

Important Letter from Council's Board President



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Council for Children's Rights

Dear Steve Johnston,

I am writing to share some important news with you. Our contract with the State of North Carolina will end, effective April 30th, which will impact our services and staff, particularly our Children's Defense Team.

We're proud of the life-changing work this team has done under this contract, serving more than 1,900 children in juvenile justice and mental health legal matters last year alone. We're grateful for the nearly 30 years of partnership with the State and the opportunity to have made a difference in the lives of thousands of children and families.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to find a viable financial pathway forward to continue this contract. In an effort to improve efficiency and consistency, the State sought to shift our contract to a reimbursement-only funding model, rather than providing upfront funds that have allowed us to employ our team of lawyers who serve children and youth in need. While this legal defense work will come to an end, we are committed to supporting our staff through this transition and exploring new opportunities to serve our community.

Our remaining services in custody, education and policy matters continue to support hundreds of youth in our community. Your financial support, both previously, today and going forward, will continue to ensure our dedicated and talented teams have the resources they need to continue to support these critical programs.

We're grateful for your ongoing partnership and thank you for standing with us during this time.

Keith Atkinson
President, Board of Directors
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