

Human Rights for Kids

Children's Rights

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Policy Issue Resources

Human rights law requires that no child be sentenced by the same guidelines that would apply to adults, regardless of the offense committed.

Therefore, to protect children's human rights in the criminal justice system states must require judges to consider how children differ from adults at sentencing and authorize them to depart from any mandatory minimum sentence or sentencing guidelines that would otherwise apply to adult offenders.

We have helped to pass some of the very first laws of this kind in the nation.

Human Rights for Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights for children. Our team focuses on advancing critical issues through research and education, coalition building, policy advocacy, and strategic litigation.

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