SELECTED PARENT REPRESENTATION OFFICES
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California

Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers, Inc. ("LADL")
Provides representation to parents in Los Angeles County dependency court.
http://www.ladline.org

Illinois

Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago ("LAF")
Provides representation to parents, relative caregivers and foster parents of children in the child welfare system. Clients work with attorneys, law students and a social worker.
http://www.lafchicago.org/content/view/74/88

The Family Defense Center ("FDC")
Also in Chicago, this office provides representation to parents before their case gets to dependency court (that is, during the child protective services investigation and with related administrative appeals).
http://www.familydefensecenter.net

Massachusetts

Committee for Public Counsel Services ("CPCS")
State agency is responsible for providing legal services to the indigent in civil and criminal matters. The Children and Family Law Division of CPCS has staff and oversees all court-appointed child welfare attorneys.
http://www.publiccounsel.net/Practice_Areas/cafl_pages/civil_cafl_index.html

Michigan

Detroit Center for Family Advocacy ("CFA")
Provides legal representation and social work services to low-income families to prevent the unnecessary placement and prolonged stay of children in foster care.
http://www.law.umich.edu/centersandprograms/ccl/cfa/Pages/default.aspx

New Jersey

Office of Parent Representation ("OPR")
A unit of NJ’s Office of the Public Defender, OPR is appointed to provide representation to parents in foster care and termination proceedings. There are 6 regional offices, and a pool of attorneys contracted by OPR.
http://www.nj.gov/defender/div_opr.shtml
Legal Services of NJ, Family Representation Project
Provides representation to parents in child welfare cases in NJ.
http://www.lsnj.org

New York

Center for Family Representation ("CFR")
Institutional provider of comprehensive representation to parents in Manhattan and Queens involved in the child welfare system, using a multi-disciplinary team approach.
http://www.cfrny.org

Bronx Defenders
Institutional provider of comprehensive representation to parents involved in child welfare cases, also with multi-disciplinary team. Office also has criminal defense practice.
http://www.bronxdefenders.org

Legal Services of NY, Brooklyn Family Defense Project ("BFDP")
Institutional provider of comprehensive representation to parents involved in child welfare cases, also with multi-disciplinary team
http://www.bfdp.org

Texas

Office of Parental Representation ("OPR") in Travis County, TX
Newly created small public defender law office to provide representation to custodial parents in child welfare cases.
http://www.co.travis.tx.us/criminal_justice/parent_representation/parent_representation.asp

Washington

Washington State Office of the Public Defense ("OPD")
The state funded parent representation program provides legal assistance and case support services to indigent parents, custodians and legal guardians involved in the child dependency system.
http://www.opd.wa.gov