One Can Help provides the missing resources at-risk youth, foster children and underserved families need to remedy court concerns, improve difficult lives and build better futures.

Juvenile court professionals request assistance from One Can Help when critical resources are urgently needed that are not available elsewhere.

**JUVENILE COURT INVOLVED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FACE MANY OBSTACLES:**

- Family Breakup
- School Issues
- Gender Identification
- Substance Abuse
- Food Insecurity
- Mental Health Issues
- Homelessness or Housing Insecurity
- Trauma
- Inadequate Childcare
- Housing Instability
- Fostercare
- Incarceration
- Disabilities
- Bullying
- Abuse
- Neglect
- Domestic Violence
More than 80% of children and families in juvenile court live in poverty.

One Can Help provides the missing resources that are urgently needed to overcome poverty barriers preventing positive steps forward. Providing exactly what is needed, when it is most needed, can change lives:

**Transportation Assistance**
- To help families visit children in fostercare
- To help families get to counseling or medical appointments
- To get to job training or court appointments.

**Education and Opportunities**
- Laptops for education
- Art, music, sports supplies
- Camps and activities

**Basic needs and Necessities**
- Homelessness prevention
- Emergency food, clothing, basics, baby needs
- Home and safety needs.
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Types of resources most frequently provided by OCH:

- **Beds or other supplies** that can reduce the need for foster care.
- **Camps** or other activities that help underserved children learn life skills.
- **Transportation passes** to help struggling teens and families achieve goals.
- **Rent assistance** so families facing a temporary crisis don’t become homeless.
- **Laptops** so motivated students can do schoolwork or apply for college or jobs.

**Poverty should not prevent progress.**

Even after a struggling homeless family has identified a new home and a job, they still can’t move out of a crowded shelter if they can’t afford upfront costs.

Paying for the moving van, utilities, or a security deposit can make such a difference.

**Transportation is expensive.**

Paying for bus passes, car repairs and even money towards the purchase of a car can help families better care for children and finally be able to support themselves.
Meaningful access to justice requires meaningful access to resources:

Resources matter.

Some children are able to return home sooner, or even move in with relatives instead of ever needing to go into foster care at all, if basic resources, such as beds, daycare or afterschool activities are provided.

The 5 year old went into foster care when mom was living with an abusive boyfriend and life was chaotic. But mom turned her life around, and now her child is coming home. They are so excited but mom is worried because she can’t afford a bed.

Support underserved children.

Paying for camp not only helps children learn new skills and make new friends, it also keeps them safe and well supervised. Paying for opportunities like this can reduce the need for court involvement, and lead to more satisfactory court outcomes for all.

Paying for camp changed 3 things:
My teen client made new friends
Her family no longer worried what she was doing.
The court was no longer concerned about her behavior
so her case was dismissed!
One Can Help’s outcomes surveys demonstrate that providing critical resources can improve lives, keep more families together, reduce the need for foster care, decrease homelessness and help our juvenile court be more supportive, effective and equitable for all.

“I can’t even begin to explain how valuable and truly essential the support that One Can Help provides is to our clients. I’ve been moved to tears by their generosity and unfailing support. I am a social worker and work with youths and families impacted by the court system. So many times the difference between success and continued struggle for these children and families is a small financial burden that cannot be met anywhere else. I’m talking simple things - like $30 for a bus pass for a teen to get to a first job, payment to a family’s electric bill to keep the lights on during a time of need, summer camp fees, cost of a moving truck rental to pick up furniture donated from an agency, clothes for a job interview, etc. All of these things are minimal - but the impact is enormous. Our clients benefit in so many ways from this assistance and it wouldn’t be possible without One Can Help.

- And on a selfish note from the social worker side of things, they make the process so incredibly simple and fast to minimize the hurdle even more. I truly do not know what I’d do without them and am forever grateful!”
Helping individuals helps Massachusetts too.

A 2019 Boston University study concluded that One Can Help helped save the state 9 to 11 million dollars in 2017, by providing assistance that reduced the need for foster care, prevented homelessness or that improved access to scarce community resources. (*Report on website)
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One Can Help continues to dramatically expand each year.

OCH has assisted approximately 6,000 children and families since 2007, more than 1,000 in just this past year.

**Applications Received by Year**

- 2019 Accomplishments include:
  - Over 98% reported positive impact
  - State recognition of One Can Help’s assistance.
  - BU study concludes 9 to 11 million dollars likely saved using OCH interventions.
  - OCH is able to help most applicants within 1-2 days.
  - 30% annual growth

"Leo suffered years of neglect. Thank you for helping him move to grandmother. This sets him on a path for a much better life."
2019 was a very successful year! Our donors, both individual and foundations, supported One Can Help during a time when we were experiencing tremendous growth. Our dedicated base of individual donations increased 5% in 2019 while our Foundation support increased by over 40%.

We are thankful to all those who give their time, resources and support to One Can Help.
2019 was a very successful year! Individual donations grew by 5% in 2019 and Foundation support increased 40%. In addition, the state awarded OCH $50,000 specifically, to support underserved children and families in juvenile court.

We are thankful to all our supporters.
OCH was created by juvenile court attorneys and social workers who saw the dire need for more resources to help underserved children and families in the juvenile court and child welfare systems and saw a way to bridge this gap.

The vast majority live in poverty.
Minorities, immigrants, parents who also grew up in the system, and children who have experienced trauma or who suffer from disabilities are overrepresented in juvenile court. Approximately 2/3rds of OCH beneficiaries are Blacks or other underserved minorities.

OCH believes a major opportunity is missed when there is juvenile court involvement but no resources to help.
This is the ideal time to intervene! Children and families are in crisis. People are motivated. Stakes are high. Judicial oversight and professional services are in place. Often the only things missing are the financial resources necessary in order to make constructive gains.

This unique approach enhances juvenile justice and supports more equitable court outcomes for all.
By providing this individualized assistance, OCH helps to better support children and families. OCH is able to focus on individual needs without giving money to this vulnerable population directly through an innovative system of collaboration with their juvenile court-appointed attorneys and social workers.

"Thank you for the train passes. This made it possible for mom to visit her daughter in a psychiatric facility, and do family counseling together, Now her daughter is coming back home! This could not have happened without the train passes!"
- Social worker

"It is awful to watch young parents who don’t have any family, and are trying so hard to remain clean, work and take care of their children, get so little help".
- "Paying for two months of child care will mean they can keep their jobs till summer is over and school begins". - Juvenile Court attorney
Thank you.

We could never help so many of our neediest children and families without the generosity of our donors, both large and small. Thank you for standing with underserved children and families in this impactful, effective and responsible way.

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