

How you can help

- Donate to our cause.
- Contribute to or volunteer at our client holiday party or backpack drive.
- Invite us to speak at your church, synagogue, mother's group, or other gathering.
- Connect us to friends who may be interested in supporting us.
- Learn more about CFR; come observe us in Family Court.



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The CFR Story

Our core purpose

CFR is a groundbreaking nonprofit legal organization that works to strengthen families in crisis. We provide free legal representation and social services to keep vulnerable families together.

Why we're unique

- No other organization in the nation is solely dedicated to eliminating risks to families as early and comprehensively as CFR.
- The foster care system is broken; it often fractures families and irreparably damages children.
- CFR's involvement changes lives by helping to break the cycle of neglect and poverty.



What we do

- We secure help for at-risk families.
- We represent underserved families in Family Court.
- We provide training to courts and child welfare professionals in best practices to strengthen families.
- We provide policy leadership at city, state and national levels.
- We ensure that every client is treated with the dignity he or she deserves, because every family matters.

How we do it

- Our unique teams of social workers, lawyers, and parent advocates (many with first-hand knowledge of the foster care system) assist families before, during, and after family crisis.
- We help families navigate community resources to help them conquer such obstacles as domestic violence, hunger, homelessness, inadequate daycare, mental illness, and addiction.
- We problem-solve with the courts and government agencies to secure the best outcomes for families.



Our impact

- When children can safely stay with their families, they're saved the trauma of foster care.
- When CFR's families do experience foster care, a child's average length of stay is 4 months, compared to the state average of almost 3 years.
- CFR saves money: In just one year, we saved taxpayers over \$2 million in foster care costs.
- Our results help children do better—in school, at home, and in the community.
- Everyone benefits when families do better.



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