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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Save the Date for **CLC's Annual Gala on November 4, 2021**

## WELCOMING FALL AND GALA PREP!

As our supporters can surely relate, there is a sense of renewed optimism at CLC as we enter a new season- and with it, the possibility for an increased sense of normalcy. News of the imminent approval and availability of the Covid vaccine for children ages 5-11 will be a turning point for not only our staff and their families but for the tens of thousands of youth in foster care as well.

While we patiently await this next phase and continue taking small but significant steps out of the pandemic, our development team is absorbed in exciting plans for our upcoming gala. This is an event not to be missed! Read on for more details - including this year's accomplished honorees - and be sure to secure your tickets now. We look forward to seeing you there and raising a glass to a better tomorrow for us all, but especially for our young clients.

[Gala Tickets](#)

## MEET OUR ART OF ADVOCACY HONOREES

CLC is thrilled we can finally meet in person to lift up the experiences and accomplishments of our amazing clients and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our staff and our very special honorees! We are delighted to recognize the following individuals for their commitment to brightening the lives of children and youth in foster care:

**SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL**

Supervisor Sheila James Kuehl has dedicated her career to improving people's lives. She currently represents the Third District as a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Kuehl previously served in the California State Senate and the California State Assembly. She was California's first openly gay state legislator and the Assembly's first female Speaker pro tempore. Supervisor Kuehl has been a longtime champion for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. CLC had the honor of working with Ms. Kuehl on several pieces of critically important legislation to improve the child welfare system, with a focus on providing important due process protections and support for young parents in foster care.



#### FOUNDER AWARD

#### DABSMYLA

Australian husband-and-wife visual artists, DABSMYLA, employ a shared design language that dictates subject matter, positioning, color theory, and perspective. The duo recently donated several pieces of their colorful and whimsical artwork to shelter care.



#### COMMUNITY HEROES AWARD

#### ASSEMBLY MEMBER WENDY CARRILLO


Wendy Carrillo was elected to serve in the California State Assembly in December 2017, where she represents the 51st Assembly District (Los Angeles). In the State Assembly, she is a champion for foster youth and the author of a CLC sponsored bill to address racial disparities in the child welfare system through the creation of a blind removal pilot program (AB 656).



#### CHAMPION AWARD

# Art of Advocacy Gala

## EARLY BIRD TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

 [clccal.org/gala](http://clccal.org/gala)

### DONOR SPOTLIGHT



 *Gala Sponsor*

#### American Business Bank (ABB)

In honor of our upcoming gala, CLC would like to celebrate and highlight a business partner that believes in our essential work. Each year, American Business Bank (ABB) provides generous support to CLC that is used to empower and uplift the 35,000 children we serve in the California foster care system. We are so grateful for their partnership and continuing dedication to improving the lives of our young clients. We hope you will join us in celebrating ABB's generosity and commitment to improving children's lives in foster care.

If you would like to join ABB as a gala sponsor, visit our website at [www.clccal.org/gala](http://www.clccal.org/gala).

### POLICY UPDATE



In a marathon voting session, the legislative season in Sacramento has come to a close, and we are thrilled to report that 4 CLC-sponsored pieces of legislation are now on the Governor's desk. **We are almost at the finish line, but we need your help.** Please urge Governor Newsom to sign these critical bills. Learn more about the bills, and show your support by submitting a letter requesting the Governor's signature. Find bills and letter templates linked below:

- **AB 366 (Asm Rubio):** Strengthens the law to ensure that siblings remain placed together when in foster care unless there is a safety risk.
  - [AB 366 Sample Letter](#)
- **AB 670 (Asm Calderon):** Provides essential protections for young parents in foster care.
  - [AB 670 Sample Letter](#)
- **AB 829 (Asm Levine):** Protects undocumented children in foster care by enhancing access to legal immigration services.
  - [AB 829 Sample Letter](#)
- **SB 354 (Sen Skinner):** Addresses barriers to placing children with relatives when there are no safety risks but the relatives have a criminal history, which disproportionately impacts families of color.
  - [SB 354 Sample Letter](#)

If you have any questions, please email Senior



## BECOME A SPONSOR

**\$25,000**

### Stop the Foster Care to Homelessness Pipeline

A gift of \$25,000 provides housing advocacy and tangible supports to 10 transition age youth so they can secure their own apartment or dorm room before leaving the foster care system.

- Title sponsorship
- Inclusion in all marketing materials and on social media
- Verbal recognition during live program
- E-newsletter feature to audience of 4,000+
- Reserved seating for 10

**\$10,000**

### Keep Children Connected

A gift of \$10,000 will support the hiring of a parent partner for our parenting clients to prevent family separation by ensuring they have the tools, resources, and support needed to provide a safe and loving home for their family.

- Inclusion in all marketing materials and on social media
- Verbal recognition during live program
- E-newsletter feature to audience of 4,000+
- Reserved seating for 8

**\$5,000**

### Close the Education Gap

A gift of \$5,000 enables CLC's education team to access independent learning assessments for 5 clients so we can advocate for the appropriate educational services and supports.

- Inclusion in all marketing materials and on social media
- Verbal recognition during live program
- Reserved seating for 6

**\$2,500**

### Invest in Success

A gift of \$2,500 provides a new laptop and a boost of confidence for 10 youth stepping onto a college campus for the first time.

- Inclusion in marketing materials and on social media
- 4 tickets

**\$1,000**

### Give Joy

A gift of \$1,000 gives a birthday gift to 50 children whose birthdays might otherwise go unnoticed.

- Inclusion in marketing materials and on social media
- 2 tickets

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Policy Attorney **Luciana Svidler**. You can find additional information about our sponsored bills **on our website**.

# Art of Advocacy Gala BECOME A SPONSOR

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## Transformation of Youth Justice Symposium

CLC staff attended the **Transformation of Youth Justice Symposium** hosted by the RFK National Resource Center earlier this month in Nashville. The forum was a one-of-a-kind symposium for professionals from a variety of disciplines to learn, network, and become part of a national movement to transform youth justice. CLC staff were grateful for the peer-to-peer learning opportunities and the chance to collaborate with advocates across the country.

**Learn More About RFK**

## LEGAL DEPENDENCY NEWSLETTER

### Dependency Legal News Vol. 17, No. 6

Review the most recent legal developments in dependency case law with our September Legal Newsletter. Each month, our talented in-house Writ Team provides an in-depth analysis on case law related to child welfare. Read the latest issue here.

[Read Our Latest Newsletter](#)



### October is National Youth Justice Action Month!

October is National Youth Justice Action Month (YJAM)! Each year, YJAM provides an opportunity for communities, families, youth, and allies to host community-led actions and events on behalf of young people impacted by our criminal justice system. In addition, YJAM is a time to raise awareness and build collective action, strengthen relationships with other advocates, and join local advocacy campaigns working to create policy changes.

Studies have shown that being a victim of abuse or neglect increases a child's risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system. Our **Crossover Advocacy and Resource Effort (CARE)** program provides intensive intervention services to CLC's dually involved clients to stop the pipeline from foster care to criminal justice.

[Learn More About CARE](#)



## Children's Law Center of California

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CLC is the largest children's legal services organization in the nation, advocating for over 35,000 children and youth in the Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Placer County foster care systems.

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