

Lawyers for Children America
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Priscilla Pappadia has served as Executive Director for Lawyers for Children America for 6 years, and formerly served as Lawyers for Children America's Connecticut Regional Director for 8 years. Priscilla is responsible for the programs and staff in all locations, fundraising, policy development, training and recruitment of staff, oversees recruitment and training of volunteers, maintains positive relationships with law firms, in-house counsel and volunteers to assist in recruitment and retention efforts, forges new relationships with community partners; maintains relationships with the Department of Children and Families to assist in developing child welfare policy; and national and regional fundraising. Priscilla previously served for five years as a staff attorney for the Connecticut Supreme Court, where she researched and drafted legal opinions on a range of issues, including appeals of abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights and adoption matters. Prior to that Priscilla was in private practice in Rhode Island. Priscilla received her Juris Doctorate from the Suffolk University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts.

Caroline Baird joined Lawyers for Children America in 2010 as a Program Director. Prior to joining Lawyers for Children, she was a partner at the Androski Law Firm, where she practiced law in the areas of Juvenile Law, Family Law, Probate Law and Criminal Law. Caroline has also practiced as a Juvenile Court contract attorney in the state of Connecticut, providing legal representation in hundreds of child protection cases. Prior to becoming an attorney, Caroline was a producer at CBS News and Fox 6 News. Caroline graduated from Quinnipiac University School of Law in Hamden, Connecticut.