



## Florida's Children First Presents The 'Crossover to Justice' Project!

Fighting for Children's Rights

Florida's Children First is proud to introduce their new Equal Justice Works Fellow, Hasti Barahmand, sponsored by The Florida Bar Foundation and Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

Hasti will be working on the Crossover to Justice Project assisting crossover youth with legal representation in dependency matters as well as unmet civil legal needs with an emphasis on educational services. She is housed in the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office – Juvenile Division, and will be representing crossover youth identified as requesting and in need of additional legal representation and liaising within the court system as well as administrative legal matters such as educational services, housing placements, and health care services.

### **Crossover to Justice Mission and Vision:**

To provide crossover youth with an advocate and liaison both in and out of the courtroom through holistic, client-directed legal representation with an emphasis on educational and health services.

- To empower and foster the voice of crossover youth
- To create and sustain a working network of resources and advocates who provide support and accountability to crossover youth
- To promote a child's access to counsel in dependency proceedings

### **Florida's Children First**

Florida's Children First, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the rights of at-risk children and youth; the organization seeks full representation of children and youth and meaningful and sustainable improvement in Florida's child-serving systems using a range of strategies including public policy development, on-going training and technical assistance, and where necessary, strategic litigation. For more information, please visit [www.FloridasChildrenFirst.org](http://www.FloridasChildrenFirst.org).

### **What is Equal Justice Works?**

Equal Justice Works believes that the poorest and most vulnerable among us deserve the same access to justice and quality legal representation as more fortunate citizens. The Equal Justice Works Fellowships programs fund hundreds of public interest attorneys each year to close the justice gap. For more information, please visit [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org).

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