



More than **40 Years of Impact**

About Committee for Children

For over 40 years, Committee for Children has been on a mission to ensure that children everywhere can thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. Founded in 1979 to prevent child sexual abuse, Committee for Children turned a grass-roots effort into a global nonprofit and is now the leader in social-emotional learning (SEL) education. Known for creating innovative SEL programs, including the award-winning Second Step® family of programs, Committee for Children blends research and rigor with intuitive design, empowering children with critical social-emotional skills. Today, our efforts reach 16.5 million children each year worldwide. But Committee for Children is just getting started. This year, the nonprofit sets an admittedly audacious but achievable goal: to positively transform the social-emotional well-being of 100 million children annually by 2028. Because evidence shows that when children are empowered to manage their emotions, problem-solve, and cooperate, they're more likely to achieve social and academic success.¹ By lifting up children today, Committee for Children is helping them create a safe and positive society for the future.



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What We Do

Committee for Children collaborates, advocates, and innovates with researchers, policymakers, and educators around the world. They're a force in raising global awareness of the critical impact that social-emotional learning has on individual children and the greater society. As thought leaders, they're a trusted collaborator in the field, moving and inspiring others with their knowledge and innovative ideas. As vocal advocates, Committee for Children helps pass policies and legislation at both the state and federal level that create safe and supportive learning environments. And as innovators, they're constantly working toward breakthrough advancements in the field of SEL.

Our Vision

Safe children thriving in a peaceful world

Our Mission

To foster the safety and well-being of children through social-emotional learning and development

Our North Star Goal

To positively transform the social-emotional well-being of 100 million children annually by 2028

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