Free Legal Services for Youth

Youth served by Juvenile Rehabilitation can receive free legal services through TeamChild. Youth who are currently incarcerated at JR on juvenile or adult sentences are eligible. Youth on JR parole or who are recently released and not on DOC supervision are also eligible.

TeamChild can provide advice, referral and legal help on issues like these:

- **Conditions of Confinement**: *if a youth feels like there is something unfair or wrong with the way they are being treated while incarcerated in a JR institution or community facility.*
- **Post-disposition:** *if a youth feels like something was wrong with their trial or sentence – or wants help planning for record sealing or relief from registration.*
- **Individual Rights:** *if a youth feels like there is a legal barrier to their success or needs alawyer to understand and exercise their rights.*
- **Reentry & Transition:** *if a youth needs help preparing and planning for release from JR and is facing legal barriers related to housing, education, employment, consumer, family, or other needs.*
- **Education:** *If a youth wants help getting access to education and instruction or needs moretailored and specialized educational support.*

TeamChild's Mission is to uphold the rights of youth involved, or at risk of being involved, in the juvenile justice system to help them secure the education, healthcare, housing and other supports they need to achieve positive outcomes in their lives.

TeamChild's Vision is that young people have power and experience unconditional belonging at school, at home and in their communities.

Services are available statewide. TeamChild has offices in Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, and Yakima. TeamChild provides regional civil legal services in those counties, but our attorneys are available to provide legal services statewide for youth who have been incarcerated at JR.

TeamChild has expanded capacity for legal services for youth at JR. DCYF secured increased funding to address the legal needs of youth at JR. A new contract is in place, and TeamChild has been hiring and training staff to grow capacity to meet the legal needs of youth at JR. **There will particularly be more capacity for post-conviction work and reentry legal work.** Legal services will be provided from *all* of TeamChild's four offices, not just a single attorney assigned to JR youth. This will provide more regional coverage on reentry cases across the state. You can learn about TeamChild here: https://teamchild.org/.

How Youth Can Get Help: anyone can make a request for TeamChild services. We accept referrals by:

- **Phone:** Call our TeamChild office at (509) 392-5498.
- **Email or Fax:** Fill out the referral form on the back of this flyer and fax it to (206) 381-1742 or email it to jrinfo@teamchild.org.
- **In person:** Our staff hope to get out to the institutions and community facilities more often than has happened recently due to COVID.

Youth who are referred should hear back for an intake within 1 week. TeamChild cannot assist every youth but will endeavor to find a referral wherever possible. TeamChild is a law office and has to maintain client confidentiality. That means we cannot discuss details with JR staff.

Other Services: TeamChild is available to provide substantive legal trainings or develop self-advocacy materials. If there is an identified need or request, please let us know and we will work to prioritize it.

Questions or Concerns? Contact Managing Attorney, Gus Voss, at (206) 529-4954 or Acting Director of Legal Services, Sara Zier, at (253) 507-8435.

REFERRAL FORM

TeamChild Legal Services

To make a referral to TeamChild:

1. Fill out the information below.

2. Fax or email the referral form to TeamChild at (206) 381-1742 or jrinfo@teamchild.org.

If you have questions, please call TeamChild at (509) 392-5498.

JR YOUTH SEEKING LEGAL HELP	
Name:	**Date of Referral:**
Date of Birth:	**JR Facility/Cottage:**
Race (select any that apply): ☐ Asian, Asian American ☐ Black, African American, Other African ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Native American/Alaska Native ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Other Race: _____ ☐ Multiracial ☐ Unknown/Prefer Not to Answer	**Phone # for Youth:** **Caseworker/JR Contact Name:** **Caseworker/JR Phone #:** **County of Conviction:** **Adult/Juvenile Sentence:** **Current Release Date (CERD):** **Sentencing/Dispo Date:**

REASON FOR REFERRAL