



# HELPING CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

## Legal Help with:

- **Public & Private Education**
- **Special Education**
- **Behavioral Matters**



## Free Legal Assistance for Children's Education Needs

Legal Aid for Children's Health and Security (LACHS) is dedicated to providing essential legal services to support children's educational success in Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Gregg, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Jasper, Jefferson, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood counties. Our services help ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically.

Even if you are not in the counties specified by this project/initiative, we may still be able to assist you with the same type of legal aid services. We encourage anyone in need of legal assistance to apply for our services.

# SERVICES WE OFFER

## **INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS**

We advocate for students to get the right support they need based on these assessments.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Assistance with IEP (Individualized Educational Plans), ARD (Admission, Review, and Dismissal) meetings, and 504 Plans to secure necessary accommodations.

## **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ISSUES**

We provide legal help if a student is not allowed to enroll in school or if there are issues with discipline, like suspensions or expulsions. We also represent students in situations where they might be placed in alternative education programs.

## **MEDIATION AND DUE PROCESS HEARINGS**

We stand up for students in meetings and hearings to help solve problems with schools in a fair way.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS**

We handle the process of filing complaints and appeals under state and federal laws, such as the Disabilities Education Improvement Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

## **SUPPORT FOR YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE**

We provide support for foster youth as they transition to living on their own. We make sure they still get the help they need to succeed in school even as they become more independent.

