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WAYS TO SUPPORT CLC

- Support our **Back to School Drive!** Shop our Amazon wishlist today.
- Become a Sponsor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Child Welfare Worker Recognition Event on **September 14, 2021.**
- Save the Date for **CLC's Annual Gala** on **November 4, 2021.**

BACK TO SCHOOL

As summer winds down and school bells start ringing, CLC is swinging into action with our Back-to-School Drive distributing backpacks, school supplies, and more to our young clients. This year's return to in-person classes brings new challenges for students, especially those navigating the foster care system. Our friends at **First 5 LA** have put together some excellent resources to assist parents and caregivers to ease the first day of school jitters.

It's not too late to shop our wishlist of school supplies or you can connect with **Andrea Gleaves** to make a donation. Thank you to our incredible donors who have helped our clients start the school year with confidence.

Tips for Students

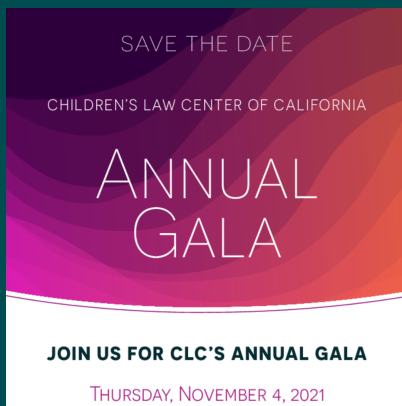


BACK TO SCHOOL

SHOP OUR WISHLIST:
<https://bit.ly/CLCDrive>



Save the Date: Art of Advocacy Gala



Save the date for our Annual Art of Advocacy Gala, which we hope will be held in person at the UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Center on the beautiful Centennial Terrace. Join us outside for an evening under the stars as we celebrate 31 years of commitment to improving the lives of children who have experienced foster care. **[Click here for more information](#)** about the event, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities.

If you have any additional questions, please connect with our Development Manager, **[Stephanie Talavera](#)**.

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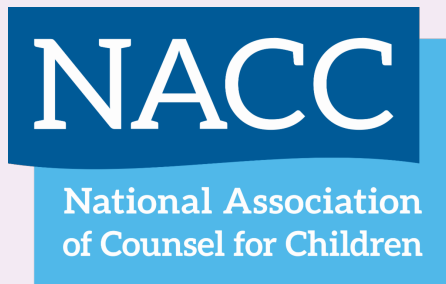
Art of Advocacy Gala

EARLY BIRD TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

[→ clcca.org/gala](https://clcca.org/gala)



NACC Conference - From Crisis to Innovation: Toward a Family-Centered Justice System



CLC was thrilled to join child welfare professionals from across the country for the 44th National Child Welfare Law Conference. We want to extend our gratitude to the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) for their leadership and organization of this conference and its focus. We are in a critical time of need for community, information-sharing, and dialogue as we redefine advocacy during a public health crisis and a movement to end racism and bias in child welfare. Learn more about the conference and program [here](#).

Congratulations to CLC presenters Tiffani Cortez, Leslie Heimov, Kimberly Oros, and Lori Schroeder.

[Learn more about NACC](#)



GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Equine Therapy

For 30 years, CLC has worked with thousands of children who have experienced abuse and neglect. We have



POLICY ALERT

Legislative Updates

For the past several years, CLC has been part of a national effort to institute a right to counsel for children and parents involved in the child welfare system. While this is already an established right in California, it is not consistent throughout the country and – as we know from firsthand



advocated for numerous forms of educational support, specialized therapies, and other ways to empower our clients and help them reach their full potential—equine therapy is one form of

therapy that can be incredibly beneficial for youth.

Children who may shut down in traditional talk therapy often find new ways to open up and connect when around horses and other animals. Horses can be an incredible mirror for kids because horses often react to the emotions and behaviors of the people around them. In a nonjudgmental way, this reinforces for kids healthier ways to communicate, show respect, and express boundaries.

CLC staff have seen significant improvements for our clients participating in equine therapy, helping them find new ways to cope with their past trauma and interact more appropriately with caregivers and peers.

Equine therapy is typically not covered by health insurance and the cost associated with one week of treatment per client is approximately \$100. We are pleased to partner with the wonderful folks at Special Spirit Ranch to connect our clients with beautiful therapy horses and animals. The results have been astounding. If this is something you are interested in supporting, please feel free to contact **Stephanie Talavera.**

Donate

experience – children and parents navigating a complex system need high quality legal representation! Families deserve a true voice in the court decisions that impact their lives and futures. We are thrilled that Senate Bill 1927, the proposed reauthorization of CAPTA, includes language that would establish a national right to counsel for children and parents. Now is the time to act to show your support for this critical provision!



Sign On

Share your support for the right to counsel provisions with your networks by tweeting the message below:

Children & parents navigating the child welfare system deserve legal representation in the court decisions that impact their lives & futures. #CAPTA includes critical provisions that ensure #Counsel4Kids. Sign on to support these #CAPTA recommendations: bit.ly/372hsgs

Spread the Word

September is Child Welfare Workforce Development Month!

Join co-hosts The National Child Welfare Workforce Institute and the Children's Bureau for the Child Welfare Worker Recognition Event on September 14 at noon PDT. This year's speakers will discuss your ability to positively influence a life's trajectory through the heart, the head, and the hands. Other events include Trauma-Informed Yoga for the Child Welfare Professional; Share Your Story: Advancing Organizational Goals

CHILD WELFARE WORKER RECOGNITION EVENT

We're celebrating **YOU!**

Join us September 14
at 3 pm EDT for this
inspirational event.



Learn more and register:
NCWWI.org/CWworkforce



Through Effective Messaging, Storytelling, and Public Relations; and the Child Welfare Virtual Expo.

[Learn More](#)

New Anti-Racist Legal Representation Project



[Learn more about FJI](#)

Exciting news! The Family Justice Initiative (FJI) is launching an Anti-Racist Legal Representation Project. Our very own Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Phyllis Stricklan, will serve in a leadership role on this important initiative. We look forward to sharing more about the project soon!

FJI is a national collaborative of children's attorneys, parents' attorneys, educators, researchers, and federal policy advocates who share a common goal: to increase access to high-quality legal representation for children and parents in child welfare cases.



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