

Next Step helps youth leaving foster care and probation help themselves through self-advocacy, access to resources, and mentoring.



A Program of The Alliance *for* Children's Rights

The Alliance for Children's Rights is Los Angeles' premier free legal services organization dedicated solely to protecting impoverished and abused children. Since its inception in 1992, The Alliance has served thousands of children living in or transitioning out of foster care, in need of medical treatment, struggling with educational challenges, or waiting for legal guardianship or adoption.



Are you a former foster or probation youth?



Are you ready to live on your own?



Need help with legal problems?

IF SO

we can help!

Attend workshops, talk to an attorney, or get help accessing resources and building important skills, all for free.



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW:



The Alliance for Children's Rights

www.kids-alliance.org

213-368-6010

DCFS Main Number: 213-351-5602
 Emancipation Services: 213-351-0111/0101
 Housing Services: 213-351-0184
 Transitional Housing (THP): 213-351-0190
 Pre-Emancipation Housing (THPP): 213-351-0110
 Scholarship Coordinator: 213-351-0268

Probation Main Number: 323-226-8511
 Housing Services: 213-351-0156

LA County Emancipation Ombudsman:
626-229-3829/3583

CA State Foster Care Ombudsman:
 877-846-1602

Medi-Cal Information:
 Local: 213-351-7725
 General: 877-597-4777

Chafee ILP grants: www.chafee.csac.ca.gov

FAFSA student aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov

For more important numbers to know: www.ilponline.org



“ Now that I have an ID, I can finally get my driver's license, a bank account, and start school. ”

– Juan, 21, | Worked with The Alliance to get a delayed registration of birth.

“ It's really good to have a mentor – somebody to talk to who doesn't get paid to talk to me. ”

– Jessica, 18, | Has an Alliance mentor.

“ Getting my unpaid medical bill taken care of was the best birthday present ever! ”

– Nicole, 21, | Got help from The Alliance to deal with medical billing problems.

Support for individuals

The Alliance can help you with issues ranging from sealing juvenile court records to signing leases or contracts for apartments or cell phones. Our staff includes lawyers, social workers, and other experts who know how to help you navigate complex systems and access the resources that can help you in your daily life.

We regularly assist young people with issues like:

- ▼ Sealing juvenile court records
- ▼ Identity theft
- ▼ Credit and collections problems
- ▼ Contracts and leases (apartments, gym memberships, etc.)
- ▼ Traffic tickets and warrants
- ▼ Transitional housing information
- ▼ Medical bills and treatment denials
- ▼ Benefits (such as MediCAL)
- ▼ Access to ILP services
- ▼ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

And many more.

Workshops

The Alliance offers workshops at transitional housing sites and other locations to help young adults deal with legal issues, learn skills for everyday living, and become more effective self-advocates. We tap into a network of professionals and bring their knowledge and experience directly to you.

Workshop topics are constantly being added, and include:

- ▼ Doing your taxes (you may be owed a refund!)
- ▼ Buying or leasing a car
- ▼ Finding and interviewing for a job
- ▼ Funding your education
- ▼ Free and low-cost healthcare
- ▼ Understanding your credit report

And many more.

Mentoring

Do you want someone to help guide you through life's ups and downs?

Let a mentor help you. The Alliance will match you with an adult who can talk with you about big decisions, how to better your life, achieving academic and professional success, and weathering the storms of independent living.

You don't have to do it all alone.

