



March 27, 2018

STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF LINDA BROWN

The [Bazelon Center](#) joins the nation in mourning the passing of Linda Brown (Feb. 20, 1942 – Mar. 25, 2018), whose right to attend an integrated school was at the center of the Supreme Court's 1954 landmark case of *Brown v. Board of Education*. The simple principle of justice established in *Brown v. Board of Education*, that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal," is a fundamental precept of our work. We are grateful to students and families like Ms. Brown and her parents, who take on the hard work of serving as plaintiffs in cases to establish critical legal rights. Unfortunately, even today students continue to face segregation, including segregation based on disability, in schools. The Bazelon Center's current litigation includes a lawsuit against the State of Georgia for discriminating against students with disabilities, the majority of whom are students of color, by placing them unnecessarily in separate schools. Our country has made progress, but it is not enough, and we will continue to work for the equality that Ms. Brown and her family sought.