

## Realizing results that give children a chance.

ACNJ's advocacy efforts deliver real-life change to thousands of New Jersey children.

### Leading the drive for high-quality preschool

By working with teachers, school administrators and state leaders, ACNJ has been instrumental in ensuring that thousands of children attend preschools that help lead to later school success.

### Advancing efforts to expand healthcare for children

With our leadership, New Jersey has reduced the number of uninsured children, meaning more children are likely to get the preventive care that keeps them healthy.

### Teaching people about children and the law

Through ACNJ's KidLaw Center, thousands of judges, attorneys, educators, parents and others have learned important information about children and the law. Through trainings and publications, we help people become informed, effective advocates for the children in their lives.

### Building a network of advocates

Through ACNJ's Community Outreach programs and other forums, hundreds have become child advocates, greatly expanding the network of people speaking up for New Jersey's children.

## Why do children need ACNJ?

We have made real progress in giving more children the chance to grow up safe, healthy and educated. But we can't stop now. We must continue to deliver big wins for New Jersey children.

Working together, we can help the 400,000 New Jersey children growing up in low-income families to overcome the disadvantages of poverty. We can provide health coverage to the 250,000 children who lack insurance. And we can give the 30,000 children most in need of preschool access to high-quality programs.

These children need all of us to pay attention to their needs. ACNJ helps make that happen.



Cecilia Zalkind  
Executive Director

*ACNJ is governed by a board of 30 trustees who are diverse in professional, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. They are united by a deep concern for the well-being of New Jersey children. They support ACNJ's work in a variety of ways, helping to ensure our success in giving every child a chance.*

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## ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN OF NEW JERSEY

Giving Every Child A Chance

Formerly Association for Children of New Jersey



## Thanks to ACNJ's advocacy...

*A Middlesex County child is able to attend a quality preschool, putting her on the path to school success.*

*A Burlington County child gets medicine for his asthma through New Jersey's child health insurance program.*

*An Essex County single mom uses a state tax credit to pay off that winter's heating bills.*

Investments in our children reap results. Not for just one child. But for thousands of children all over New Jersey. For these children, changes in public policy mean the difference between growing up healthy and strong or facing a lifelong struggle to survive.

When we help our children to grow up safe, healthy and educated, they become productive adults, contributing to New Jersey's communities, securing our future and making the state a better place to live.

That is why Advocates for Children of New Jersey works to ensure that every child is given the chance to attend quality preschool, have health coverage and grow up safe from abuse and neglect.

That is why we believe that all parents should be able to feed, clothe and house their children and that all youth should be put on a productive path to adulthood.

ACNJ is the trusted, independent voice putting children's needs first for more than 30 years. Our work results in better laws and policies, more effective funding and stronger services for children and families.

**It means that more children are given the chance to grow up safe, healthy and educated.**



## How does ACNJ give every child a chance?

- ★ **We Inform.** ACNJ researches issues and writes nationally-acclaimed reports to inform policymakers and the public and to advance solutions. Our NJ KIDS COUNT project provides critical data on child well-being to state leaders, advocates and the public. Using data to drive decisions leads to smarter choices that help more children.
- ★ **We Advocate.** ACNJ works closely with state and federal lawmakers and policymakers to bolster their understanding and response to the needs of children and families.
- ★ **We Build Coalitions.** ACNJ's e-advocacy network includes more than 6,000 people who speak up for children at the local, state and federal levels. We equip local advocates with the skills to fight for children in their own backyards. And we build coalitions of concerned citizens who share a commitment to improving the lives of children and families.
- ★ **We Equip Caregivers.** Through ACNJ's KidLaw Center, thousands of parents, caregivers and professionals gain information they need to be their child's strongest ally and advocate.
- ★ **We Elevate Children's Voices.** Through ACNJ, thousands of children have had their concerns, thoughts and visions shared with lawmakers, governors and other state leaders, giving them a say in the decisions that drive their future.

## Help us give every child a chance.

**A cornerstone of ACNJ's success is its independence.** We are strictly non-partisan and accept no government funding for advocacy, freeing us to focus on our sole mission — helping children.

**As a non-profit, ACNJ counts on support from individual donors, our foundation partners and corporations to succeed in our efforts.**

## We invite you to join our work.

- ★ **Raise Your Voice.** Join our network that enables you to quickly contact your elected officials about urgent children's issues.
- ★ **Invest in our Work.** Your tax-deductible donation will help thousands of children all around the State of New Jersey.
- ★ **Learn to Advocate.** ACNJ offers courses and workshops that can teach you how to advocate for children in your own backyard.
- ★ **Attend an Event.** ACNJ sponsors informative forums and other events throughout the year. Check our website for upcoming happenings.

**Visit our website, [www.acnj.org](http://www.acnj.org), to learn more about how you can help us give every child a chance to grow up safe, healthy and educated.**

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