

No Child Should Face Immigration Court Alone



Our Vision

A world in which children's rights and well-being are protected as they migrate alone in search of safety.

Over 260,000 unaccompanied children have arrived in the United States since 2014

They are fleeing violence from which their countries cannot protect them.

Most unaccompanied children come from Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala - three of the most dangerous countries in the world.

They are seeking safety and need our help.

Our Mission



Ensure that no child appears in immigration court without high quality legal representation



Advance laws, policies, and practices that ensure children's protection and uphold their right to due process and fundamental fairness



Promote in countries of origin, transit, and destination durable solutions to child migration that are grounded in the best interests of the child and ensure that no child is forced to involuntarily migrate

96%

In 2018, 96% of KIND's completed cases resulted in legal relief

of children arriving alone in the U.S. have no one to represent them in immigration court

60%

children without representation are more likely to be deported back to danger

5x



KIND's 10 Field Offices in the U.S.

Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark, New York, San Francisco (Fresno satellite), Seattle, and Washington, DC (N. Virginia satellite).

Legal Services

KIND provides pro bono representation to unaccompanied children in deportation proceedings. We train pro bono attorneys to represent the children—no experience necessary. They become part of our national network of committed law firm, corporate, law school, and bar association partners.

Social Services

Many of the children referred to KIND are traumatized and need help integrating into their new communities. KIND's social services team helps ensure that these children have access to vital services including counseling, education support, and medical care.

Policy, Advocacy, & Communications

KIND advocates and educates among a range of decision-makers and the public about unaccompanied children, what drives them to seek safety alone in the U.S., and their lack of full and fair access to our legal system, including their dire need for representation.

International Programs

KIND helps children returning to Guatemala and Honduras reintegrate successfully into their families and communities, and provides services to provide alternatives to re-migration. We also support sexual and gender-based violence prevention programming for children and youth in high migration areas.



Eduardo's Story

Eduardo remembers playing and attending school in his peaceful beach town in El Salvador before the MS-13 gang took control. At 15, Eduardo began receiving threats to force him to join the gang. Eduardo refused for over a year and then, in one day, his life changed forever. While riding a bus into town, he witnessed several gang members shoot the driver in the head. Eduardo agreed to testify against the men who murdered the driver. Although Eduardo was moved to a safe house for six months during the trial he was forced out of witness protection while the trial was still pending. At 16, with no one to protect him from the gang members seeking revenge for his testimony, he fled for the U.S.

Fortunately, Eduardo was matched with a KIND pro bono attorney, who successfully obtained asylum for him.



18,355

Children referred to KIND



602

Partner law firms, corporations, law schools, and bar associations



42,396

Attorneys, paralegals, law students, trained to represent children



72

KIND has served children from 72 countries



601

Children from Guatemala and Honduras helped through KIND's return/reintegration project



\$284 million

\$1 invested in KIND generates \$7 more, reaching \$284 million in pro bono legal services donated from 2009-2017