

If you have a child or youth with a legal problem in school or elsewhere, you can contact the Child Advocacy Project for help.

For more information contact:



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- ▶ Pro Bono Law Ontario
- ▶ The Advocates' Society
- ▶ Justice for Children and Youth





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The Child Advocacy Project (CAP) is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the legal rights of children and youth across Ontario. CAP lawyers provide free legal services to:

- ▶ Students who are involved in the Special Education process.
- ▶ Children and youth who are at risk of being suspended or expelled.
- ▶ Young people who are living independently.

CAP lawyers provide summary advice, advocacy, mediation, and full representation for children and youth in:

- ▶ Identification Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) meetings, and appeals before the

Special Education Appeal Board and the Special Education Tribunal

- ▶ Suspension and expulsion hearings and appeals
- ▶ Test-case litigation related to everyone's constitutional right to education



CAP is a registered project of Pro Bono Law Ontario and is conducted in partnership with Justice for Children and Youth (a legal aid clinic) and The Advocates' Society (Ontario's largest law association). The volunteer lawyers who

take CAP cases are all experienced and trained in Education Law. *CAP lawyers work for free.*

## Who is eligible for CAP assistance?

CAP assists youth and their families who would otherwise be unable to afford a lawyer. Each family is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

## Will it cost me anything to see a lawyer?

CAP lawyers work for free, however, you will need to pay any charges such as photocopying or filing fees (disbursements).

## What can a CAP lawyer do for my child?

It varies by case. At the first meeting, your lawyer will discuss with you the extent of their involvement in your case.

## Could a lawyer accompany my child to an IPRC hearing?

Yes. CAP lawyers can accompany your child to an IPRC hearing, as well as help communicate with school boards.

## We live outside of Toronto. Can CAP still help my child?

CAP is a province-wide program. We will try to find a lawyer in your community who is able to assist your child.

