

# Project HEAL

at Kennedy Krieger Institute



Advocacy and legal services  
for children with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities  
and their families

We are all born with great potential.  
Shouldn't we all have the chance to achieve it?



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Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities  
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**Do you need help obtaining special education and related services for your child?**

**Do you need representation to appeal an SSI denial?**



## **Our Program**

Project HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy and Law) is Maryland's only comprehensive medical-legal partnership. A community-based program of the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute, Project HEAL provides advocacy and legal services for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and who receive clinical services at Kennedy Krieger, and their families. Project HEAL attorneys collaborate with Kennedy Krieger faculty members, staff members and trainees to ensure that patients receive the medical and legal care they need.

## How can Project HEAL help me?

You may have problems in your day-to-day life that affect your child's health and well-being. Project HEAL attorneys provide the following advocacy and legal services:

- **Representation:** in special education matters, Supplemental Security Income appeals and simple family law matters
- **Limited representation:** brief advice, document review, referrals, information and resources
- **Case consultations:** advice to Kennedy Krieger faculty members, staff members and trainees
- **Pro bono referrals:** to Baker Donelson, Ballard Spahr LLP, DLA Piper, Offit Kurman and nonprofit legal service organizations
- **Professional training:** for Kennedy Krieger faculty members, staff members and trainees
- **Community training:** for children, families, service providers, law firms, school systems and organizations



“Project HEAL secured additional evaluations through the school system and effectively advocated for a more appropriate educational program and placement for my son.”

– Parent

## Am I eligible? What does it cost?

Project HEAL provides legal services for patients at Kennedy Krieger Institute with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families who meet the income eligibility requirements and have a civil legal issue requiring an attorney. Fees are determined based on a sliding scale. Written proof of income and advance payment are required.

For current income eligibility guidelines and fees, contact Project HEAL at **443-923-4414**.

## Project HEAL has mentorships with:

- City Neighbors High School
- Towson University
- University of Baltimore School of Law
- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

## Funders:

- Bertha's Mussels
- Mid-Shore Community Foundation
- RE/MAX Preferred

Kennedy Krieger Institute recognizes and respects the rights of patients and their families and treats them with courtesy and dignity. Kennedy Krieger Institute provides care that preserves cultural, psychosocial, spiritual and personal values, beliefs and preferences. Care is free from discrimination based on age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, language, physical or mental disability, socioeconomic status, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression, including transgender. We encourage patients and families to become active partners in their care by asking questions, seeking resources and advocating for the services and support they need.

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The Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) is one of a national network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities federally funded by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are increasingly assuming their rightful place in society. Staff members who work on MCDD projects adhere to high ethical standards of professional practice, and they respect and support the legal and human rights of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

## Contact Information

### **Project HEAL at Kennedy Krieger Institute**

For more information or to complete a phone intake, please call **443-923-4414**.

Fax: **443-923-4417**

**ProjectHEAL.KennedyKrieger.org**

### **Location**

716 North Broadway, Office 106  
Baltimore, MD 21205

Your support is the key to unlocking a child's potential. To make a donation to support Project HEAL, visit **KennedyKrieger.org/SupportProjectHEAL**.

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