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General Overview of TeamChild

Who we are and what we do

Our Mission

We uphold the rights of youth involved, or at risk of being involved, in the juvenile legal system to help them secure the **education**, **healthcare**, **housing**, and **other support** needed to achieve positive outcomes in their lives

Achieving our ***VISION*** requires a bold goal of eliminating the use of youth incarceration across Washington State

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OUR VISION AND VALUES

Vision

Young people have power and experience unconditional belonging at school, at home and in their communities.

Values

- ***Youth-centered*** – We take bold, creative action in support of young people's self-determination.
- ***Wholeness*** – We give and receive real support and care for ourselves, clients and communities. We bring our whole selves to work.
- ***Accountability*** – We operate from an anti-oppression foundation. We act with integrity and intentionality and encourage each other to be better every day.
- ***Anti-racism*** – We operate with anti-racist principles to undo racism and end all intersecting forms of oppression.

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WHO WE SERVE

Youth **ages 12-24 years old**

Low Income

Juvenile court involvement

Residing in or with legal issues in

- King, Pierce, Spokane and Yakima Counties

Statewide

- Juvenile “detention boarding” cases
- Youth currently incarcerated in Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) and Community Facilities
- Released from JR facility within 1 year for “reentry” help, or within 6 years for juvenile record sealing cases

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WHAT WE DO

Legal Services

Training & Consulting

Policy Advocacy

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LEGAL SERVICES/ISSUES

School Connectedness/ Education Rights

- School Discipline
- Special Education
- Enrollment
  - Pushout to online school
  - McKinney Vento
  - Foster Care
- Civils Rights
  - Discrimination based on race, color national origin
  - Gender/sex discrimination in education programs and activities
- Protection orders that impact school
- Anti-Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)

Housing Stability

- Supporting youth who need legal action to be housed
  - Minor guardianship
  - CHINS
  - Dependency
  - Emancipation
  - Power of attorney
- Shelter system navigation
- Protection orders that make someone homeless
- Youth who are in detention (probation violations, warrants, police or school resource officer attention, truancy or running away) because no legal guardian or release plan is approved

Overlap with Criminal/ Juvenile Legal System

- Partnering with defense attorneys to develop community alternatives, reduce incarceration. Any civil legal advocacy to help youth reduce juvenile court involvement.
- Post Conviction
  - Record vacating/ sealing
  - Restitution relief
  - Resentencing advice/ representation for youth with long prison sentences
- Reentry planning – access to housing and education

Conditions of Confinement in Juvenile Prisons

- Youth complaints
- Isolation
- Finances
- Education
- Healthcare

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TYPES OF CASES WE DON'T TAKE

Family Law Cases

Tacomaprobono Community Lawyers - Free Civil Legal Aid

Immigration Cases

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (nwirp.org)

Landlord-Tenant Cases

Housing Justice Project - Tacomaprobono Community Lawyers

Debtor/Creditor/Bankruptcy

NW Consumer Law Center
https://www.nwclc.org/

Criminal Cases

Youth Access to Counsel | Office of Public Defense

Assigned Counsel (Public Defender) | Pierce County, WA - Official Website

Other cases where assigned counsel is a right

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Resources to Learn More

Resources for More Info

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Education	Home | Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds
Juvenile Record Sealing	Seal, vacate, or destroy juvenile court records | Washington Law Help

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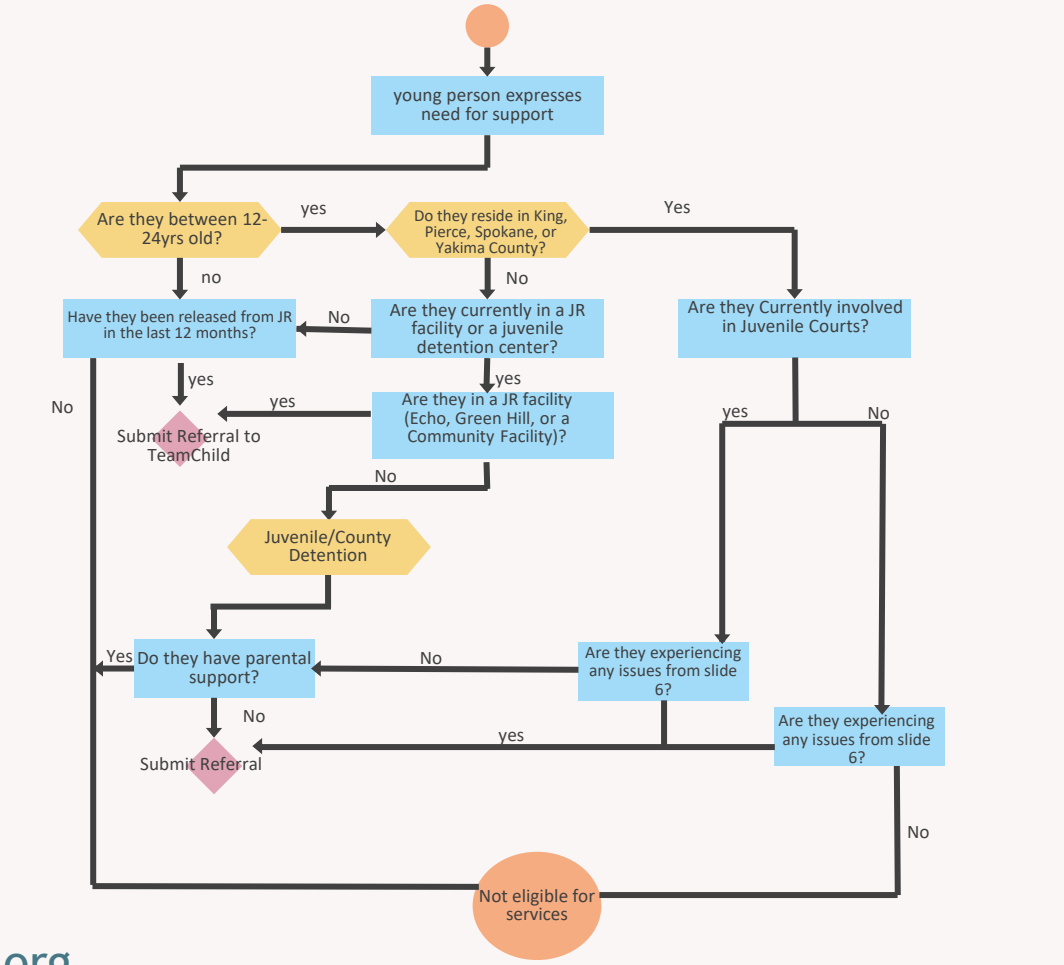
- Referrals

TEAMCHILD REFERRAL



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IF IN DOUBT, REACH OUT

Contact TeamChild

Youth Action Coalition

TEAMCHILD YOUTH ACTION COALITION

Uniting Voices, Driving Change: Team Child YAC is committed to uniting the voices of youth aged 12 to 24 from diverse backgrounds to drive positive change in Washington State. Through education, storytelling, and advocacy for state policy reform, we strive to create a more just and inclusive society for all youth.

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QUESTIONS?