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Legal Advocacy Resources for Education

Please see below for a list of organizations which may be able to provide free or reduced-price legal representation/advocacy/resources for Illinois school students.*

- **Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights** (discipline, etc.)
 - General Website: <https://www.clccrul.org/>
 - Education Equity Website: <https://www.clccrul.org/education-equity>
 - Phone: (312) 630-9744
- **Legal Aid Chicago** (discipline, special education, etc.)
 - General Website: <https://www.legalaidchicago.org/>
 - Phone: (312) 341-1070
- **Stand Up For Each Other ("SUFEO")** (discipline, special education, bullying. etc.)
 - General Website:
<https://www.luc.edu/law/studentlife/organizations/sufeostandupforeachother/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SUFEOChicago/>
 - Phone: (773) 800-0338
- **Land of Lincoln Legal Aid** (discipline, special education/disabilities, etc.)
 - General Website: <https://lincolnlegal.org/>
 - Education Law Website: <https://lincolnlegal.org/education-law/>
 - Education Law Legal Advice and Referral Center Phone: (618) 394-7300; (877) 342-7891
 - Administrative Office Phone: (618) 398-0574
- **Illinois Legal Aid Online** (online resources, presentations, etc.)
 - General Website: <https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/>
 - School and Education Website: <https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/school-education>
- **Equip for Equality** (special education, restraint and seclusion, discrimination/ADA rights, etc.)
 - General Website: <https://www.equipforequality.org/>
 - Special Education Website: <https://www.equipforequality.org/issues/special-education/>
 - Restraint and Seclusion Website: <https://www.equipforequality.org/issues/misuse-of-restraint-seclusion/>
 - Main Office Phone: (312) 341-0022; (800) 537-2632
 - Central Illinois Region Office Phone: (217) 544-0464; (800) 758-0464
 - Southern Illinois Region Office Phone: (618) 457-7930; (800) 758-0559
 - Special Education Helpline: 1-866-KIDS-046 (1-866-543-7046)

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- **Chicago Coalition to end Homelessness** (youth experiencing homelessness, access to education for such youth, legal representation, etc.)
 - General Website: <https://www.chicagohomeless.org/>
 - Youth Homelessness Website: <https://www.chicagohomeless.org/programs-campaigns/advocacy-public-policy/no-youth-alone/>
 - Educational Rights Website: <https://chicagohomeless.org/our-work/educational-rights/>
 - Law Project Website: <https://www.chicagohomeless.org/programs-campaigns/legal-aid/law-project/>
 - Phone: (312) 641-4140
 - The Law Project Phone: (800) 940-1119
- **Cabrini Green Legal Aid** (criminal issues, etc.)
 - General Website: <https://www.cyla.net/>
 - Phone: (312) 738-2452
- **Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission (“IGAC”)** (disabilities, special education, etc.)
 - General Website: <https://gac.illinois.gov/>
 - Legal Advocacy Service (“LAS”): <https://gac.illinois.gov/las.html>
 - Special Education Initiative: <https://gac.illinois.gov/sped.html>
 - Statewide General Information Phone: 1 (866) 274-8023 / TTY: 1 (866) 333-3362
 - Afterhours Phone: 1 (866) 503-9078
- **Legal Council for Health Justice** (special education, early intervention assistance, etc.)
 - General Website: <https://legalcouncil.org/>
 - Phone: (312) 427-8990
- ****Moran Center for Youth Advocacy** (discipline, special education, bullying. etc.)
 - General Website: <https://moran-center.org/>
 - Education Advocacy Program Website: <https://moran-center.org/education-advocacy-program/>
 - ****Note:** Education Advocacy Program represents students who attend/entitled to attend schools in Evanston/Skokie or schools in the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago.
 - Phone: (847) 492-1410
- **Illinois Attorney General** (additional list of general, pro bono legal advice and representation providers)
 - Legal Assistance Referrals Website: <https://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Legal-Assistance-Referrals/>

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