

## Advocates

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[Advocates For Children](#) - Twenty-five year old organization dedicated to helping the City's most vulnerable families to secure quality and equal public education services. A thorough site with info on programs, publications and anything else you need to know.

[Advocates for Children - Inside Schools](#) - This website, published by Advocates for Children, offers independent review of every city public school, with basic numbers, a narrative write-up and comments from parents, students and others.

[Center for Arts Education](#) - The Center for Arts Education (CAE) is committed to restoring, stimulating, and sustaining quality arts education as an essential part of every child's education in the New York City public schools. Its Web site provides information and resources on the benefits of and need for arts education as part of a quality, balanced education.

[Children's Defense Fund](#) - The Children's Defense Fund is working to ensure that every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

[Community Service Society of New York](#) - Dedicated to fighting poverty, and providing for the needs of the City's poor. Useful publications, analysis of City policies and information on their speakers' bureau.

[Legal Aid Society](#) - The largest public defender in the country, providing legal services to children and homeless. The cause is noble, the site useful but dull.

[National Coalition for the Homeless](#) -

[Neighborhood Open Space Coalition](#) - Working within New York to preserve and reestablish open spaces for public use.

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**[Public Utility Law Project \(PULP\)](#)** - The Public Utility Law Project (PULP) advocates for utility consumers in matters affecting universal service, affordability and customer protection. The PULP website help center has utility consumer information and detailed materials about current energy and utility topics.

**[The Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health Agencies](#)** - Coalition of community-based mental health providers in New York State, representing over 100 and serving more than a quarter of a million clients in NYC. Extensive site has info on the state's role in voluntary mental health agencies, action alerts, links to non-profits, member organizations and other useful resources.

**[The National Center for Children and Families](#)** - The National Center for Children and Families advances the policy, education, and development of children and their families. The Center is housed at Teachers College of Columbia University.