

Children's Defense Fund

Stance on Abortion/Contraception

<https://www.childrensdefense.org/blog/reproductive-justice-human-agency-and-child-well-being/>

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, CEO of Children's Defense Fund, wrote a statement on the organization's disapproval of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022:

Since the potential for the decision was made public, we have leaned into discussions around it; assessing its implications for America's children and youth, and the work that we do. The consensus of our discussions made it clear that the time has come for Children's Defense Fund to take a public position as the impact on birthing people and the need for movement solidarity calls for such. We stand with clarity on a matter so critical to the health and well-being of children and youth. Reproductive justice is a human right. This is not the first time this country has denied Black and Brown women agency over their own bodies. We must confront the fact that America has never lived up to the ideals of reproductive justice, or any type of justice that values the lives of women of color.

<https://www.packard.org/grants-and-investments/grants-database/childrens-defense-fund-3/>

On the Packard Foundation's website, they list that they gave \$575,000 in grant money to Children's Defense Fund for their Reproductive Health Strategic Opportunities.

https://www.childrensdefense.org/proctor_leaders/09-courtney-pace/

CDF's historian-in-residence, Rev. Dr. Courtney Pace, founded and currently chairs the Clergy Board for Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=2757>

The above link is Catholic Culture's write-up from 2000 on CDF's foundress, Marian Wright Edelman, and her and CDF's history of anti-life and anti-family policies and support.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/teen-pregnancy-in-america_b_134167

Marian Wright Edelman wrote this opinion piece in 2008 in response to Gov. Sarah Palin's teenage daughter's pregnancy. Edelman not only brags about CDF's "Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign" in 1986, but she urges the need for educating children to make decisions to avoid pregnancy. While she does not get into the specifics of what avoiding pregnancy looks like to her and CDF in this article, she does get into it in [this article](#) when she advocates for both "abstinence *and* contraception" in sex education for children and teens.

<https://www.nytimes.com/1989/01/16/us/denver-program-curbs-teen-agers-pregnancy.html>

Though this article dates to 1989, it shows that CDF and Planned Parenthood collaborated to put events together to stop teen pregnancy.

Stance on LGBTQ+

<https://www.childrensdefense.org/blog/banned-books-we-love/>

CDF posted a blog write-up in March 2023 about banned books across America. They show the following stats from Pen America about banned books for children and correlate them to homophobia and racism:

- ◆ 41 percent address issues of race and racism
- ◆ 33 percent address LGBTQIA+ themes or have queer characters
- ◆ 25 percent include sexual encounters or information about puberty and relationships

<https://www.childrensdefense.org/blog/trans-students-deserve-safe-and-supportive-schools/>

In this 2021 blog post, Childrens Defense Fund shows their support and activism for transgenders joining sports teams of the opposite sex.

<https://www.childrensdefense.org/blog/lgbtq-child-welfare-system-rfi/>

This blog post from 2021 calls on the Biden administration to help LGBTQ+ parents and LGBTQ+ children in the welfare system.

https://www.childrensdefense.org/proctor_sessions/lord-do-it-black-queer-theologies-and-the-ethiopian-eunuch/

CDF sponsored an event to discuss “black-queer theologies.” Here is the description of the event:

In this workshop, Broderick Greer will facilitate a discussion on the role of imagination in black, queer theologies and how Christians might counter theological and practical paradigms that harm black, queer people. This workshop will also explore how churches can center the testimonies of LGBTQ children, youth, and adults through deep listening and incarnational engagement.

Other

<https://www.mow2023.com/>

After viewing a post on their Facebook page, we see that CDF is a sponsor of the liberal-led March on Washington event in Washington, D.C. on August 26, 2023. Other sponsors include NARAL, Planned Parenthood, GLAAD, Center for Reproductive Rights, Human Rights Campaign, NAACP, ReproAction, and several other pro-abortion/pro-LGBTQ+ groups.

<https://www.childrensdefense.org/2013/641/>

Back in 2013, CDF honored anti-life politician Hillary Clinton for their 40th anniversary celebration. Hillary Clinton has worked with CDF and was working with them from their beginnings as an intern.

<https://www.childrensdefense.org/2021/childrens-defense-fund-receives-20-million-from-mackenzie-scott-and-dan-jewett/>

MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett donated \$20 million dollars to the Children’s Defense Fund in 2021.



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