

2024 IMPACT



CENTERING YOUTH VOICES

"Participating in the college tours with the JusticeEd program was an **inspiring experience!** I discovered the incredible job opportunities that a college education can unlock, which really fueled my determination to graduate from high school. **It made me excited about my future and the paths that lie ahead.**"

Youth on probation in NCYL's JusticeEd program serving youth involved in the juvenile justice system

A YEAR OF LIFE-CHANGING WORK

In 2024, we took on tough fights. We stood up for children and youth in courtrooms and legislative chambers, demanding fairness and justice where there was none. We forged partnerships with grassroots leaders and organizations to extend our impact into communities that needed it most.

Together, we didn't just respond to problems; we built solutions that will have lasting effects on the lives of thousands of young people.

OUR IMPACT

20%

higher graduation rate for students experiencing homelessness in Monterey County because of NCYL's work

**500,000
STUDENTS**

now have preserved access to AP African American History courses

**15,000
YOUTH & FAMILIES**

annually helped through the abolishment of juvenile court fees in Michigan

60%

decrease in the use of hotels & agency offices as housing for youth in Washington by reducing unlicensed foster placements

LANDMARK CHANGE ACROSS SYSTEMS

From schools to courts, from immigration systems to the foster system, NCYL was at the forefront of protecting the rights and well-being of children and youth from coast to coast.



A MORE HUMANE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

Secured safer conditions for detained immigrant children through the *Flores* Settlement, ensuring timely access to shelter and essential resources

A MORE ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Researched and released a landmark Compendium of Laws on Minors' Consent for Healthcare

A MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH TO ENDING THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Released the Los Angeles County's Five Year Strategic Plan to Prevent and Address Child Trafficking, informed by listening sessions with youth, caregivers, and community organizations

"Behind every victory are real stories: a young person who felt heard for the first time, a family that gained stability, or a community that came together to make change happen. Those stories remind us that progress is never abstract—it's personal, urgent, and necessary."

Shakti Belway

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