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Jennifer Lutz is a Staff Attorney at the Center for Children's Law and Policy. In this capacity, she leads CCLP's campaign to end the practice of solitary confinement of youth. She also assists jurisdictions reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system, reduce the use of detention, and protect the rights of youth in custody.

Prior to joining CCLP, Jennifer was the Juvenile Justice Policy Attorney and Director of Juvenile Training at the Defender Association of Philadelphia. In that position, she engaged courts, prosecutors, child advocates, treatment providers, and other stakeholders on policy issues to improve the quality of representation for indigent children in Pennsylvania. From 2008 to 2011, she supervised all trial and post-dispositional representation of juveniles charged with sexual offenses and tried dozens of complex sexual assault cases. Jennifer has developed training materials and conducted trainings across the country on representing children charged with sexual offenses, juvenile sex offender registration laws, collateral consequences of delinquency adjudications, and protecting the rights of children in conflict with the law.

Prior to joining the Juvenile Unit of the Defender Association, Jennifer worked in the adult unit of the Defender Association from 2005-2008, where she represented adults charged with felonies in bench and jury trials. Jennifer received her undergraduate degree from Duke University and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.