

# Children's Advocacy Resource Center

The Children's Advocacy Resource Center (CARC) has been a part of Kansas Legal Services since 1999. CARC is a statewide program providing complete support and legal services to people serving and caring for homeless children and children involved in our state foster care system.

CARC operates a toll-free helpline for foster youth.



## **Guardian Ad Litem-Foster Care Helpline**

**1-877-298-2674**

Helpline staff give free legal assistance to children in foster care, non-parent members of their families and others including guardians ad litem, social workers, foster or pre-adoptive parents, attorneys, and prosecutors.

Staff help remove barriers to permanent placements. They also assist persons in grasping and navigating the complex issues of child welfare law.

Helpline staff also counsel on legal issues related to children suffering from a disability, special education, mental and medical health referrals, education decisions, emancipation, independent living, and adoption.

[Foster kids and aged-out youth in Kansas can get free IDs](#)

## **On Your Own**

[Guide to Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities as an Adult](#) is prepared as a public service by the Kansas Bar Association and the Kansas Bar Foundation. This booklet covers a few areas of the law that a person about to set out on his or her own,

especially young people aging out of foster care, need to know. For instance, have you ever wondered what you should do if you have a car accident? Or what are your duties and rights as a tenant? Or what your rights are if you are arrested? Or what you should look for in buying a car? Or what your legal duties are if you get married? On Your Own gives you some answers.

## **CARC Resources**

CARC offers a resource book to help children going through the court system.

· [“Alex Goes to Court,”](#) (pdf version) is designed as a coloring and activity book to help children understand the court procedures involved in Child-In-Need-of-Care (CINC) cases.

Here's a link to [Alex Goes to Court](#) on its own webpage.

[Getting guardianship of your grandchildren](#) by Alexandra English, staff attorney in our Kansas City office. This is a good guide for grandparents wanting to adopt their grandkids in Kansas.

**Please see our [latest CARC newsletter here.](#)**

***Should you have a legal question, a need for informational material, a wish to have assistance with a case,***

***or would like more info about the services CARC can provide, please contact us: 1-877-298-2674***

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