

# Maya's Law

When child welfare agencies receive a report of maltreatment, they are responsible for assessing and investigating it. As part of this process, children are asked about what might have happened.

Unfortunately, Minnesota is the only state that does not grant children the right to be interviewed separately from their guardians when reporting abuse.



**If passed, child welfare agencies would be required to:**

Increase safeguards for children by ensuring interviews through family assessment take place outside the presence of the alleged abuser

Provide protection from self-incrimination and intimidation for children when making a report of abuse against a caretaker

**#ProtectChildren #PassHF3971**

# foster advocates

## What We Do



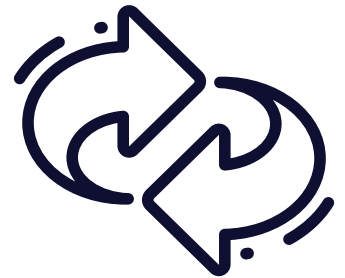
### Relationships

We **collectively organize with Fosters** as they direct the growth of our networks, programs, communication, and advocacy.



### Research

We **center and elevate the lived experiences of Fosters** as they identify gaps, barriers, and solutions for systems change.



### Reform

We **advocate for legislative, policy, and practice reform at all levels** to improve experiences for Minnesota Fosters.

## Who We Serve

- 40,000+ children involved in maltreatment reports
- 17,000+ youth in foster care
- Hundreds of foster youth who age out of care
- Every uncounted former foster youth and their families

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