

# Are You a Foster Child/Youth Facing School Discipline Issues in Fresno Unified School District?



## *We Can Help!*

**Central California Legal Services, Inc.** may be able to provide you with a free lawyer to represent foster youth children in school discipline hearings.

Please Call (559) 570-1200 for more information

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# Central California Legal Services' Mission to Help Foster Youth in School Discipline Matters

## ***What services can Central California Legal Services ("CCLS") provide foster youth?***

CCLS provides free legal representation to foster youth students in Fresno Unified School District ("FUSD") facing suspension and expulsion from school.

## ***Why is representation for foster youth important in school discipline matters?***

Child and youth in foster care are subject to disproportionate levels of discipline and are more likely to be suspended or expelled from school than their non-foster youth peers. Our mission at CCLS is to be advocates for foster youth and to assist them in avoiding expulsion and/or improving the outcome of the expulsion process. We want to ensure positive health outcomes for foster youth in FUSD by reducing the rate at which foster youth are suspended and expelled from FUSD.

## ***How can you or your child get help?***

Foster youth, foster parents or the foster youth's educational rights holder can contact CCLS if the foster youth is facing suspension or expulsion from a school in Fresno Unified School District. If the student is eligible for our services, an attorney at CCLS may provide assistance ranging from advice only to full representation to the student in the expulsion case.

Please be advised that CCLS may not be able to accept all referrals and we cannot guarantee placement of each case with an attorney.

For questions about our services, please contact Jaspreet Klar at [jklar@centralcallegal.org](mailto:jklar@centralcallegal.org) or at (559) 570-1200.

