

# HELPING CHILDREN SUCCEED IN LIFE

## **Legal Help with:**

- Public Benefits
- Guardianships
- Foster Care Matters
- Support for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care



## Free Legal Assistance to Secure Health and Benefits for Children

Legal Aid for Children's Health and Security (LACHS) is dedicated to providing essential legal services to support children's health and well-being in Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties. Our Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) ensures that children receive the benefits and protections they need for a secure and healthy future.

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

#### APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS FOR BENEFITS

We help families apply for and appeal decisions about benefits like SSI/SSDI, Medicaid, CHIP, and SNAP. Our goal is to make sure children and families get the support they need to meet their basic needs.

#### **GUARDIANSHIPS**

We provide legal help for establishing guardianships to make sure children are taken care of in the best way possible.

#### SAFETY AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS

We help secure protective orders and arrange custody agreements to make sure children are safe and secure in their homes and communities.

#### **ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE**

We advocate for children to have access to healthcare services and help them overcome any obstacles they may face in getting medical care.

#### **DISABILITY RIGHTS**

We make sure that children with disabilities get the right support and protections they need according to the law.

#### **EDUCATIONAL ACCESS AND DISCIPLINE**

We provide support for issues related to getting into school, dealing with discipline, and making sure students get the help they need to learn.

#### **FOSTER CARE YOUTH SUPPORT**

We offer help to foster youth dealing with legal issues that affect their health, education, and transition to living independently.

#### JUVENILE MATTERS

We provide legal representation for children involved in the juvenile justice system to protect their rights and support their rehabilitation.

#### HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

We offer legal assistance to ensure families have stable housing and protect their rights in employment.

