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Improving child well-being
through legal advocacy



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Our Mission



Our mission is to promote and defend the rights of children and youth to safe, stable homes, quality education and healthcare, and a voice in decisions that affect their lives.

Pegasus is a private, non-profit agency that provides civil legal services to children, youth, and their caregivers, including direct representation, community legal education, and systemic advocacy.



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Eligibility

Pegasus serves children and youth age 0-25. Exact age limits depend on agency priorities and available resources.

Services:

Pegasus Legal Services for Children is a legal resource for children, youth, their caregivers, and the community concerning the legal rights and needs of children and youth.

Education Law

Pegasus provides legal representation to families seeking to enforce their children's right to a free and appropriate education, with a particular focus on the needs of children with disabilities. Pegasus also works with child protective services and the judiciary to ensure that the educational needs of children in foster care are met.

Kinship Guardianship

Pegasus provides legal services to grandparents and other kinship caregivers taking care of children whose parents are unable or unwilling to provide them with proper care. The Guardianship Legal Helpline, a project of Pegasus and Law Access New Mexico, provides information, advice, and assistance to self-represented litigants in kinship guardianship cases statewide. Pegasus also provides full service direct legal representation in contested guardianship cases in many parts of the state.

Youth Law Project

The Pegasus Youth Law Project provides legal representation to youth up to age 23 on a range of legal issues including family law for young parents, access to health and mental health care, and helping youth transition from foster care to adulthood. Pegasus prioritizes services to youth who are homeless, parents, or transitioning from foster care.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Pegasus represents children and youth in foster care as guardians ad litem for children up to age 14, and as attorneys for children 14 and older, in the Seventh Judicial District which includes Torrance, Socorro, Sierra and Catron counties.

Systemic Advocacy

Pegasus works with policy makers to ensure that children's needs and rights are taken into consideration in the development of state and local laws, policies and regulations.