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Mission Statement

Ira Lustbader, Litigation Director, with Denise, one of the plaintiffs in a Childrens Rights lawsuit that [turned one of the nations worst child welfare systems into one of the best.](#)

Every day, children are harmed by Americas child welfare, juvenile justice, education, and healthcare systems. Through relentless strategic advocacy and legal action, we hold governments accountable for keeping kids safe and healthy. Childrens Rights has made a lasting impact, protecting hundreds of thousands of children and we are poised to help millions more. They are depending on us and you.

Childrens Rights began as a project of the New York Civil Liberties Union and, later, the American Civil Liberties Union, and in 1995 became an independent nonprofit organization. We have won landmark legal victories in Connecticut, Georgia, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington, DC, and Wisconsin and engaged in advocacy efforts that are changing the way child welfare is practiced in the United States. Childrens Rights is proving that failing child welfare systems not only can be fixed, but can be made to run well.

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