



Equity Statement

The National Juvenile Defender Center (NJDC) believes that equity, inclusion, and diversity are integral to creating a truly just legal system for all youth. To that end, we are committed to creating a diverse, inclusive, and equitable community of juvenile defenders and advocates who fight for the rights and interests of youth involved in the delinquency system.

Our work is rooted in the belief that all young people should receive excellent defense representation and equal footing in the legal system, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, sex, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, physical and/or mental ability, age, religion, socioeconomic class, or other aspects of identity.

NJDC is dedicated to working with juvenile defenders and advocates to stand between young people and the juvenile legal system, to use the law as a shield to protect them, and to use the Constitution and other legal means to dismantle what oppresses them.