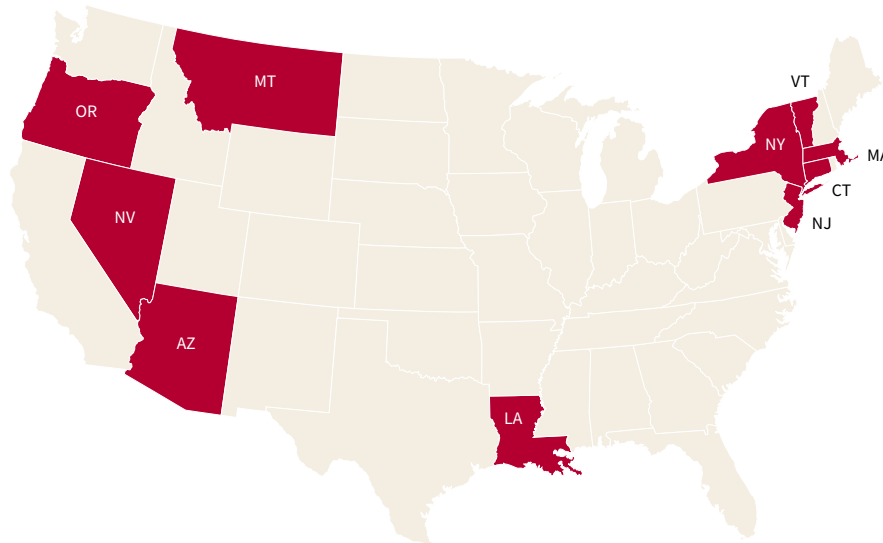




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STATES WITH RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN

We believe every child deserves a safe and loving home. When asked by lawmakers across the country for the single reform that will help protect the most abused and neglected children in foster care, our answer is always the same — attorney representation for children. The graphic below shows which states guarantee the appointment of client directed attorneys for all children.



STATE	STATE STATUTE
Arizona	Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 8-221 - 2021 Legislation SB 1391 required the appointment of Expressed/Stated-Interest legal counsel in all dependency cases
Connecticut	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-129a (2)(c) and § 46b-135
Louisiana	LSA-Ch.C. Art. 607 ; LSA-Ch.C. Art. 551
Massachusetts	M.G.L.A 119 § 29
Montana	Mont. Code Anno., § 41-3-425(2)(b); 2023 Legislation Senate Bill 148 required the appointment of Expressed/Stated-Interest legal counsel in all dependency cases.
Nevada	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 432B.420(2) ; Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 128.100(2)
New Jersey	N.J. Stat. § 9:6-8.23 ; NJ Stat. §9:6-8.21(d)
New York	NY CLS Family Ct Act § 241
Oregon	O.R.S. § 419B.195
Vermont	33 V.S.A. § 5112