



No child should face immigration proceedings alone.

Children Alone

What is KIND?

Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) helps provide high quality pro bono legal counsel to refugee and immigrant children who come to the United States without a parent or legal guardian. KIND was founded by the Microsoft Corporation and UN Special Envoy Angelina Jolie to change the way the United States treats these children.

Why is KIND needed?

The number of children coming alone to the U.S. has grown significantly in recent years, with about 23,000 expected to come in 2013 and be placed in U.S. custody. Many are escaping abuse or persecution; others are victims of trafficking, abandonment, or severe deprivation.

When these children are apprehended and face immigration proceedings, the majority must do so without a lawyer. Without counsel, most children can't understand the complex procedures they face and the options open to them.

Too often, children with viable claims are not able to present them and are sent back to uncertain and often perilous fates, where their well-being, and even their lives, may be in danger.

How does KIND work?

KIND finds pro bono lawyers to represent these unaccompanied children. KIND has partnered with 170 law firms, corporations, and law schools who have committed to providing

pro bono support. KIND hosts trainings to teach attorneys about the immigration process



Alex and Carlos were represented by a pro bono lawyer and received US protection

and legal remedies available to children, and provides comprehensive assistance to those who take on cases. KIND intends to ensure that all children in the cities where it works have legal representation.

KIND also advocates for changes in U.S. law and policy to protect the rights of unaccompanied children.

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*"I feel happy that I have help. I can hope for good things in the future. The situation I was in was not good."
—Carla, 16, abandoned by her parents*

*"These children often come with nothing; no money, no support, no family, yet they come to America seeking its promise of a better life."
— Angelina Jolie*

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What types of cases does KIND handle?

KIND helps children with all types of immigration cases:

- asylum (for children who fear persecution)
 - special immigrant juvenile status (for abused, abandoned, or neglected children)
 - U or T visas (for children who are victims of criminal activity, or trafficking)
 - VAWA petitions (for children who are victims of domestic violence or abuse)
 - family based petitions (to help children stay with their family)
 - and other forms of protection from deportation.
- KIND believes that

every child deserves an attorney in immigration proceedings.

How can I help KIND?

KIND needs your support. If you are an attorney, paralegal, or translator you can help in many ways; no immigration experience is necessary. Donations can be made through our website.

Help make a difference in an unaccompanied child's life. Please contact: info@supportkind.org, 202-824-8680, or the KIND field office nearest to you.



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