



Child Labor Coalition

Fighting to End Child Labor for 35+ Years

The Child Labor Coalition (CLC) works to reduce exploitative child labor in the United States and around the world by uniting more than 38 members to advocate for stronger protections. The coalition advances public education, research, and policy reforms to address the most harmful forms of child labor, child slavery, and child trafficking.

Illegal child labor is an ongoing problem in the United States, exposing children to hazardous work in industries such as meatpacking, agriculture, and manufacturing. Federal exemptions still allow children as young as 12 to work unlimited hours in agriculture when school is not in session. The CLC works to close these loopholes, strengthen safety protections, and ban hazardous child labor, including in toxic tobacco fields.

Globally, 138 million children are engaged in child labor, with nearly four in 10 in jobs considered dangerous or unhealthy. Many everyday products—such as clothing, jewelry, electronics, and toys, are among the 204 goods linked to child or forced labor from 82 countries and areas

Taking Action

The Child Labor Coalition brings advocates together to support legislation, raise public awareness, and collaborate on strategies to end child labor. We:

- Develop and support state and federal child labor legislation
- Raise public awareness through conferences, forums, briefings, and media outreach
- Partner with non-governmental organizations on initiatives to end child labor and disseminate best practices.

Member Organizations

Chair: National Consumers League

- Action Against Child Exploitation
- Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
- Bank Information Center
- Beyond Borders
- Centre for Child Rights and Business
- Coffee Watch
- Corporate Accountability Lab
- East Coast Migrant Head Start Project
- Fair Labor Association
- Fairtrade America
- Farmworker Justice
- First Focus Campaign for Children
- Free the Slaves
- Global Campaign for Education–US
- Global Fairness Initiative
- Global Labor Rights
- GoodWeave
- Green America
- Human Rights Watch
- International Initiative to End Child Labor
- International Rights Advocates
- Lawyers for Good Government
- Media Voices for Children
- Mighty Earth
- Migrant Legal Action Program
- National Advocacy Center for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
- National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education
- National Education Association
- National Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Association
- Pact
- PACT (formerly ECPAT-USA)
- PRIME International Social Enterprise
- UNICEF USA
- United Methodist Church, Board of Church and Society
- Verité
- Winrock International
- World Vision

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