

Dear Class of 2014:

Welcome to Harvard Law School! We look forward to seeing you in the fall and hope you will join Child and Youth Advocates.

Child and Youth Advocates (CYA) brings together students interested in a wide variety of children's issues, including child welfare, juvenile justice, and education. We aim to heighten awareness and encourage discussion of these issues at HLS, facilitate student involvement with children and youth in Cambridge and Boston, and advocate for children's rights in various contexts.

CYA organizes and coordinates volunteer activities with several children's organizations in the Boston area. Volunteers may help with one-time events or get involved on an ongoing basis. Serving as an educational advocate, tutoring a child in Cambridge public schools, conducting pro-bono legal research for a non-profit, or participating in conferences, panels, or brown-bag lunch discussions with faculty are some ways in which students can become involved. CYA also works closely with HLS's Child Advocacy Program, which provides even more opportunities for students to engage in children's issues. In addition, students may find support to start their own projects. We welcome your ideas for future programming, and there will be many opportunities for 1Ls to take leadership roles early on this year!

We invite everyone who wants to give a voice to our youngest citizens to join CYA.

Best,  
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