, court officials, and teachers).

As the new school year approaches, we reflect on the progress we are making, as well as understanding the important role we play in our children's future. From home and school, to healthcare and the juvenile justice systems, Council is committed to serving the best interests of our children.

**Our partners and staff play an important role in allowing us to move our mission forward. We are so grateful for you!**

**Show Your Support Today**



AS THE NEED FOR OUR SERVICES GROWS,  
WE CONTINUE TO REPRESENT OUR CHILDREN'S BEST INTERESTS

## Get Involved with Council



# BOOK DRIVE

*Supporting our Children's Defense Team*

Shop our ThriftBooks wishlist or drop books off at our office!  
*601 East 5th St, Suite 450, Charlotte, NC 28202*



### Children's Defense Team Book Drive- Donate Now!

Looking for an easy way to get involved with the Council? Now's your chance! Our Children's Defense Team is looking for book donations to provide to children currently in detention.

Reading provides so many benefits to children including stress reduction, improved focus, and brand new worlds to explore. Great books can inspire us and provide hope!

Our clients in detention are eager to read and socialize with their friends about their favorite books - even forming their own book clubs - but limited access creates just another barrier for them. Let's change that- Our team has worked with these children to create a wishlist full of books and now, we need your support!

**Check out our ThriftBooks wishlist [here](#) or by clicking below!**

Books purchased from our online wishlist will be shipped to our office and distributed to our child-clients! Looking for other ways to help? Contact Michelle Duprey, our Children's Defense Team Director, at [Michelle@cfcrights.org](mailto:Michelle@cfcrights.org).


**Shop Our Wishlist**

**Spread the Word:** Please help us share our mission with your friends and family by forwarding them this newsletter. We are also looking for community members and philanthropists to help accelerate our fundraising efforts. If you're interested in learning how you can get involved, email [advancement@cfcrights.org](mailto:advancement@cfcrights.org).

**Volunteer:** We have [multiple opportunities to volunteer](#), most notably with our Custody Advocacy Program (CAP). You do not need to be a lawyer or have legal experience to volunteer. Email [volunteer@cfcrights.org](mailto:volunteer@cfcrights.org) for more information.

**Give:** You can [donate online](#) or by sending a check to: ATTN: Council for Children's Rights, 601 East 5th Street, Suite 450, Charlotte, NC 28202. Email [advancement@cfcrights.org](mailto:advancement@cfcrights.org) with any questions and to learn more.



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