We envision a world where children are safe and happy.
I am so grateful to our generous supporters, sponsors, donors, and grantors who make our mission to make children safe and happy possible. We could not do this important work for children's civil rights without you.

2021 has been a busy and successful year for CHILD USA. We dramatically expanded our scope in 2021 as we added federal legislation for children to our agenda.

Thanks to the McIlmail Family’s generous support, the Sean P. McIlmail Research Institute once again opened the door to justice for many victims of child sex abuse. For Congress and 16 states, our team of lawyers and social scientists provided the data and history to put pending SOL bills in context, drafted bill language, answered many questions, submitted testimony, and spoke to the media. In Congress, we are working on bills to incentivize the states to improve their child sex abuse SOLs and to eliminate the SOL for online exploitation. We are working hard for SOL reform in the states with victories in 13 states and the Northern Mariana Islands, including six bills to revive expired civil claims. Working with the amazing Kathryn Robb, Executive Director of our sister organization, CHILD USAAdvocacy, we made a big difference in 2021!

Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors and attendees of our 5th Anniversary Celebration, we hosted our most successful fundraiser yet, which in turn supported so many great projects in 2021:

- Our Legal Department, headed by Director Alice Bohn, filed 13 amicus briefs in important cases on SOL reform, child protection, the First Amendment, protecting victims’ identities in court, limits on vaccine exemptions, rights of crime victims, civil damages, and the foster care system. Our staff attorneys also published a law review article on the crisis in Chapter 11 federal bankruptcy filings by the Boy Scouts of America, USA Gymnastics, and many Catholic dioceses, affecting thousands of child sex abuse victims.

- Our Social Science Department, led by Director Carter Timon, wrote 6 peer-reviewed articles on child protection policies in the Catholic Church, abuse in elite sports, and the effect of the bankruptcy system on clergy sex abuse survivors. They also provided the relevant scientific data needed to undergird our legal and policy recommendations.

- We initiated a Continuing Judicial Education series to educate judges dealing with children and adults who were abused as children in litigation, arbitration disputes, and bankruptcy filings.

Thanks to the support of the Center for Disease Control and Virginia Commonwealth University, and the leadership of our Social Science Director, Carter Timon, we developed rigorous research tools to support abuse prevention in schools and collaborated on a large survey of school employee beliefs about misconduct.

Thanks to the generous support of the Oak Foundation and the Foundation for Global Sports Development, CHILD USA led our Game Over Commission to complete its groundbreaking case study of the institutions that let hundreds of girls be sexually abused by Larry Nassar. Our Post-Nassar story first.

We have had the pleasure of serving as Chairman of the Board for CHILD USA since 2018. In the last four years, I have watched Marci and her team grow and work tirelessly to achieve justice for child sexual abuse survivors and to change laws to protect children. 2021 was another outstanding year.

Thanks to our grantors, sponsors, and donors, this amazing work will continue.

Survivors and their families, youth organizations, attorneys, judges, and so many others benefit from CHILD USA’s insightful and groundbreaking work. In the past year, CHILD USA has broadened its mission, hired additional staff, and embarked on new and exciting projects thanks to supporters like you. Throughout the enduring pandemic, CHILD USA’s dedicated staff has remained focused on preventing child abuse and exploitation, ending the medical neglect of children by ensuring the availability of quality health care and access to vaccinations, and obtaining equal educational opportunities for all children.

Join me in congratulating CHILD USA which in five short years has become the leading voice for children in the United States. CHILD USA steadfastly envisions a world where all children are safe and happy. With your help and continued support we will achieve that goal!

James R. Marsh, Esq.
Chairman of the Board, CHILD USA
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FIVE YEARS AT CHILD USA

March
CHILD USA Ambassador Corey Feldman, Marci Hamilton, and Kathryn Robb, Esq. urge New York State Senators to pass the Child Victims Act.

January

March
Victims, advocates, and legislators pose while celebrating the passage of a window to justice for victims of child sex abuse in New Jersey.

October
Kathryn Robb, Esq., then-Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, and Marci Hamilton celebrate the New York Child Victims Act being signed into law. In total, 10,857 lawsuits for child sex abuse were filed under the NY CVA over a two-year period.

May
CHILD USA publishes its Child Marriage Report, which tracks laws in U.S. states and territories that permit children to enter into marriage and outlines our recommendations for legal safeguards against child marriage.

April
Marci Hamilton and allied organizations gather on the Capitol Steps in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to demand that legislators open a window to justice for victims of child sex abuse.

August
Legal Director Alice Bohn, Esq., along with others from CHILD USA, conducts a judicial training course on Child Sex Trafficking at the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania.

November
The Game Over Commission to Protect Youth Athletes listens to testimony from child sex abuse victims, academics, and elite athletes in its investigation of the Larry Nassar abuse case.

February
Deborah McIlmail, Michael McIlmail, Marci Hamilton, and survivor Sarah Klein, Esq. hold a press event to discuss progress on child sexual abuse statutes of limitations reform.

June
CHILD USA adapts to COVID-19 by launching its virtual CLE series to train attorneys on litigating cases involving child sex abuse. CHILD USA taught 5 CLE courses in 2020, totaling over 500 hours of attorney training.

November
The Game Over Commission to Protect Youth Athletes opens CHILD USA’s new office.

August
Legal Director Alice Bohn, Esq., along with others from CHILD USA, publishes CHILD USA’s Analysis of the Written Policies of the 32 U.S. Archdioceses on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse.

March
Victims, advocates, and legislators pose while celebrating the passage of a window to justice for victims of child sex abuse in New Jersey.

August
Marci Hamilton, Kathryn Robb, Esq., Chairman of the Board James Marsh, Esq., Sarah Klein, Esq., and Jennifer Freeman, Esq. partake in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of CHILD USA’s new office.

September
MEET THE MCIILMAILS

A pre-teen in the late 1990s, Sean P. McIlmail was abused by Father Robert L. Brennan in Philadelphia. He carried this weight in silence, all the while showing up each day as a loving son, brother, and friend. It wasn’t until 2012, when he heard about other reports of similar experiences coming to light across the nation, that Sean told his family what happened.

By this time, Sean was Brennan’s only public victim who could prosecute because of Pennsylvania’s exceedingly short criminal child sex abuse SOLs. The Institute, which will help preserve Sean’s legacy, is dedicated to studying and analyzing SOLs to fight for access to justice for all child sex abuse victims. Deborah and Michael have turned their tragedy into a mission for the greater good.

Sean’s intrepidness should absolutely inspire us, but that inspiration isn’t complete unless we follow his footsteps and cultivate courage of our own.

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OVERVIEW OF 2021 SOL REFORM BILLS:

13 States: New SOL Reform Laws Going into Effect
5 eliminated criminal SOL: Arizona, Hawaii, Iowa, Minnesota, Tennessee
3 extended criminal SOL: Arkansas, California, Kentucky
4 eliminated civil SOL: Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada, Northern Mariana Islands
5 extended civil SOL: Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Nevada, New York
6 enacted civil window or revival SOL: Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Nevada, Northern Mariana Islands


AMICUS ADVOCACY

CHILD USA’s Amicus Advocacy Project targets state and federal cases whose outcomes will impact children in the United States. We share cutting-edge social science and legal research, as well as a national perspective on developing the rights of children so that courts are better equipped to make decisions that protect children and prevent harm. Our work is made possible by the generosity of our pro bono amicus partners who help us draft, review, and file briefing across the country.

COURTS WHERE WE FILED BRIEFS IN 2021:

United States Supreme Court
U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals
District Court of Connecticut
Georgia Supreme Court
Ohio Supreme Court
New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division
New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division
California Superior Court
New Jersey Superior Court, Law Division
North Carolina Superior Court

STATUTES OF LIMITATION REFORM

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CHILD USA’S IMPACT

"We have the same objectives of accountability, transparency, and civilized, legal retribution. I believe in what CHILD USA is saying: this is a crisis, and social & civil rights actions needs to be enforced."

- Arthur Baselice

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According to our CEO, Marci Hamilton, “CHILD USA is dedicated to studying and analyzing SOLs to fight for access to justice for all child sex abuse victims. We are fighting for SOL reform... because we can’t afford to have more loving, sweet men like Sean McIlmail pass away because they were forced into the role of being the only one that could press charges due to unfairly short statutes of limitations.”

Read the entire story at www.childusa.org/blog

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About the Game Over Commission
Chaired by Professor Marci A. Hamilton, Founder & CEO of CHILD USA and Fels Institute of Government Professor of Practice at the University of Pennsylvania, the Commission was composed of 16 members, all of whom are experts in their field of child protection. Over the past 4 years, The Game Over Commission engaged in a fact-finding investigation of all responsible institutions and individuals who made it possible for Larry Nassar to abuse hundreds of children.

The Game Over Commission has released the only independent investigative case study of the institutions that let Larry Nassar abuse hundreds of girls.

The nationally recognized experts on the Commission contributed their time and expertise pro bono to serve the public interest in understanding how Nassar could harm so many girls and women and how so many institutions could let them down.

Read the report by scanning the QR code below:

“The blistering report includes recommendations for changing the power dynamic in sports that facilitated Nassar’s crimes but extends far beyond gymnastics. It also includes steps for state lawmakers, athletic organizations, and medical licensing boards to address systemic gaps and breakdowns that allow abusers to continue harming children.”

Tim Evans, IndyStar Reporter
MEET JENNIFER WYDRA

As a teenager, Jennifer Wydra endured unthinkable events at the hands of those she trusted in the church, whom she initially turned to for sanctuary. For years, she remained silent about things no child should ever experience. For Jennifer, the people who were charged with her wellbeing instead disregarded her physical and emotional boundaries.

“It happened to a lot of girls. They made us feel like we didn’t matter at all,” Jennifer says. “To [these] priests, this behavior was old hat. The level of trauma can feel beyond you. You might feel like you don’t know how to process it. I quite literally pushed it out of my mind where I didn’t even remember it. I didn’t remember it until I was 49, because there was no other way I was going to survive. The emotional trauma is the hardest. You feel like you have no support systems. You are afraid of being – or you’re just being – gaslit by [people around you]. That’s the biggest fear for survivors: people not believing you.”

The effects of this abuse can also extend far beyond the duration of the harm – for many, it fuels an ongoing difficulty to navigate such an immense pain.

Jennifer dedicates herself to caring for others. She models the behavior she wants to see in her sons: “my job now is raising two young good men,” she says. When asked what she wants people to take from her story – especially others who are having or have had experiences in their lives like hers when she was 16, she is direct, earnest, encouraging, measured:

“People who care for you; people who have been through this, too. You might feel silent, or alone, but people are out there. You have to fake it ’til you make it, and find your people. Because they’re out there, even if you don’t know it yet. You set your boundaries, and you remove yourself from [the pain]. I am who I am today, I don’t always know – the impact of what happened is so significant. I don’t know how I’m going to wake up and feel. This doesn’t go away, even if it comes and goes. I remember being a happy child. That gets buried, but it never goes away.”

Jennifer’s words underscore her belief in the future – no matter our pasts – as do her efforts to raise her sons to understand consent, harm, healing, and their own boundaries. For children, understanding boundaries can help keep them safe, understand how to process trauma, and is often the difference between staying silent and speaking up when something harmful happens. We must make sure what happened to her, what has happened to so many other children, stops happening. It is on all of us to make the world a better place. Jennifer makes it clear, summarizing her rationale for fighting back with simple logic stemming from her first-hand knowledge: “Predators go where the children are.”

Jennifer reminds us that power is determined by how we choose how to use it. Our actions make our voices heard, and this voice lets us call out and light the way together. For her, CHILD USA offers a community of these voices focused on fighting for, and uplifting, one another.

Read the entire story at www.childusa.org/blog
Revenues: $1,543,369

- Individual Contributions $91.6K (6%)
- Other Income $135.2K (9%)
- Corporate Contributions $293.2K (19%)
- Annual Event $310.9K (20%)
- Grants $712.5K (46%)

Expenses: $1,511,630

- Fundraising $221.6K (15%)
- Administration $203.6K (13%)
- Projects $1,087M (72%)
WHAT WE DO

We are in the trenches of child protection!

And we will continue to:
- Fight for the rights of children to be free from child sex abuse through reforming statutes of limitation, federal bankruptcy law, online exploitation law, ending child marriage, and holding perpetrators and institutions accountable.
- Fight for the rights of children to medical care.
- Fight to ensure every child’s right to a quality education.

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MEET ANDREW BENSON

If an unstoppable force had an encounter with an immovable object, the pair would only ever reach a resolution if Andrew was called in to make it happen.

The man is something of a Swiss Army knife of stories and ideas. His experiences are far-reaching into countless realms of life, while his spirited demeanor in describing them is the only reason an audience could ever digest them all at once.

Andrew’s vigor has slowly renewed itself through years of reflection, of trial and error. Akin to turning coal into diamond – or an idea into reality – this combination has given Andrew the rare ability to make things clear both in brief and thorough story. Were it not so genuinely expressed, his experiences shape everything in their wake.

As a child, Andrew was subjected to cruelty and violence at the hands of his father. A local attorney, sometime politician, and a non-drinker, Andrew’s father would inflict his stress on Andrew along with his mother and 6 siblings, 4 of them being girls. While all in the house were subjected to various forms of abuse, it was Andrew and his mother who primarily “got the beatings.” When Andrew recalls his abuse, he also recalls the instincts he relied on to keep himself safe. He describes the sixth sense he had for his father getting home, and how he would sneak out through a crawl-space, shimmy down a post from the second story deck to hide in the bushes until his father fell asleep. Avoiding beatings was an answer, though doing so by hiding wasn’t a permanent fix.

Andrew’s father’s abuse culminated in his high school years. Around 16, Andrew stood up to his father and said he had had enough. The literal whipping he promptly received in the front yard from his father only strengthened his resolve: that exact moment, he left home. From then on Andrew stayed in touch with friends, and was taken in by a kind family nearby familiar with Andrew’s abuse; many knew, and many wanted to help.

And then what happened?

After leaving home, Andrew’s life took on a course of his design. He started at Dartmouth College after high school, and started to accrue a combination of business ventures and life experiences as he started a family. The truth of the tale is as succinct as it is layered: Andrew was able to remove himself. He walked away, and slowly built a life for himself, with all the joys and trials that come with it. Some jobs are worked for twenty years, some marriages blossom then wilt, some days you don’t. Some days, you see it right in front of you, shaping your day, and without the right tools, you may feel overwhelmed.

And accepting it, he notes, isn’t static. Some days you do, some days you don’t. Some days, you see it right in front of you, shaping your day, and without the right tools, you may feel overwhelmed.

The physical abuse Andrew faced as a child has repercussions that can permeate other parts of one’s life if healthy supports aren’t in place. For one, Andrew points out, it meant that he didn’t have a reliable blueprint for being a father.

But that uncertainty doesn’t have to carry into every part of life. Andrew, for example, knows he could never inflict the harm he received on another person, especially his own child.

But too often, the arc is presumed by onlookers – “the abused will eventually abuse.” But, as Andrew points out, abusing another is a choice. People that are abused don’t just abuse. Far too often, the arc is presumed by onlookers – “the abused will eventually abuse.” But, as Andrew points out, abusing another is a choice. People that are abused don’t just abuse.

If my dad did what he did to me back then, now… he’d be in jail.” Again, Andrew aptly sums it up: “Why would you beat up a kid? It’s because you’re a coward. I will never be like my father was.”

Read the entire story at www.childusa.org/blog
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