



ABOUT THE MORAN CENTER

The James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy provides free integrated legal and social work services to Evanston youth and their families. For nearly 40 years, the Moran Center has been disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline with a lifeline of innovative, holistic legal and social work programs. Because *ALL* kids deserve **JUSTICE** in the courtroom, **ACCESS** to the classroom, and **SUPPORT** in the community.

JUSTICE in the COURTROOM

We believe ALL children deserve legal representation regardless of their ability to pay for professional services. Our talented, experienced legal team advocates for youth and their families to ensure that they have equal access to justice. We represent youth in juvenile delinquency and criminal proceedings (age 26 and younger), assist youth and adults in clearing their criminal records, and serve families' legal needs as part of our School-Based Civil Legal Clinic.

ACCESS to the CLASSROOM

We believe ALL children deserve an equitable education and that our schools must provide additional supports for children with special needs, learning disabilities, and/or mental health challenges. Our Education Advocacy Project represents children with special needs in school and advocates for children confronting exclusion from school. We also lead school-based workshops to foster students' social-emotional growth to ensure kids stay in the classroom.

SUPPORT in the COMMUNITY

We believe young people have a unique propensity to change when given the opportunity. Our dedicated social work team restores lives by providing wrap-around, community-based social work services including: case management, trauma-informed therapy, crisis intervention, substance abuse counseling, conflict resolution and anger management. We then manage community service and counseling for youth cited with ordinance violations. We also advocate for criminal justice reforms, racial justice, LGBTQ rights, immigrant rights, affordable housing, and meaningful second-chances for formerly incarcerated individuals.

For more information about the Moran Center for Youth Advocacy or to request our services, please call our office at [847-492-1410](tel:847-492-1410) or email: contact@moran-center.org.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Moran Center's legal representation, educational advocacy and social work services are **free** to low-income Evanston youth (age 26 or younger) and their families. To learn more or to request our services, please call our office at [847-492-1410](tel:847-492-1410) or email: contact@moran-center.org.

How can I clear my record?

The Moran Center provides expungement & sealing services to increase education, employment and housing opportunities. All are eligible to receive free advice and legal assistance in seeking expungement and sealing regardless of age or residency. The Expungement & Sealing Help Desk at the Skokie Courthouse is open every Tuesday & Thursday from 10am-noon.

My child (or brother/sister/friend) was arrested. What should I do?

The Moran Center provides legal representation to Evanston youth (age 26 or younger) charged with juvenile or adult felonies/misdemeanors. Most of our cases are litigated out of the Second Municipal District Courthouse of Cook County (Skokie Courthouse). Call our office to discuss your case with one of our attorneys.

My child with special needs requires more help at school. What resources are available?

The Moran Center provides legal representation and advocacy to parents of school-aged children in school special education matters at Evanston schools (District 65 or District 202). Our advocacy includes assistance with the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process, Manifestation Determination Reviews and other special education proceedings. *Call our office to discuss your child's needs with one of our education attorneys.*

My child is being suspended from school. What are his/her rights?

The Moran Center provides representation to parents of school-aged children who have been suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined at an Evanston school. Call our office to discuss your child's school discipline case.

What kind of preventative programs does the Moran Center provide?

The Moran Center works with the local police department on improving relations between police and youth in our community. We partner with the City of Evanston to offer community service and counseling as an alternative to tickets and fines. Our team is also available to provide Know Your Rights training and presentations to community groups.