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DEFEND CHILDREN: A BLUEPRINT FOR EFFECTIVE JUVENILE DEFENDER SERVICES

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- NEW REPORT by @NatJuvDefend: A Blueprint for Effective Juvenile Defender Services. Read more: [#DefendChildren](http://njdc.info/defendchildren)
- “[The child] requires the guiding hand of counsel” - SCOTUS, #387US1. Make that a reality w/ @NatJuvDefend: njdc.info/defendchildren
- Access to justice for children IS access to counsel. Fulfill the promise w/ @NatJuvDefend: [#DefendChildren](http://njdc.info/defendchildren)
- End the dual injustices of violating children’s civil & due process rights. Read more in @NatJuvDefend’s new report: njdc.info/defendchildren
- Countless children are prosecuted w/o ever seeing a lawyer. Read more in @NatJuvDefend’s new report: [#DefendChildren](http://njdc.info/defendchildren)
- America criminalizes childhood, esp. for youth of color. Read @NatJuvDefend’s map for reform: [#DefendChildren](http://njdc.info/defendchildren)
- We must guarantee every child’s right to a lawyer. Read @NatJuvDefend’s Blueprint to reform: [#DefendChildren](http://njdc.info/defendchildren)
- Children’s access to counsel & quality of representation must be central to justice reform: [#DefendChildren](http://njdc.info/defendchildren)
- In 62% of @NatJuvDefend state assessments, youth faced barriers to accessing attorneys in court. Full report: njdc.info/defendchildren
- Defenders must play a role in ending racial and ethnic disparities in court. Read how: [#DefendChildren](http://njdc.info/defendchildren) @NatJuvDefend

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- #DefendChildren Rec 1: Champion, Uphold, and Fund Children’s Right to Counsel. njdc.info/defendchildren @NatJuvDefend
- #DefendChildren Rec 2: Ensure Meaningful Access to Counsel Throughout the Delinquency Process. njdc.info/defendchildren @NatJuvDefend
- #DefendChildren Rec 3: Implement Strong, Well-Resourced, and Specialized Juvenile Defense Systems. njdc.info/defendchildren @NatJuvDefend
- #DefendChildren Rec 4: Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities. njdc.info/defendchildren @NatJuvDefend
- #DefendChildren Rec 5: Attract and Retain New and Diverse Talent to the Field of Juvenile Defense. njdc.info/defendchildren @NatJuvDefend
- #DefendChildren Rec 6: Protect the Rights of Youth Who Face Additional Discrimination and... njdc.info/defendchildren @NatJuvDefend
- #DefendChildren Rec 7: Fund & Implement Mechanisms to Collect Data, Conduct Assessments and Court... njdc.info/defendchildren @NatJuvDefend

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The @National Juvenile Defender Center’s new report, *Defend Children: A Blueprint for Effective Juvenile Defender Services*, is a roadmap to ensuring that children’s constitutional right to an attorney is guaranteed. Join us—let’s fulfill the promise together. #DefendChildren [Paste link: njdc.info/defendchildren]

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It's an open secret that countless children are denied their constitutional right to an attorney in juvenile court or receive such inadequate representation that it provides little protection. Today, the @National Juvenile Defender Center released a report detailing the crisis and a blueprint for reform. Read the report, share it with friends, and join NJDC in demanding rights for youth in court! [#DefendChildren](https://twitter.com/DefendChildren) [Paste link: njdc.info/defendchildren]



Youth of color face the dual injustices of having their civil rights and due process rights violated in the juvenile court system. A new report by the @National Juvenile Defender Center details the crisis—and how we overcome it. [#DefendChildren](https://twitter.com/DefendChildren) [Paste link: njdc.info/defendchildren]



Children across the country are routinely denied access to effective lawyers in juvenile court. But, in some places, defenders and advocates are finding creative solutions to ensure children's rights are fulfilled. Learn about these innovative programs in the @National Juvenile Defender Center's new report, *Defend Children: A Blueprint for Effective Juvenile Defender Services*. [#DefendChildren](https://twitter.com/DefendChildren) [Paste link: njdc.info/defendchildren]



Access to justice IS access to counsel. Read the @National Juvenile Defender Center's new report detailing how children in America are denied their constitutional rights in court—and how we overcome the crisis. [#DefendChildren](https://twitter.com/DefendChildren) [Paste link: njdc.info/defendchildren]

GRAPHICS

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