

ADVOCACY SPECIALISTS

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We are here to help!

Resources

The Advocacy Guide

<http://www.doa.state.nc.us/yaio/documents/advguide.doc>

NC Dept of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention:

410 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27601
919-733-3388

<http://www.ncdjidp.org/>

NC Dept of Public Instruction:

301 North Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
919-807-3300

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/>

NC Dept of Health & Human Services

2012 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2012
Care Line: 1-800-662-7030 (toll free)
1-877-452-2514 (TTY, toll free)

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/>

Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities

1-800-821-6922 (toll free)
1-888-268-5535 (TDD, hearing impaired, toll free)

<http://www.gacpd.com/>

<http://www.gacpd.com/espanol.htm> (En Español)

Covenant House 9 Line

(Counselors who speak to people confidentially about any problem)

1-800-999-9999 (toll free)

www.covenanthouse.org

NC Youth Advocacy & Involvement Office

1319 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1319

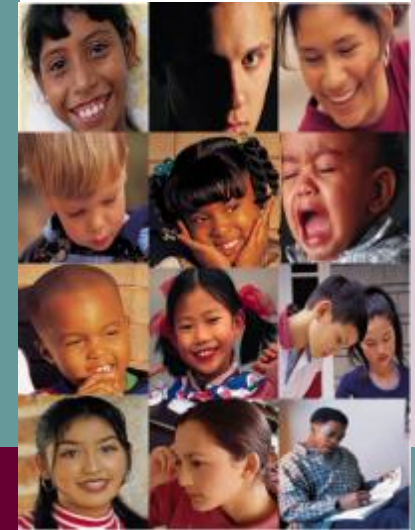
Phone: 919.733.9296

Fax: 919.733.1461

<http://www.ncyaio.com>

Office Hours: 8:00AM - 5:00PM, Monday - Friday

NC Youth Advocacy & Involvement Office



Youth Advocacy

*Working for You,
Working for Youth!*



The Youth Advocacy & Involvement Office (YAIO), a division in the NC Department of Administration, works to advocate for the rights of children and youth through case advocacy and class advocacy.



Case Advocacy

Assistance is given to families by assessing the services they need in their communities, intervening with state and local agencies,

and helping family members and other concerned citizens become better advocates for their own children and children in their community. We offer assistance to families regarding a variety of issues including, but not limited to foster care, adoption, abuse and neglect, juvenile justice, education and troubled youth. We also provide information to child advocates and the general public through an online newsletter, our Web site and publications such as the Advocacy Guide, "Youth Rights and Responsibilities: A Handbook for North Carolina's Youth," and "You and the Juvenile Justice System." If you would like

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a copy of one of our publications, please visit our Web site: <http://www.ncyaio.com>.

NOTE: The advocacy specialists are NOT attorneys and cannot provide legal advice. They can explain some of the processes related to the rights of children and youth and/or refer you to the NC Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service for an attorney.

Class Advocacy

YAIO seeks to bring about policy and social change for youth by addressing unmet needs through monitoring legislation, policies, programs and special projects. We also collaborate with other state agencies and non-profits to help improve the lives of children and families in North Carolina.



The NC Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office works on behalf of children and youth all across North Carolina.

When to Contact Us

YAIO advocacy specialists assist youth and their families with a variety of issues. Here are some examples of cases with which our advocacy specialists have helped:

- w Problems with School Systems
- w Grade Level Retention
- w School Suspension Issues (including suspension appeals, getting students back into school, and programs for youth during long-term suspension)
- w Custody Issues
- w Child Abuse and/or Neglect
- w Sexual Abuse
- w Child Abductions
- w Runaways
- w Foster Care Issues
- w Problems with DSS
- w Undisciplined Youth
- w Problems with Mental Health System
- w Problems with Juvenile Justice System
- w Finding Services and Resources for Youth

***NOTE:** For issues concerning **DISABLED CHILDREN**, see back panel for info on the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities.