

CENTER FOR
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**The Center for Children's Law and Policy
Washington, DC**

The Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP) is a public interest law and policy organization focused on reform of juvenile justice and other systems that affect troubled and at-risk children, and protection of the rights of children in those systems. Our staff members include lawyers and former juvenile justice professionals with extensive expertise in creating a more equitable and effective juvenile justice system. CCLP's staff members are on the ground in over a dozen states, in addition to engaging in national advocacy. Our organization has played a central role in major foundation-funded juvenile justice initiatives in the United States, including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change initiative and the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). Our staff members envision a world where the response to youth who get in trouble with the law is developmentally appropriate, free of racial and ethnic bias, and focused on building strengths that help youth avoid further involvement with the justice system. Our staff members pursue a range of different activities to achieve these goals, including training, technical assistance, administrative and legislative advocacy, research, writing, media outreach, and public education.



**Jason Szanyi, JD
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Jason Szanyi is the Deputy Director of the Center for Children's Law and Policy, where he works to achieve the Center's mission of eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in the youth justice system, implementing alternatives to incarceration, and ending dangerous and inhumane conditions for youth in custody. Since joining the Center in 2009, Jason has worked with or trained officials in over three dozen states, cities, and counties. He provides

long-term technical assistance to jurisdictions that are implementing systems change, in addition to engaging in research, writing, and administrative and legislative advocacy for youth justice reform. In 2015, Jason was recognized by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as a Next Generation Champion for Change for his leadership in youth justice reform.

Jason originally joined the Center as a Skadden Fellow through a partnership with the District of Columbia Public Defender Service's Juvenile Services Program. Jason has taught and lectured at several law schools and universities, and he has served as a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow at Harvard Law School. Jason is a graduate of Northwestern University and Harvard Law School.



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Jennifer Lutz is a Staff Attorney at the Center for Children's Law and Policy. In this capacity, she leads CCLP's campaign to end the practice of solitary confinement of youth. She also assists jurisdictions reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system, reduce the use of detention, and protect the rights of youth in custody.

Prior to joining CCLP, Jennifer was the Juvenile Justice Policy Attorney and Director of Juvenile Training at the Defender Association of Philadelphia. In that position, she engaged courts, prosecutors, child advocates, treatment providers, and other stakeholders on policy issues to improve the quality of representation for indigent children in Pennsylvania. From 2008 to 2011, she supervised all trial and post-dispositional representation of juveniles charged with sexual offenses and tried dozens of complex sexual assault cases. Jennifer has developed training materials and conducted trainings across the country on representing children charged with sexual offenses, juvenile sex offender registration laws, collateral consequences of delinquency adjudications, and protecting the rights of children in conflict with the law.

Prior to joining the Juvenile Unit of the Defender Association, Jennifer worked in the adult unit of the Defender Association from 2005-2008, where she represented adults charged with felonies in bench and jury trials. Jennifer received her undergraduate degree from Duke University and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.