

# CAI VISION/MISSION STATEMENT REVISION

## VISION STATEMENT

***\*\*There is no previous vision statement\*\****

**Suggested Statement:** "We envision a world in which the rights and needs of all children and youth are the highest priority among policymakers, government systems, and communities, demonstrated not merely by sympathetic word or sentimental gesture, but by effective deed."

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Previous Mission Statement:** The Children's Advocacy Institute's mission is to improve the health, well-being, and status of children and youth by identifying and researching systemic problems; developing and implementing creative solutions; serving as an effective advocate for child rights; being a catalyst for coordinated action by children's organizations; and educating the next generation of passionate and effective child advocates.

**Suggested Revision:** The Children's Advocacy Institute is an academic, research, and advocacy organization working to strengthen the rights and improve the health, safety and well-being of all children and youth, while educating current and future child advocates.

### **CAI works to achieve this mission by:**

- Identifying and researching systemic problems impacting children and youth.
- Engaging with individuals and communities with lived experience to inform and guide advocacy efforts.
- Working to eliminate systemic racism and discrimination within child-serving systems and advancing creative solutions to address harms and inequities experienced by all children and youth.
- Advocating to strengthen and protect children's rights through federal and state legislative, regulatory, and court action.
- Serving as a catalyst for action by policymakers, child advocacy coalitions, and the general public.
- Promoting effective policy and practice within child-serving systems.
- Demanding accountability when children are harmed or their rights are violated.
- Delivering high-quality legal education and training to current and future child advocates.