

GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM

KIND's Multistakeholder Community Legal Pledge

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) is proud to join the Multistakeholder Community Legal Pledge, which aims to unite the legal community around a shared goal of working with refugees and other forcibly displaced people to advance their access to rights, justice, and lasting solutions to their displacement.

Over the four years of the Community Legal Pledge KIND commits to:

Legal Assistance/Empowerment:

- **Provide legal assistance annually to 3,500 unaccompanied and separated children and their families** in the United States, Mexico, Central America, Ireland, France, Italy, Greece, Poland, Slovakia, Czechia, and the United Kingdom to apply for refugee status, residency, citizenship, reunify with family, and to access the full range of their rights, either through direct KIND services or through KIND's partnerships with other non-profit and pro bono partners. KIND will also continue to provide legal assistance to over 9,000 existing clients.
- **Train and supervise 1,700 pro bono lawyers each year** to work on cases for unaccompanied and separated children in a trauma-informed way.
- **Develop Know Your Rights guides** and informational resources for unaccompanied and separated children to help them understand their rights, how to claim them, and where to access support.

Refugee Inclusion and Hiring:

- **Provide training, support, and opportunities for unaccompanied and separated children** to tell their personal stories, build communications skills and confidence, educate the public, inform our policy recommendations, and affect positive change.

Coordination, Collaboration and Legal Capacity Development:

- **Provide training, technical support, and resources** to 50 nongovernmental organizations to adapt and implement KIND's pro bono model, approach to trauma-centred, child-friendly lawyering, and to strengthen expertise in child protection, children's rights, and the legal pathways available to unaccompanied and separated children.

Legal Advocacy, Policy Engagement and Asylum Capacity Development:

- **KIND will engage in advocacy and develop policy recommendations** that aim to ensure more children have access to free, quality legal assistance, understand their rights, and can take advantage of protection systems designed to ensure they find safe permanency.
- **Support 400 individuals pursuing claims for harm suffered** due to the U.S. government's family separation policy and respond to actions that threaten children's rights through support for negotiated settlements as well as the use of strategic litigation and amicus curiae briefing to advance children's rights.

For more information about our work to support unaccompanied and separated children globally please e-mail Marianne McKeown, Director of Partnerships and Pro Bono Programs, Europe at mmckeown@supportkind.org