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WAYS TO SUPPORT CLC

- Become an **Art of Advocacy Gala** Sponsor
- The **Adopt-a-Family** Campaign is Back!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Governor Signs CLC-Sponsored Legislation

Happy Halloween, Friends of CLC! No tricks here, only treats...

CLC is excited to share that four of our sponsored bills were signed into law this October. We thank our amazing co-sponsors, Governor Newsom, and our bill authors – Assemblymember Rubio, Assemblymember Calderon, Assemblymember Levine, and Senator Skinner – for championing the needs of children and youth in the foster care system. We are proud of these bills and look forward to seeing the changes they will bring about in our clients' lives.

Thank YOU for supporting CLC as we advocate for our clients not only in the courtroom but also more broadly at the Capitol.

Read on to learn more about these legislative victories.

CLC SPOTLIGHT: POLICY VICTORIES

 signed
AB 366
Keep Families Together



 signed
AB 670
Protections for Parenting Youth in Foster Care



Recognizing the importance of sibling connections, **AB 366 (Rubio)** strengthens existing law such that siblings who enter the foster care system must be placed together unless there is a safety risk. We have seen firsthand the unnecessary additional trauma inflicted upon our clients when they are separated from their siblings. This legislation will make an instant and meaningful impact in the day-to-day lives of our clients.

Building on a pilot project launched by CLC last year, **AB 670 (Calderon)** provides essential protections to parenting foster youth to prevent their children from entering the foster care system. This legislation promotes a strength-based approach for working with young parents to ensure they receive the support they need rather than being unduly scrutinized.



CLC is well versed in the importance of vigorous, competent legal representation for children and parents involved in the child welfare system. We recognize that our clients' need for counsel extends beyond the dependency courts. Almost all of the undocumented children in the foster care system qualify for immigration relief, but that relief can be challenging to obtain without an attorney. **AB 829 (Levine)** will help undocumented children and youth in foster care access life-changing immigration legal services.



Grounded in research that children who live with a family member have far better outcomes than those placed in an institutional or non-familial foster care setting, **SB 354 (Skinner)** removes obstacles that prevent children from being placed with relatives while also ensuring that the placement is safe. One of the bill co-sponsors – who is also a relative caregiver – said it best: **“This bill restores hope so that we can restore families.”**

Learn more about our bills



ROSI GOLAN | *musical guest*

Singer/Songwriter Rosi Golan Joins Art of Advocacy Gala!


We are thrilled to announce that critically acclaimed singer/songwriter Rosi Golan will be performing at this year's annual Art of Advocacy Gala next Thursday, November 4th. There is still time to get your tickets or become a sponsor! [Meet our honorees and find sponsorship package details here.](#)

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

Get Tickets

Art of Advocacy Gala

GET YOUR GALA TICKETS

 clccal.org/gala



shop our dream list

SUPPORT OUR ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Adopt-A-Family Campaign

The holidays are around the corner and we are kicking off our Annual Adopt-a-Family program. With your support, we can make the season a whole lot brighter for the children we serve. There are many ways to spread cheer!

- Love to shop? [Sign up here](#) to be matched with a specific child or family.
- You can also shop our [dream list here](#).
- Not a shopper? We still need your help! [Make a monetary donation](#) to the program here and one of our staff members will do the shopping for you.

Questions? Reach out to [Pat Salcido](#).

In 14 states,
the one person at the
center of a child welfare
case is also the one
person who doesn't get
their own lawyer.

#Counsel4Kids



National Association of Counsel for Children
<https://counselforkids.org/>



Counsel for Kids Campaign!

Children in court need lawyers of their own. We are proud to join the **National Association of Counsel for Children's** new campaign, Counsel for Kids. Dedicated to ensuring that children in foster care receive lawyers of their own, the Counsel for Kids campaign will provide technical assistance to state-level stakeholders seeking to guarantee the right to counsel for children and youth in dependency cases. From babies to young adults, youth in court should be seen, heard, and represented. Join us in working to ensure that every child in foster care has a lawyer of their own.

[Join the Campaign](#)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Domestic violence is a devastating social problem that affects every segment of the population, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, or ethnicity.

Someone you care about is likely experiencing domestic violence

WHETHER YOU CAN SEE IT OR NOT.

EVERY1 KNOWS SOME1

Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2021

Research suggests that child maltreatment and domestic violence co-occur in an estimated 30 to 60 percent of cases. As a result, many families experiencing domestic violence also come to the attention of the child welfare system. Because of this intersection, child welfare and domestic violence service providers have begun to work together toward the common goals of ensuring safety and preserving families. [Find additional resources here.](#)

Local Resources:

- Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline | 1-800-978-3600
- [Sacramento County Resources](#)
- [Placer County Resources](#)

November is National Adoption Awareness Month!

Over 122,000 children and youth across the country are in foster care, waiting for a forever family. It is just as crucial for teenagers at risk of aging out of foster care to secure a permanent sense of belonging. This year, during National Adoption Month, the Children's Bureau within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services urges us to prioritize having conversations with youth waiting for adoption. Every conversation matters because every child has a story. Our responsibility is to help them on their journey by listening to their perspectives— whether you are a caregiver, mentor, educator, counselor, librarian, or any community member. We can empower youth to find their voice and help them on their path to permanency.



**Tools and
Resources**



**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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