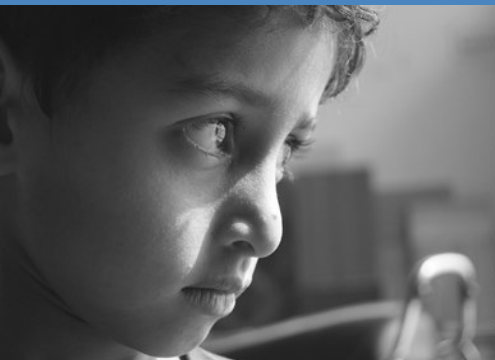


They are fleeing violence from which their countries cannot protect them.

Most unaccompanied children come from Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala—three of the most dangerous countries in the world.

They are seeking safety and need our help.



**60%**

Of children arriving in the U.S. have no one to represent them in immigration court

**5x**

Children without representation are five times more likely to be deported back to danger

That's where Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) comes in:

- ✓ We **protect children** who arrive in the U.S. alone.
- ✓ We provide lawyers to **represent them in their deportation proceedings**.
- ✓ We **advocate for policies** that protect the rights of these children.
- ✓ We **help children reintegrate safely** in their home countries, only if they cannot stay in the U.S.



14,542

Children referred to KIND as of April 2017



477

Law firm, corporate legal department, bar association and law school partners



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# KIND in Action

- Leverage private-public partnerships so that for every \$1 invested in KIND, \$5 is generated in value totaling more than **\$187 million** in pro bono attorney support between 2009 and 2016
- Secure protection for children who have fled sexual and gender-based violence, gang and organized crime attacks, and domestic violence
- Promote U.S. principles of the rule of law and due process so that children have the opportunity to tell their stories before an immigration judge
- Operate a collaborative project in Guatemala to ensure that if a child is sent home, the child is returned safely and sustainably to their community
- Serve as an expert resource on unaccompanied children arriving alone and advocate for best practices in child migration policy in Central America, Mexico, and the U.S.

## Eduardo's Story

Eduardo remembers what it was like playing and going to school in his peaceful beach town in El Salvador before it was taken over by the MS-13 gang. At 15, Eduardo began receiving threats to force him to join the gang. Eduardo refused for over a year and then, in one day, his life changed forever. While riding a bus into town **he witnessed several gang members get on and shoot the driver in the head.** Eduardo agreed to testify against the men who murdered the driver. At 16, Eduardo was moved to a safe house for six months during the trial but was then forced out of witness protection while the trial was still pending. **With no one to protect him from the gang members who knew he had testified against them,** he fled for the U.S.

Fortunately, Eduardo was matched with a KIND pro bono attorney, who successfully obtained asylum for Eduardo. Yet, Eduardo is in the minority. **Approximately 60 percent of unaccompanied children have no one to represent them in immigration court,** which compromises their ability to access existing legal protections in the U.S. The evidence is clear – an asylum applicant, like Eduardo, is **five times** more likely to succeed in his case if he is represented by counsel.

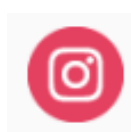
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- ✓ **\$25** will provide legal intake and “know your rights” services
- ✓ **\$100** helps us conduct outreach to vulnerable children
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