

Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic

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Type of Work

Students enrolled in the Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic (CAYAC) in 2010-2011 worked in one of three different contexts of children and youth advocacy:

- in partnership with Society for Counsel Representing Accused Persons (SCRAP);
- in partnership with Columbia Legal Services (CLS); and
- in-house.

CAYAC students working in partnership with SCRAP represented youth in truancy, Child in Need of Services (CHINS), and dependency proceedings. Those working with CLS dedicated their time to impact litigation involving the child's right to counsel in the dependency context. The in-house CAYAC students represented teen mothers living in transitional housing.

Clinic Numbers

Quarters Offered: Full Year (Autumn, Winter and Spring)
Credits: 12 (distributed 4-5-3)
Students: 6

Notable Student Accomplishments

- Students in CLS participated in the briefing and preparation for oral argument of *In re A.R., D.R.*, before the Washington Supreme Court, which argued for the child's right to counsel in termination of parental rights proceedings.
- Students working in-house successfully modified a client's domestic violence protection order to include protection of her

infant child. They also obtained emancipation for a teen mom, enabling her to leave transitional housing and obtain her own housing.

- Students working with SCRAP gained expertise by having the opportunity to appear frequently in court on behalf of multiple clients in truancy and CHINS matters.

Faculty Update



During Autumn Quarter CAYAC was taught by Prof. Kim Ambrose who was joined by Prof. Lisa Kelly in the Winter Quarter upon return from her sabbatical.

