



Cassandra Sanchez  
Child Advocate

# State of New Hampshire

*Office of the Child Advocate*



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## **New Hampshire's Child Advocate, Cassandra Sanchez, Appointed Interim Vice President of the USOA Board of Directors.**

On March 21, 2025, Cassandra Sanchez, the Child Advocate, was appointed as Interim Vice President of the United States Ombudsman Association (USOA) Board of Directors, to serve out the remaining 7 months of the vacated term. Founded in 1977, the USOA is North America's oldest national ombudsman association with members from ombudsman's offices in local, state, and federal governments, and affiliated ombudsman offices. The USOA Board of Directors upholds Governmental Ombudsman Standards to ensure ethical practices, transparency and accountability of ombudsmen while also promoting and encouraging the establishment of ombudsman offices at the international, national, state, and local levels.

"Cassandra has served children and families in her jurisdiction with innovation and passion, and we are extremely excited to welcome her to the Board," says Jordan Steffen, President of the USOA Board of Directors, and Deputy Ombudsman at Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman.

Cassandra Sanchez was appointed as the second Child Advocate for the State of New Hampshire in April 2022, and shortly thereafter joined USOA as a voting member. Ms. Sanchez brings a wealth of child welfare experience and a passion for working with children from all backgrounds, empowering them to speak out, and making certain their voices are heard. Ms. Sanchez's strong working relationships and collaboration with state agencies, legislature, community partners and the governor's office has helped the OCA in prioritizing the needs and wellbeing of children in the Granite State.

Ms. Sanchez expressed enthusiasm about joining the USOA's Board of Directors. "I am honored to be a part of the leadership team and look forward to contributing to the growth and furthering the opportunities to network and consult with colleagues. There is a significant benefit to establishing proactive relationships among USOA members nationwide. The wealth of knowledge one can gain from shared information can only enhance and accelerate the invaluable work of ombudsmen nationwide."

Pursuant to RSA 21-V, the Office of the Child Advocate provides independent oversight of all children's services provided or arranged for by the State to assure that the best interests of children are being protected.

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