

Mission

At Justice for Children and Youth (JFCY), we provide child-centred legal services that enhance justice and support inclusion for vulnerable children and youth through:

- Specialized legal expertise and representation
- Leadership on systemic law reform and advocacy
- Legal education and outreach

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**

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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.
- 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](#)



Discrimination and LGBTQI2S Rights

The Ontario Human Rights Code protects you from discrimination on many grounds and in many social areas. Specific legal concerns raised by youth identifying in LGBTQI2S communities are about GSAs, Trans and Gender Inclusive Spaces and changing their ID.

[Human Rights Protection](#) [Making a Claim](#) [LGBTQI2S Legal Rights](#)



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](#)