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WAYS TO SUPPORT CLC

- Give the gift of support to a child. [Donate today!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Plant with Purpose:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022.
- Save the Date: **Big Day of Giving** on May 5, 2022!

Mark Your Calendars: Plant with Purpose

We are thrilled to invite you to **Plant with Purpose**, CLC's Big Day of Giving kick-off event in Sacramento! Join us for a fun and relaxing evening of wine tasting, food, yard games, and planting prickly plants. All event proceeds will support CLC's vital work with children and youth in the Sacramento and Placer County child welfare systems.

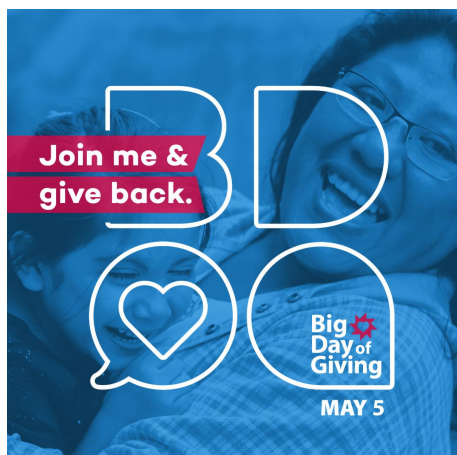
Tuesday, May 3th
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
The Prickly Pear
816 U Street
Sacramento, CA 95818

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Ticket Prices:

- \$75 - Plant a succulent and sip!
- \$50 - No planting, just sipping!

Proof of vaccination or negative PCR test required.



What is Big Day of Giving?

During Big Day of Giving, the Sacramento region will rally around the nonprofits that make the capital area our home. On Thursday, May 5, you can visit the Big Day of Giving site and give to CLC to further our mission to provide high-quality legal representation and advocacy for children and youth in foster care.

Last year, CLC raised over \$10,000 for children and youth in Sacramento and Placer counties and won BDOG's Spread Generosity Challenge! We need your support to make this year's BDOG's efforts bigger than ever. Stay tuned to learn how you can help us reach our BDOG goals!

CLC's Bold New Strategic Plan!

CLC is excited to share our 2022 Strategic Plan! As you read through the plan, you will see the passion of our staff, Board of Directors, and supporters embodied in our vision for the future. We hope you will be as inspired and motivated as we are by what the future can look like for children when we work together to build and support strong and healthy families.

We look forward to taking this journey with you!

[Read Our Plan](#)



Post-Bar Certified Law Clerk Program

CLC is seeking passionate, skilled, and client-focused law school graduates for our 2022 Post-Bar Law Clerk Program. Applications for the CLC Post-Bar Clerk Program are now open – apply by March 9, 2022.

[BIT.LY/CLCCAREERS](https://bit.ly/clccareers)



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CLC Is Hiring

Join our fantastic team of change-makers advocating for children and youth, strengthening families and communities, and striving to break the intergenerational cycle of foster care. CLC seeks talented attorneys, paralegals, investigators, and administrative staff to grow our multidisciplinary team. CLC aims to reflect the communities we serve, and we encourage dedicated professionals with varied backgrounds and perspectives, including those with lived experience, to apply.



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**CSEC (COMMERCIAL
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF
CHILDREN) ATTORNEY**



**DIRECTING ATTORNEY
PREVENTION**

Attorneys for children and youth – Monterey Park and Lancaster

CLC seeks passionate attorneys for our Monterey Park and Lancaster offices. CLC attorneys work closely with supervisors, social work investigators, various subject matter experts, peer advocates, support staff, and other CLC attorneys. In addition, attorneys provide client-directed advocacy and legal advice to children, age 0-21, alleged to be victims of abuse and neglect.

[Apply Here](#)

CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) Attorney

CLC is currently looking for a dynamic and motivated attorney to become the CSEC attorney for our Monterey Park office. Working at the intersection of child abuse and sexual abuse, our CSEC Team provides legal representation and intensive services to clients who have experienced commercial sex trafficking.

[Apply Here](#)

Directing Attorney – Prevention Program

CLC is seeking a dynamic manager and attorney to lead a new legal services program to prevent young families from entering the child welfare system. The program will serve young adults who are former foster youth/were previously involved with the child welfare system as children and are now parents at risk of their children entering the system.

[Apply Here](#)

Benefits

CLC offers an excellent benefits package including 15 PTO days and 10 sick days in the first year, an up to 6% employer-matched retirement plan, and generous Family and Medical Leave and health care plans. Learn more about available openings here: <http://bit.ly/CLCCareers>



Dependency Legal News Vol. 18., No 2

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

[Read More](#)

CLC Client Spotlight: Meet April



CLC's Expectant and Parenting Youth (EPY) program provides intensive advocacy for our EPY both before and after their child is born. The program's goal is to surround our clients with the supportive services and resources they need to provide a safe and loving home for their young children. For expecting parents like April, the program's support was critical. Watch the video to hear April's story of resilience and how Case Manager Ebony Porter and Attorney Kaveh Landsverk fought to help her successfully reunite with her son.

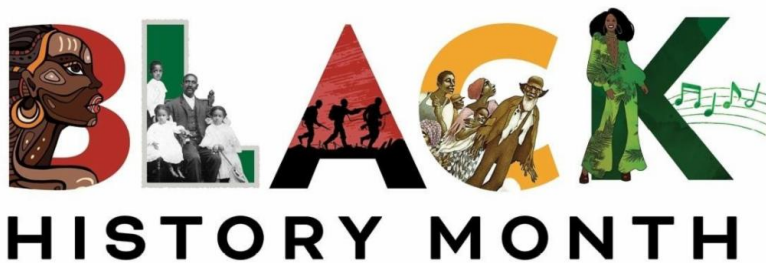
As part of our more extensive EPY program, our Pre-Filling Intervention (PFI) team focuses on expectant or parenting clients who are at particular risk of losing custody of their children. PFI offers a full array of legal and non-legal interventions to break the



COMING SOON!

We're building a Race Equity Tool kit for children's attorneys, parents' attorneys, educators, researchers, national policy advocates, and lived experience experts.

February is Black History Month



February is Black History Month, and as such, CLC wants to highlight the significance of this month for all of us- staff and clients alike. Black History Month aims to celebrate the roles that various African Americans have played in the United States and remember the legacy and continuing contributions of the Black community in U.S. history.

The standard narrative of the Black community in America has been one of fighting to overcome barriers, breaking through boundaries, advocating for justice and fairness, and emerging as beacons of hope despite adversity. CLC believes that these narratives are essential for all children in foster care to recognize, especially children of color.



Disproportionality & Disparate Outcomes

Children in Foster Care, by Race/Ethnicity

Rate of children in foster care per 1,000

	Los Angeles County	Sacramento County	Placer County
Black	28	19.1	<20
Native/American Indian	19.6	23	<20
Hispanic/Latino	6.9	4.4	3.4
White	4.4	4.8	2.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0	1.9	<20
Total	7.6	5.4	2.5

Source: [Kshd.net.org \(2018\)](https://kshd.net.org/2018/)

Child Welfare Practice to Address Racial Disproportionality and Disparity

- In 2019, nationally: Black children were 14% of the national child population, but 23% of foster care population; Native children were 1% of the national child population, but 2% of the foster care population; White children were 50% of the national child population, but 44% of the foster care population.
- Black families are overrepresented in reports of suspected maltreatment and subject to CPS investigations at higher rates than other families.
- Black or Native children are at greater risk than other children of being confirmed for maltreatment and placed in out-of-home care.
- Black children spend more time in foster care, less likely to reunify with their families, and compared to White children, are less likely to receive services. They are also more likely to be removed from their homes and experience termination of parental rights.

Source: Children's Bureau, "Child Welfare Practice to Address Racial Disproportionality and Disparity" (April 2021)

California Child Welfare Indicators Project - CWS/CMS Reports

	Black	White	Hispanic/Latino	Asian/Pi	Native
% of population	5.8	30.9	11.2	11.8	.4
% of in care	21.2	22	13.7	1.8	1.8
% of allegations	14.2	26.5	13.8	4.6	.9
% of investigations	14.7	25	15.1	4.3	.9
% of substantiations	15	24.1	16.6	3.3	1.0
% of entries	17.9	23.6	14.6	2.6	1.3

As part of recognizing Black History Month, our responsibility as a law firm representing foster youth is to call to attention the disproportional rates and sorely disparate outcomes of Black children in the foster care system. Download our factsheet on disproportionality and disparate outcomes in the child welfare system.

Explore Black History: The Roots Interactive Timeline

The Root has created an interactive timeline and map to highlight some of the many turning points, tragedies and triumphs in Black history. The Root staff compiled almost 200 historical facts for readers to peruse. Take some time to explore various time decades to revisit monumental moments. [Learn more here.](#)

**Download Our
Factsheet**

International Women's Day

March 8, 2022



March is Women's History Month

Tuesday, March 8th is International Women's Day! Imagine a gender equal world – a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. A world that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all **#BreakTheBias**. Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness against bias.

Take action for equality. Find resources to celebrate IWD [here](#).



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CLC is the largest children's legal services organization in the nation, advocating for over 33,000 children and youth in the Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Placer County foster care systems.

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