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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Save the Date: October 19, 2023 Art of Advocacy Gala!**

The Art of Advocacy is Back!

The Art of Advocacy is right around the corner and tickets are now available for purchase! The evening promises to be a night of delicious food, live music, and inspiring words from our honorees and staff. This year, we will honor Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass as our Champion Award recipient for her ongoing commitment to children and families. Longtime board member and CLC ambassador, Joseph D. Mandel, will be recognized as our Founder Award recipient. Our Community Hero Award will go to Jenny Sheets, a dedicated Uplift with a Gift supporter who has brought immeasurable joy to children during the holiday season.

The evening will be a festive event under the stars, led by our Master of Ceremonies, Angela Gibbs, talented actress and dear friend to CLC. Angela has starred in hit television shows such as "SWAT," "On My Block," and currently stars in the ABC show "Not Dead Yet." We hope that you will join us! If you cannot attend, we hope that you will consider making an in-kind or monetary donation. All proceeds from the Art of Advocacy Gala will go towards supporting the 25,000 children and youth we serve in the California foster care system.

Check out some photos from last year's fun event!

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NACC's 46th National Child Welfare Law Conference Recap

CLC was thrilled to join the top leaders in child welfare law from across the country for the 46th National Child Welfare Law Conference. This year's theme focused on From Learning to Action: Shared Accountability for Disrupting Harm and Promoting Healing.

Our CLC team was well represented in Minneapolis, with multiple speakers and presentations. In addition, we were honored to be on hand to see our very own Kaveh receive the Outstanding New Lawyer award.

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.

Congratulations to CLC presenters Brenda C. Robinson and Luciana Svidler. Brenda presented on two topics. Her first presentation was on racial disparity in child welfare and the ABA's response through the passage of Resolution 606. The second presentation was on promoting success for children of incarcerated parents. Luciana also presented on abortion and gender affirming care.





Staff Spotlight: Kaveh Landsverk



Last month, the National Association of Counsel for Children hosted the 46th Annual Child Welfare Conference. The conference is an opportunity for children's counsel from around the country to come together and work collaboratively to make a meaningful impact in the lives of children and families. Each year, NACC celebrates individuals who go above and beyond in their work with children in foster care to promote excellence in advocacy.

This year, we are thrilled to share that CLC Attorney Kaveh Landsverk was the recipient of the Outstanding New Lawyer Award! No one knows better than CLC just how deserving Kaveh is of this award. Kaveh spearheads CLC's Pre-Filing Intervention program, which works with our expectant and/or parenting clients who are at risk of losing their own children to the child welfare system. He and his incredible team have prevented countless children from experiencing intergenerational system involvement and the painful challenges of family separation. Please join us in congratulating Kaveh on this accomplishment!

Thank you Kaveh, for your dedication to the children and families we serve and for your ongoing contributions to the legal profession.

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Legal Dependency Newsletter

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



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Family Support and Advocacy Center Update

The Family Support and Advocacy Center is continuing to break the foster care cycle.

CLC's FSAC team is hard at work identifying former clients and their children who might be at-risk of entering the child welfare system. One recent client, Marilynn, was supported by the FSAC team in accessing tools and resources to help her navigate an investigation by the Department of Children and Family Services. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the FSAC team, Marilynn's child was not removed from her home and they were able to relocate. Read Marilynn's testimonial below:

"The Family Support and Advocacy Center helped my small family with legal advice and got our DCFS case closed. Christopher Fry and Maria were super supportive, friendly, and consistently checked in on me to see how they can help with finding resources or even directing me in the right direction. They gave me updates consistently throughout the duration of working through my DCFS investigation and helped put my mind at ease. I would recommend FSAC to any family in need of

support because they are great team." -Marilynn F.



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