

## Mission

Justice for Children and Youth strives to protect and advance the legal rights and dignity of children and youth in Canada.

Voice and empowerment are important tenants of the mission.

## Organizational Structure

JFCY is the operating name of the Canadian Foundation for Children, Youth & the Law, Inc.

The Foundation has charitable status and is administered by a volunteer Board of Directors who are elected at our Annual General meeting. Members of the Foundation pay a yearly fee or one lifetime membership fee.



## Membership Application

Yes, I am interested in becoming involved with Justice for Children and Youth. By becoming a member, I support the legal clinic's important work and will receive voting rights at JFCY's Annual General Meeting.

- I support JFCY's mission and would like to become a new member.
- I support JFCY's mission and would like to renew my membership.

### *Please enrol me as:*

- An individual member                      \$20
- An organization                                 \$50
- A lifetime member                             \$100
- Full-time student or member  
member of JFCY's Youth  
Advisory Committee                          Free

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed my membership fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and a donation\* of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\*Charitable donation receipts will be issued.

***Thank you for your support!***

# JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



**Legal services for  
young people under 18  
and homeless youth  
under 25 in Ontario**

**Justice for Children and Youth**  
55 University Avenue, Suite 1500  
Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7  
[south of St. Andrew subway station]

GTA: 416-920-1633 [M-F 9-5]  
Ontario: 1-866-999-JFCY [5329]  
Fax: 416-920-5855 | info@jfcy.org

## Justice for Children and Youth (JFCY)

JFCY is a non-profit legal aid clinic that protects the rights of young people facing conflicts with the legal system, education, social service or mental health systems.

JFCY's staff lawyers:

- Give summary legal advice, information and assistance to young people, parents (in education matters), professionals and community groups across Ontario.
- Provide direct legal representation in all areas of children's law to eligible children and youth of Toronto and vicinity.
- Engage in community outreach and public legal education.
- Advocate for law and policy reform to the laws which affect children and youth.
- Produce a wide range of publications and legal materials for public use.



Legal services for young people under 18 and homeless youth under 25 in Ontario.

## Visit our Legal Rights Wiki www.jfcy.org



### Youth Criminal Justice Act

The YCJA provides unique rights and procedures for young people between the ages of 12 - 17 who are charged with a criminal offence in Canada.

[Application of the YCJA](#) [The Police](#) [Right to a Lawyer](#) [Detention](#) [EJM & EJS](#) [Court Process](#)  
[Sentencing Process](#) [Sentences](#) [Youth Records](#) [Appeals](#)



### Education

Going to school is a legal requirement for young people between the ages of 6 and 17. The Education Act gives parents and children specific rights in the publicly funded school system.

[Attendance Rights](#) [Special Education](#) [Suspensions](#) [Expulsions](#) [Exclusions](#)



### Leaving Home

In Ontario, you can choose where you live when you are 16 years old. The decision to leave is often not easy and can lead to difficulties in getting all your belongings, having enough money to support yourself and attending school.

[Leaving Home Rights](#) [Child Support & Social Assistance](#) [Shelters](#) [Tenants](#)



### Hot Topics

These are some of the common issues that JFCY lawyers are asked about.

[Sexual Activity](#) [Shoplifting Demand Letters](#) [Marijuana](#) [Police Stops & Searches](#) [Police Complaints](#)  
[Security Guards](#) [Streets & Sidewalks](#)



### Health & Mental Health

Become informed about your legal rights when it comes to decisions about your health and mental health care treatment.

[OHIP and IFHP](#) [Consent & Privacy](#) [Decisions and Capacity](#) [Psychiatric Facilities](#) [Secure Treatment](#)



### Child Discipline, Child Protection & Child Custody

In family law, the rights of children are unique. Become informed about the law on corporal punishment ("spanking"), how a Children's Aid Society may become involved in your life and a description of what happens in the related court proceedings, and your right to be heard when your parents are splitting up.

[Corporal Punishment & "Spanking"](#) [Children's Aid Society](#) [Child Protection Court](#) [Custody & Access](#)



### Provincial Offences

You can be given a ticket for breaking a provincial law if you are over the age of 16. Some of the common laws that young people are given tickets for is covered in this section.

[Tickets](#) [Trespassing](#) [Panhandling](#) [Parks](#) [Alcohol](#)



### Homeless Youth Over 18

Street Youth Legal Services (SYLS) is a program that provides information and services for homeless youth between the ages of 16 - 25. These are some of the common issues that the SYLS lawyer is asked about.

[Warrants](#) [Criminal Court](#) [Adult Records & Pardons](#) [Record Suspensions](#) [Victims of Crime](#)  
[Evidence](#) [Small Claims Court](#) [Sponsorship Breakdown](#) [Social Assistance](#) [Mental Health](#)