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The Law Center (TLC) for Children

The Law Center (TLC) for Children addresses the interrelated areas of education, public benefits, health and family law on behalf of children and their families. TLC promotes the rights of children through three general courses of action: (1) direct representation, (2) outreach and community education, and (3) involvement in interagency initiatives to affect more widespread policy changes.

To be eligible for TLC's services, the child must be resident of Northern Virginia, whose family's household income and assets are within TLC's financial guidelines, and have a legal problem which TLC handles.

How Does TLC help Children and Families?

TLC can help in a variety of ways. We can:

- *Offer legal advice*
- * Provide direct legal representation*
- *Empower families and guardians to advocate on behalf of their children*
- *Develop and disseminate fact sheets and informational brochures*
- *Conduct workshops in the community*
- *Provide information and referrals to other agencies*
- *Liaise with other agencies to promote the need for policy change*

TLC can provide advice and/or representation in these areas:

Education *Special Education Services, Student Disciplinary Cases*

Public Benefits *Eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits based on disability; SSI overpayments; Medicaid; Social*

Security Survivor benefits

Adoptions *By step parents or other relatives*

Family Issues *When the client is a minor parent, a foster child, or in need of
advice or assistance independent of parents*

Emancipation *For minors between the ages of 16 to 18*

Guardianship and Limited Powers of Attorney

Name Changes for Minors

Call 703-532-3733 if you would like to discuss your case

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

How does LSNV serve my community?

TLC for Children is able to help children in the community through its parent organization, Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV). LSNV is a private, non-profit corporation that provides civil legal services at no charge to Northern Virginia residents who are low income, elderly, mental physical disabilities or HIV/AIDS. LSNV's priority is to serve individuals who, without legal help, will lose a critical human resource. Since its inception in 1980, LSNV has handled more than 80,000 cases for the residents of the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

In addition to child advocacy, LSNV handles civil legal matters for eligible individuals in the areas of: □□

- *domestic violence*
- *child custody*
- *housing evictions and conditions*
- *discrimination*
- *public benefits*
- *health care*
- *education*

- *consumer problems*
- *employment*
- *elder law*

LSNV does not handle criminal, traffic or fee-generating cases

How Can I Help?

LSNV and TLC for Children need your support to help ensure access for justice for everyone, especially children, regardless of economic circumstances. Please make a contribution or volunteer your time. Call (703) 778-6800 for more information.

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