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The Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) is the statewide membership organization for the nearly 100 nonprofits funded through IOLTA (Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts) grants by the State Bar of California. LAAC advocates for more funding and better laws for legal nonprofits, facilitates communication and coordination between organizations, trains in core substantive areas, analyzes best practices, and works to increase access to justice for all Californians. This includes working strategically to support rural and small programs and to meet the needs of underserved populations.

LAAC's three core program areas are:

Advocacy, which focuses on increasing funding to support legal services.

Training and Coordination within the California IOLTA community, consisting of in-person conferences (Traveling Trainings, Directors of Litigation and Advocacy Meetings, Family Law and Self-Help Conference, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and Pathways to Justice Conference), online trainings (multiple series each year), statewide meetings, and online resource sharing.

Member Services, including discounts on trainings, software, and interpretation services.

LAAC staff maintains three statewide websites:

LAAOnline.org: LAAC's own website features updated legislative advocacy information, archived online webinars, a training calendar, a listing of California public interest job opportunities, and other important information.

LAAcdirectory.org: LAAC staff maintains a listing of advocates at all IOLTA-funded organizations. The site is password-protected for only IOLTA-funded organizations' use.

LawHelpCA.org: LawHelpCA.org provides Californians with easy online access to basic legal resources and contact information for their local legal aid organizations and courts.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

CANHR provides advice, counseling, technical assistance, publications, and training in the areas of public benefits and long-term care, including nursing homes, residential care, continuing care for retirement communities, Medi-Cal, Medicare, elder abuse, fiduciary abuse, resident rights, and other legal issues affecting low-income, disabled, and elderly California consumers. CANHR has established a statewide hotline for legal services staff and consumers (800-474-1116) and a website with information on every nursing home and residential-care/assisted-living facility in California.

Services Offered

Consultation: CANHR Staff is available to answer questions and written requests for services are answered promptly. Services include technical assistance, consultation on individual cases, research, and brief bank. Contact: Staff attorneys or advocacy unit.

Information Services: In addition to free subscriptions to CANHR's quarterly newsletters, "The CANHR Advocate" and "The Legal Network News," CANHR offers electronic copies of attorney training manuals to qualified programs. Copies of fact sheets can be downloaded from the website.

Representation: Includes consultation with and/or representation of individual clients referred by programs, collaboration on individual cases, and assistance with administrative and judicial appeals. CANHR will initiate litigation on specific issues at the request of programs.

Training: CANHR provides training to legal services programs throughout California in estate planning for long-term care (Medi-Cal in particular), long-term care litigation, nursing home laws, elder abuse, and residents' rights.

Legislative/Administrative Advocacy: CANHR develops and/or supports corrective legislation and participates in administrative advocacy at the state and national levels to clarify or develop regulations and policies related to long-term care and elder abuse issues.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation provides public policy advocacy, litigation support, technical and legal assistance, and community outreach and education for California's rural poor. CRLAF targets its work in the areas of agricultural workers' health and safety, civil and human rights, education, employment, immigration, labor, pesticides, and rural housing.

CRLAF's substantive areas of expertise include:

- The Labor & Civil Rights Litigation Unit provides technical assistance, consultation, co-counseling, and class representation on cases involving low-wage or immigrant workers. CRLAF represents workers in cases involving: wage theft; violation of workplace safety standards; sexual assault and harassment in the workplace; discrimination and retaliation; pesticide exposure. CRLAF represents clients regardless of their immigration status and brings class action cases that can help hundreds of workers at a time.
- Labor and Employment: The project carries out policy-oriented research and farmworker field surveys, conducts legislative and administrative advocacy in the wage & hour, unemployment insurance, and farmworker law areas, both at the state and federal levels, and provides training, technical assistance and advocacy support to California legal services program.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

As a legal services support center, the California Women's Law Center's primary purpose and function is to provide support services to qualified legal service projects (QLSPs) throughout California in the form of legal training, legal technical assistance and advocacy support, all without charge. Our work focuses on protecting the health and reproductive rights of low-income women and pregnant and parenting teens, addressing gender discrimination in athletics for K-12 school students, assisting women in overcoming homelessness and poverty, and advocating to end gender violence in our homes, schools and workplaces.

Within each of these substantive areas, we (1) prepare educational materials and conduct trainings, (2) engage in policy advocacy on behalf of legal services organizations and their clients and (3) co-counsel on impact litigation with qualified legal services projects and other organizations. We consistently monitor new developments and analyze their implication for low-income women and girls. All of our projects are designed to assist QLSPs and their low-income and indigent clients.

Services Offered

Training: On site and via webinar

CWLC conducts statewide trainings for legal services programs, pro bono attorneys, and community-based organizations on the scope and application of laws governing women's and girls' rights. Recent training topics include: the rights of pregnant and parenting students, gender discrimination in athletics in K-12 schools and parks and recreation programs, sexual discrimination, harassment and assault, and domestic violence restraining orders. If your organization is interested in receiving any of the trainings listed above, or if your organization is interested in being trained in another CWLC area of expertise to assist in your provision of services for indigent clients, please contact CWLC and we will do our very best to accommodate your request.

Information Services: Website and materials

CWLC produces training materials, handbooks, resource guides, and advocacy primers, and maintains two websites: www.cwlc.org and www.JustPlayNow.org. CWLC's information services are

designed to make the legal system more accessible to women and girls, and to provide information to QLSPs and pro bono attorneys about CWLC programs.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling and representation (selected cases)

CWLC co-counsels with QLSPs and pro bono attorneys on impact cases focusing on eliminating barriers that keep women and girls in poverty. CWLC also writes and/or participates in the drafting of amicus curiae briefs in state and federal appellate courts.

Consultation: Telephone, email and mail

CWLC staff members are available for consultation on issues affecting low-income and indigent women and girls who reside in California.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Center for Gender and Refugee Studies - California (CGRS-California) is the California-focused arm of the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS) based at the University of California Hastings College of the Law. By providing free expert consultations, resources, and trainings to attorneys and organizations in California, CGRS-California helps obtain the best possible outcomes for individual asylum seekers. Additionally, CGRS-California undertakes strategic impact litigation on behalf of refugees, engages in policy development, research, and in-country fact-finding, and uses international human rights instruments to address the root causes of persecution.

Services Offered

Tailored Technical Assistance: CGRS-California provides free technical assistance for asylum and related humanitarian claims, including a focus on claims involving domestic violence and other gender-based harms, child abuse, fear-of-gang, and LGBT. Our attorneys provide tailored, one-on-

one litigation assistance including: consultation on legal strategies and procedural or evidentiary concerns; review of briefs and other legal documents; help evaluating types of relief available to a client; and guidance for working with children and other clients who have experienced trauma as well as working with expert witnesses.

Trainings on Legal Skills, Asylum and Related Law, and Working with Survivors of Trauma:

Our attorneys offer in-person training and workshops as well as webinars on a wide range of topics such as asylum law and procedure, and strategies for gender, gang-based, LGBT, and children’s asylum claims. In addition to trainings on substantive law, CGRS-California trainings include practical skills such as working with trauma survivors, secondary trauma, interviewing skills, writing effective declarations and briefs, trial advocacy, and many others. Knowledge in these areas is important not only to attorneys providing immigration legal services, but also to those serving immigrant populations more broadly and who wish to provide critical triage and referral support.

Litigation Resources: CGRS-California provides attorneys with litigation support materials that can make a critical difference in their cases. Recently developed resources include a comprehensive manual focused on gender-based asylum claims. Because country-specific evidence is essential to a successful asylum claim, CGRS-California prepares comprehensive country conditions reports on the underlying social conditions and the legal systems in countries of origin, as well as develops relationships with well-respected in-country experts, with whom we craft country- and issue-specific declarations attorneys can submit in their cases. CGRS-California makes these litigation resources available to those who access our technical assistance program, and prioritizes the development of new resources responsive to the specific needs of California-based attorneys.

Advocacy Work and Impact Litigation: CGRS-California advances pro-refugee laws, policies, and procedures through advocacy and education of local, state, and national government contacts, the legal community, immigrant and refugee communities, and the general public. By tracking and monitoring asylum, withholding of removal, and Convention Against Torture claims, we use the information collected in our searchable database to assist attorneys in crafting successful claims and to inform our policy advocacy activities. Through strategic impact litigation, CGRS-California is involved in influential cases involving cutting edge refugee law issues as counsel, co-counsel, or amicus curiae, and by providing expert consultation to other attorneys, advocates, and organizations.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Center is a state-wide support center with recognized expertise in complex federal and state litigation and in the substantive law relating to immigrants and refugees. The Center's current (October 2018) support service priorities include the following:

- Defending the rights of children and youth detained pending deportation or removal to appropriate placement and services.
- Minimizing the detention of immigrant and refugee children, youth and families.
- Advocating for state and local measures to counter discrimination against Californians based on federal immigration status.
- Defending migrants' access to international protection, including asylum and refugee status.
- Ensuring the full rights of immigrant survivors of crime, human trafficking, and domestic violence to lawful immigration status.

The Center will also undertake work in other areas of law and policy deemed priorities by qualified legal services providers (QLSPs).

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, appointment, and email. The Center offers technical assistance to QLSP staff in the areas of expertise described above. QLSP staffs desiring support are encouraged to contact Peter Schey or Carlos Holguin.

Information Services: Website, practice manuals and technical bulletins. The Center publishes information relating to its litigation and related legal developments on its several websites, all of which are accessible at www.centerforhumanrights.org. The Center also offers a number of legal practice manuals and technical bulletins free of charge to QLSP staff.

Advocacy support: Policy analysis and advocacy, impact litigation, and individual representation. The Center is available to assist QLSP staff with policy analysis and advocacy. The Center is also available to co-counsel with QLSPs on complex individual litigation and class actions.

The Center provides direct legal representation from time to time to selected clients referred by QLSPs.

Training: On-site and webinar. The Center is an approved MCLE provider and offers MCLE-approved trainings, both periodically and upon QLSPs' request, on topics within its expertise. Information regarding the Center's trainings is periodically mailed to QLSP directors and is also available on the Center's web page.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Child Care Law Center educates, advocates, and when necessary, litigates to break down the legal barriers standing between families in need and affordable child care.

We are experts in the child care eligibility laws for children:

- Living with resource families or in the child welfare system
- In families facing homelessness
- With disabilities or special health needs
- From immigrant families
- In publicly-funded child care programs such as CalWORKs
- Facing discrimination

While all families must have good affordable child care, the costs of that care should not be shouldered by poorly paid child care professionals.

We support child care professionals to serve the children in their community, advocating for housing rights, fair zoning and health and safety laws. We support parents and caregivers who need child care financial assistance.

We are the only organization in the country devoted exclusively to the complex legal issues that affect child care.

Services Offered

Technical Assistance and Support to Legal Aid Attorneys:

We provide technical assistance to IOLTA-funded legal services attorneys who are helping their clients.

Contact us via email or telephone about these child care legal issues: CalWORKs child care, child care subsidies, housing rights for home-based child care programs, child care licensing, rights of children with disabilities in child care settings, child care for resource families, and more. We publish manuals, legal updates, and policy papers, which we disseminate via email. Publications are available free of charge on our website: www.childcarelaw.org.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc. (CCWRO) is a statewide nonprofit organization that provides back-up services to qualified legal service field programs funded by the Legal Services Trust Fund Program.

CCWRO provides consultation, information, training, and representation on issues relating to public benefit programs, such as: CalWORKs (formerly AFDC or TANF), Refugee Assistance, Medi-Cal, Welfare Employment Programs/Welfare to Work, Food Stamps, General Assistance, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), and SSI.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, appointment (in person), email, and mail

CCWRO staff is available for consultation Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CCWRO responds to all telephone calls/emails immediately, and no later than the next working day. Call Kevin at his cell number.

Publications: Public Assistance table, "Welfare News", and "Legislation Tracker"

Public Benefits Informational Services We will provide an immediate response to questions from legal services programs regarding public benefit programs, laws, and regulations. CCWRO maintains current information on the status of pending or recently enacted state and federal legislation and regulations that we have identified as being important to our clients, members, and associates. CCWRO collects and disperses statistical information and analysis on the CalWORKs, Food Stamps, Child Care, and Welfare Employment Programs.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and full representation. CCWRO provides consultation and co-counseling on issues relating to public benefit programs, such as: CalWORKs, Food Stamps, General Assistance, SSI, child care, child support, and the Welfare Employment Programs. CCWRO will also do welfare hearing Administrative Writs (CCP §1094.5) that will be filed in Sacramento before judges who are more familiar with the administrative process than judges in many other

counties around the state.

Legislative Assistance: CCWRO also represents legal service programs and their clients before the California State Legislature relative to public benefit legislation.

Administrative Advocacy: CCWRO facilitates and participates in meetings with state and local public benefit agencies relative to public benefits, such as CalWORKs, Employment Services, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Child Care, IHSS and other programs. *For dates and times, including agendas and call-in-numbers for Legal Services Advocate Meetings, check the upcoming events calendar at our homepage, www.ccwro.org.*

Training: CCWRO will provide training free of charge upon request and based upon availability of time. Please contact CCWRO for training in any aspect of public assistance. The trainings include (1) State Hearings Trainings, (2) Administrative Writ Training, (3) Welfare-to-Work Sanction Defense Training, (4) California Public Benefits Cutting Edge Issues and New Developments, (5) Introduction to Public Benefits Advocacy at the Local and State Level, (6) IHSS, (7) CAPI, (8) Local and State Welfare Administrative and Legislative Advocacy, and (9) Child Support Training.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF) is a national law and policy center dedicated to advancing and protecting the civil rights of people with disabilities through legislation, litigation, advocacy, technical assistance, and education and training of attorneys, advocates, persons with disabilities, and parents of children with disabilities. As of 2019, DREDF's IOLTA Support Center Program will devote particular focus to the following six issue areas identified in DREDF's 2019 IOLTA Priority Setting Resolution: (1) Education; (2) Access to government benefits and services; (3) Health care/Long-term services & supports (LTSS); (4) Housing; (5) Technology access; and (6) Transportation. Additionally, as resources permit, DREDF will seek to address two additional IOLTA priorities of (7) Employment; and (8) Family law. More generally, DREDF continues to address disability-based discrimination in all contexts. We invite contact on any disability civil rights issue, including special education issues.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, email, and mail. Consultation on disability civil rights law and policy may include individual technical assistance, case review and strategy development, provision of sample pleadings, law and policy updates, review of written case materials, and other related support as needed. Contact the front desk during business hours for appropriate internal referral.

Information Services: The DREDF website (<https://dredf.org/>) provides extensive information about available DREDF resources, services and current activities. All IOLTA offices are on our mailing list to receive DREDF's free eNews and eAlerts. To add individual names to our mailing list you may contact the DREDF front desk, or subscribe at <https://dredf.org/> by clicking on "News" on the top banner. DREDF actively participates in various electronic communities (such as Listservs and Google Groups) that link DREDF staff to members of other IOLTA Support Centers, as well as virtually all QLSP offices throughout California. These include several eVenues supported by the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC).

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and full representation. In addition to consultation advice, DREDF usually has five to ten open litigation cases. Litigation cases often involve representation of eligible clients referred by IOLTA offices and cases co-counseled with IOLTA offices.

Training: Periodic, as needed, including webinar and on-site availability. DREDF webinar trainings specifically designed for legal services attorneys and advocates are available in archives. An archived version of the August 2019 webinar “Accessibility for People with Disabilities in Direct Legal Services: Etiquette, Media, and Document Accessibility” (co-sponsored by DREDF and the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC)) is available at <https://www.laaconline.org/training/accessibility-for-people-with-disabilities-in-direct-legal-services-etiquette-media-and-document-accessibility/>. An archived version of the May 2019 webinar “Disability Considerations in Coordinated Entry and Homelessness Advocacy” (co-sponsored by DREDF, Public Interest Law Project (PILP) and (LAAC)) is available at <https://www.laaconline.org/training/disability-considerations-in-coordinated-entry-and-homelessness-advocacy/>. An archived version of the August 2018 webinar “Dog Days of August: Legal Rights to Animals That Help People with Disabilities” (co-sponsored by DREDF, Disability Rights California (DRC), and (LAAC)), is available at <http://laaconline.org/training/dog-days-of-august-legal-rights-to-animals-that-help-people-with-disabilities/>.

An archived version of our most recent (October 2017) webinar with an “Overview of Disability Rights Law” (co-sponsored by DREDF and LAAC), is available at <http://laaconline.org/training/overview-of-disability-rights-laws/>. Archived versions of the six-session “2016 Disability Civil Rights Law Series” webinars (co-sponsored by DREDF, LAAC and the Western Center on Law & Poverty (WCLP)), are available via keyword searching for that title at <http://laaconline.org/train/filter/>. Additional past and future disability webinar training collaborations with LAAC can be found via relevant keyword searching in the same link.

DREDF also provides periodic special education law training for parents of children with disabilities (detail as to specific dates available at <https://dredf.org/>). DREDF routinely participates in the free annual “California Special Education Law” trainings sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute (PLI), which are offered to attorneys and advocates. These trainings are archived at <https://www.pli.edu/>, and may be found via keyword searching. Past and future LAAC-sponsored trainings addressing the rights of students with disabilities can be found via keyword searching in the LAAC archives at www.laaconline.org/train/filter. An archived version of the December 2017 webinar “New Horizons for Students with Disabilities: Implications from the SCOTUS Decision in Endrew v. Douglas County Sch. Dist.” (co-sponsored by DREDF and LAAC), is available at <https://www.laaconline.org/training/new-horizons-for-students-with-disabilities-implications-from-the-scotus-decision-in-endrew-v-douglas-co-sch-district/>.

DREDF routinely participates in LAAC Traveling Trainings. We also offer training sessions at on-site programs such as the triennial Pathways to Justice Conference, and we participate in statewide or regional gatherings focused on specific issues involving our IOLTA priorities. Staff of California legal services offices are invited to contact the DREDF front desk during business hours for appropriate internal referral if you would like more information about upcoming or archived trainings, or to inquire about options for new trainings.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Family Violence Appellate Project (“FVAP”) is the only organization in the state dedicated to domestic violence appeals. We facilitate a statewide delivery system of free appellate representation to domestic violence survivors and provide training and technical assistance to qualified legal services projects (“QLSPs”) and others.

Our areas of expertise include:

- California civil domestic violence laws (as codified primarily in the California Family Code, but also in the Welfare & Institutions Code, Civil Code, and Probate Code)
- California appellate procedure
- Housing and employment laws that impact domestic violence survivors
- Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
- Certain aspects of California family law more generally, particularly child custody and support issues

Services Offered

Advocacy Support

- **Representation:** Co-counseling and full representation. FVAP analyzes cases referred by QLSPs and others for possible appeal. FVAP is available to co-counsel an appeal with the referring agency or represent the client in the appeal.
- **Amicus Briefs:** FVAP facilitates a coordinated statewide effort to identify domestic violence (“DV”) cases of broad importance, draft amicus briefs in collaboration with legal services and other stakeholders, and submit amicus briefs to the appellate courts on behalf of statewide stakeholders.
- **Case Publication:** FVAP facilitates a coordinated statewide effort to identify unpublished DV cases of broad importance, draft requests for publication in collaboration with legal services

and other stakeholders, and submit requests for publication to the appellate courts on behalf of statewide stakeholders.

- **Legislative Advocacy:** We work in partnership with legal services and domestic violence service providers to amend California's domestic violence statutes.

Training

FVAP provides training on issues pertinent to domestic violence appeals. We can train programs statewide in person or via webinar, and recordings of our trainings are available free to QLSPs via our website. Our current training curricula include the below, plus more:

- How to Lay a Record for Appeal
- Introduction to Housing & Employment Justice Project
- California's Statutes Protecting Survivors of Domestic Violence and Their Children in Family Court, and the Science Behind Them
- Recent Domestic Violence Appellate Cases
- Statements of Decision
- What Evidence Supports Extending a Domestic Violence Restraining Order: Lessons from Cueto v. Dozier
- How to Help Domestic Violence Survivors Lay a Record for Appeal in Their Family Court Cases: A Training for Domestic Violence Advocates and Non-Attorneys
- Post-Trial Remedies: Motions and Writs
- Recent Cases and Trends Regarding Domestic Violence in Dependency Appeals
- Seeking Safety in America: The Nuts and Bolts of Representing DV Victims as Respondents in International Child Abduction Cases
- Family Law Appeals Raising Domestic Violence Issues
- Confidentiality, Privilege, and Mandated Reporting for Domestic Violence Advocates

We also have developed a series of short training modules available through the Pro Bono Training Institute focused on domestic violence restraining order practice. These modules include:

- DV-101: Basics of Domestic Violence; DV and California Law (forthcoming)
- Applying for a DVRO: Making the Request; Safety Before and After a DVRO; Mutual Restraining Order Requests; Writing Declarations; Youth Applicants
- Presenting Your Case: Basics of Presenting the Case and Prepping for Court

We are interested in hearing from the field about additional trainings that would be helpful. Please contact us with suggestions.

Technical Assistance

FVAP is available to consult with you on matters related to domestic violence appeals. This includes both cases at the trial level (e.g., where an appeal is anticipated or a question arises about how to lay a record for a possible appeal) and cases on appeal.

FVAP provides brief services, in-depth consultation, and research support, as well as legal analysis of cases referred to us to identify the existence and strength of legal issues for possible appeal.

Informational Materials

We have developed a series of tip-sheets and tool-kits that are available to QLSPs for free via our website, including:

- LGBTQI+ DV Primer
- 2019 Compendium of CA Domestic Violence-Related Laws
- Toolkit: Custody, Visitation, and Family Code Section 3044
- How to Address Litigation Abuse
- What Can I Do to Change the Order After the Hearing Is Over? An Introduction to Post-Trial Motions
- Sample Letter Requesting the Court of Appeal Use Anonymous Names in Your case
- Model Legal Brief in Support of Sole Custody
- Model Legal Brief on Allowing New Evidence at Restraining Order Hearing
- Model Legal Brief Asking the Trial Court to Hear Your Case When the Other Side is Asking for Continuances
- How to Find Respondents for Service of Process
- Getting a Court's Reasons for Making a Family Court Order
- Statement of Decision Request Template
- Court Preparation Checklist
- FVAP's 2016 Survey of CA DV Service Providers

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) provides various types of technical assistance on immigration law and procedure to qualified legal services providers that are part of the Legal Services Trust Fund Program (IOLTA). Additionally, ILRC offers technical assistance on immigrant organizing, policy and advocacy, and leadership training projects.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, email, and fax. ILRC has an "Attorney of the Day" who will respond to requests for consultation services on immigration law and procedure from attorneys and legal staff of nonprofits. San Francisco Bay Area nonprofits and all California-based IOLTA legal services programs receive consultations at no cost.

Information Services: Website and materials. ILRC produces manuals on various aspects of immigration law, including asylum, removal defense, SIJS, U visas, VAWA, naturalization, FOIA, family-based immigration, DACA, motions to suppress, and more. ILRC also creates practice advisories for

legal service providers. Many materials can be downloaded for free from ILRC's website at www.ilrc.org. Materials not on the website can be ordered by contacting ILRC by fax, by phone, or through our website. Materials are offered to nonprofit agencies and IOLTA legal services programs at no cost or at reduced costs.

Representation: Co-counseling. Co-counseling is available on a limited number of cases with qualified IOLTA legal services projects. Contact ILRC by email if interested.

Advocacy Support: Ongoing. The ILRC provides advocacy support to qualified legal services projects, including consultation on advocacy issues and campaigns, administrative advocacy, legislative advocacy, and other advocacy.

Training: Periodic. The ILRC provides more than 100 trainings, including seminars, webinars, and workshop presentations, throughout the year on various aspects of immigration law. These trainings are announced through mailings and listservs. Registration for IOLTA legal services programs is free, other than the cost of reproducing the training materials.

ILRC Mission: ILRC works with immigrants and citizens to make critical legal assistance and social services accessible to all, regardless of income, and to build a society that values diversity and respects the dignity and rights of all people.

To further that goal, ILRC:

- Educates and inspires immigrants to advocate for justice for themselves and their communities;
- Promotes civic participation and mutual respect for all groups;
- Provides support, training, and information about immigration law and policy to immigrants and their advocates in an effort to increase the quantity and quality of legal assistance available to low-income persons;
- Collaborates with immigrants, community organizations, and government agencies to create innovative and constructive solutions to issues involving immigration policy; and
- Promotes public awareness of the contributions new Americans make to our society and the challenges they face.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Class Action specialists. Our mission is to provide grants, advocacy support, and education to support impact litigation on behalf of marginalized communities seeking economic, environmental, racial, and social justice. Impact Fund provides funding, technical assistance, training, and co-counsel services in complex civil/human rights, poverty, and environmental justice cases. We have particular expertise in procedural issues arising in impact litigation, including class action strategy, class action alternatives, unfair-competition claims (Business & Professions Code § 17200), attorneys' fees applications, federal court procedure, and settlement.

Services Offered

Pro Bono Consultation: We are always available to answer short or long questions, look into knotty legal issues, and participate in strategy sessions in impact litigation. We can also help find resources, i.e., co-counsel, experts, or other legal programs that have worked through similar issues. All legal inquiries should go to Lindsay Nako or Jocelyn Larkin. Peer-to-peer network available via closed Google group of approx. 700 practitioners.

Information Services: [Practitioner Blog](#), [Social Justice Blog](#), [website](#), research papers, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Annual Report](#).

Representation: Co-counseling, full representation, amicus, and limited-issue representation (e.g., handling class issues, mediation, or settlement sessions).

Training: Impact Fund offers periodic MCLE programs on class/litigation/fee/impact issues, including the [Summer Webinar Series](#). We host the annual [Impact Fund Class Action Conference](#) (San Francisco - February) and the annual [Impact Fund Class Action Training Institute](#) (Oakland and Los Angeles - September). We provide project-specific training by request. All Trust Fund projects receive notice of and special pricing for training programs.

Litigation Grants: Funding is available via our [Grant Program](#) for out-of-pocket litigation expenses in cases advancing economic, environmental, racial, and social justice. Letters of inquiry are reviewed four times a year. All grant inquiries should go to Amy Daniewicz.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Justice in Aging is a nonprofit organization whose principal mission is to protect the rights of low-income older adults. Through advocacy, litigation, and the education and counseling of local advocates, we seek to ensure the health and economic security of those with limited income and resources, and access to the courts for all. Through a contract with the Administration for Community Living, Justice in Aging also leads the National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER), a training and technical assistance program for legal and aging professionals.

Areas of expertise include:

- **Health Care:** Medicare and Medicaid, Cal MediConnect, Duals Special Needs Plans, Medi-Cal Long-Term Services and Supports, Medi-Cal, Medicare Savings Programs, Medicare Part D, Assisted Living, and Oral Health.
- **Income and Economic Security:** Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), CAPI (Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants), CalFresh.
- **Elder Justice:** elder abuse and financial exploitation.
- **Language and Disability Access:** in federal and state programs.

Services Offered

Consultation: We encourage advocates to contact us for assistance by telephone, email, or mail. Advocates can also request case consultation assistance for NCLER by e-mailing ConsultNCLER@acl.hhs.gov.

Information Services: Website (www.justiceinaging.org), free monthly newsletter (“In Review”), and free Health and Income Network Alerts. Daily tweets (@JusticeinAging) on related activities and topics of interest. You’ll see announcements of new releases on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/JusticeinAging>. Publications and practical tools for advocates can be found in the Resource Library under “Advocate Resources” on our website, and also in the sections dedicated to specific areas of work under “Our Work”.

You can sign up for our newsletter or any of our free alerts under “Subscribe” on our website. Justice in Aging also maintains listservs for advocates on federal rights, Dual Eligibles (Cal MediConnect), Medicare Part D issues, IHSS issues, and for *Martinez v Astrue* or *Clark v Astrue* updates.

Justice in Aging prepares and disseminates written materials on issues affecting people eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare in California, and presents regular webinars for advocates. Check the dual eligibles section of the Justice in Aging website to find duals-specific work. Past webinars can be viewed on our Vimeo page: www.vimeo.com/justiceinaging.

Representation: Advice (for attorneys/advocates), co-counseling, and full representation (selected cases). Justice in Aging provides advice, co-counseling, and full representation in litigation concerning low-income seniors in California, as well as on related issues of persons with disabilities. Justice in Aging is also engaged in federal and state administrative and legislative advocacy, where appropriate.

Training: Periodic, as needed, and on-site available. Justice in Aging regularly participates in the Senior Legal Services Provider Section of the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) and in LAAC Traveling Trainings, as well as in legal services trainings throughout the country. Additional training materials are also archived at <http://ncler.acl.gov>.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Founded in 1978, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) was one of the first legal services organizations to address the civil legal needs of people in prison, formerly incarcerated people, their children, and their families. Our mission is to organize communities impacted by the criminal justice system, and to advocate for the release of incarcerated people, the restoration human and civil rights, and the reunification of families and communities. We build public awareness of structural racism in policing, the courts, and the prison system, and we advance racial and gender justice in all our work. Our strategies include legal support services, advocacy, public education, grassroots mobilization, and developing community partnerships.

LSPC's primary areas of substantive/procedural expertise are: prisoner rights law, clean slate remedies, challenging excessive fines and fees, family law, probate guardianships, restoration of civil rights for formerly incarcerated people (including aspects of employment law, housing, benefits, and voting), parole and criminal law, and legislative and administrative advocacy.

Services Offered

Consultations and Technical Assistance: LSPC provides legal advice and technical services to California legal services offices on an as-needed basis. Areas include civil legal issues concerning incarcerated parents and their children, conditions of confinement, challenges to excessive fines and fees, and reentry issues affecting formerly incarcerated people and their families, including criminal record clearance, employment, housing and benefits discrimination, family unity, and voting rights.

Information Services: LSPC provides information services to California legal services offices on the rights of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals, including parents and their children, and related civil legal matters. We produce legal manuals, reports, fact sheets, pamphlets and pocket guides covering family law, civil rights, benefits, and conditions of confinement. These publications are available on our website, prisonerswithchildren.org

Legal Representation: LSPC is available to file litigation and amicus briefs upon request in areas which impact currently/formerly incarcerated people, their children and families. LSPC serves as co-counsel on impact litigation related to our mission at the request of California legal services offices in several areas: challenging exorbitant fines and fees imposed on low income Californians, limiting the use of solitary confinement, and advocating on behalf of disabled prisoners in county jails.

Training: LSPC provides legal trainings upon request to California legal services offices on issues affecting incarcerated parents and their families, and formerly incarcerated people. Recent topics include how to organize a clean slate clinic, family preparedness for immigrants at risk of deportation, fines and fees reform, parole advocacy for prisoners formerly housed in solitary confinement, and legislative advocacy. In addition to trainings conducted by our staff attorneys, LSPC offers trainings facilitated by paralegals who are formerly incarcerated to provide culturally-competent legal support to service centers working with people impacted by the prison system.

Policy Advocacy: LSPC partners with California legal services offices and other organizations to sponsor and advocate for legislation that challenges discrimination against, and allows for service provision to, formerly incarcerated people and that support the release and rights of people in jail and prison. We also work in coalition with legal services offices to oppose legislation and local policies that will be harmful to people in prison, formerly incarcerated people, and their families. We provide administrative and legislative advocacy support services to legal services offices upon request.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The National Center for Youth Law has deep legal expertise on the ways in which public systems prevent vulnerable children and youth from achieving their potential, including immigration, juvenile justice, foster care, education, child welfare, and health care systems. We support Qualified Legal Support Projects (QLSPs) by partnering on litigation and policy advocacy efforts, as well providing training and consultation on legal issues impacting vulnerable children and youth.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, email, mail, appointment, and website.

- **Adolescent Health:** Contact Rebecca Gudeman for assistance with consent, information sharing, and confidentiality issues involving health care for youth, as well as mandated child abuse reporting.
- **Abused and Neglected Children and Children in Foster Care:** Contact Leecia Welch for assistance with cases involving child abuse or neglect, foster care or youth leaving foster care for independent living.
- **Foster Children on Psychotropic Drugs:** Contact Leecia Welch for assistance with cases involving foster children on psychotropic drugs.
- **Juvenile Justice:** Contact Michael Harris for assistance with cases in which youth are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system, unnecessarily placed in secure detention or facing harsh, inappropriate sentences.
- **Educational Needs of System-Involved Youth:** Contact Dan Senter for assistance with cases in which system-involved youth are not receiving adequate or appropriate educational opportunities.
- **Mental Health:** Contact Leecia Welch for assistance helping children gain access to mental health care.
- **Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC):** Contact Kate Walker Brown for assistance with cases involving CSEC survivors.
- **Immigrant Children:** Contact Neha Desai for assistance with cases involving immigrant children and their families.
- **Civil Rights of Students:** Contact Michael Harris for assistance with cases involving possible violations of a student's civil rights at school.

Information Services: Legal journal, website, and other publications. "NCYL News" is the monthly online journal of the National Center for Youth Law. The publication features articles on critical children's issues written by NCYL attorneys and attorneys from related organizations. NCYL News also includes project updates, litigation developments, and other information about NCYL, as well as announcements of upcoming conferences and useful publications. Visit YouthLaw.org to sign up for the email edition.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and full representation. As we do not receive funds from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), we do not have LSC restrictions on our work. We are, therefore, particularly interested in litigation that cannot be done by LSC recipients.

Training: We also provide training in our areas of expertise. Contact Rebecca Gudeman at rgudeman@youthlaw.org.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

The National Health Law Program (NHeLP) is a public interest law firm working to protect and advance the health rights of low-income and underserved individuals. NHeLP advocates, educates, and litigates at the federal and state levels. NHeLP provides technical support to direct legal services programs, community based organizations, the private bar, providers and individuals who work to preserve a health care safety net for low-income people. NHeLP works in coalition with other advocates to advance policies that increase access to care for those eligible for publicly funded health insurance programs.

Services Offered:

Consultation: NHeLP provides brief advice, technical assistance and in-depth analysis for qualified legal service providers.

Information Services: Manuals, fact sheets, issue briefs, websites and listservs. NHeLP's *The Advocate's Guide to the Medicaid Program*, the *Health Advocate* newsletter, *Lessons from California* and other materials provide important substantive legal resources for health advocacy. NHeLP's website, www.healthlaw.org, offers up-to-date information and guidance on major changes in law and

policy that affect health care for low-income people. NHeLP provides information and updates on critical developments in health care law through state and national advocacy listservs.

NHeLP maintains and runs a California Health Advocates (Confidential) Listserv and convenes a monthly California health advocates conference call to provide information and updates for advocates on state and federal health care policy, including a legislative and budget update. The listserv is limited to advocates. To join the listserv, seek permission from NHeLP.

Representation: Consultation and co-counseling

NHeLP provides litigation assistance to advocates in cases impacting Medicaid, health care reform, due process, the ADA, and other areas affecting the health care interests of low-income people, and people with disabilities. NHeLP will co-counsel in select cases that have a systemic impact.

Training & Education: Upon request

NHeLP trains advocates on state and national substantive health law and developments. In addition to substantive training and education on health care reform and the Medicaid program, NHeLP provides education on other select health law topics.

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NHLP seeks to advance housing justice for poor people by increasing and preserving the supply of decent, affordable housing, by improving existing housing conditions, by expanding and enforcing

low-income tenants' and homeowners' rights, and by increasing housing opportunities for groups who face a history of discrimination or special challenges in accessing affordable housing. NHLP works to achieve its mission through public policy advocacy and by providing research, legal assistance, training, publications, and technical assistance to a broad audience of housing lawyers and advocates.

Areas of expertise include: federal housing policy and the federal housing programs (including public housing, Rental Assistance Demonstration program (RAD), Section 8 vouchers, project-based Section 8, HUD-subsidized multifamily housing, Rural Development single-family and multi-family housing programs, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, multi-family rental housing preservation, fair housing and HUD's rules for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, Section 3 economic opportunities related to HUD funding, housing protections accorded to survivors of domestic violence, immigrant access to federal housing programs, reasonable access and accommodation to housing for persons with disabilities, housing rights of persons with limited English proficiency, housing rights of persons formerly incarcerated, the foreclosure crisis' impact on tenants and low-income homeowners, including California's Homeowner Bill of Rights and state foreclosure law.

Services Offered

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Information Services: Practice Manual: "HUD Housing Programs: Tenants' Rights" (4th Ed., November 2012) and 2014 Supplement – See <https://www.nhlp.org/publications> for pricing on all publications.

2018 Green Book 5th Edition is currently on a pre-release stage. Visit <https://www.nhlp.org/products/green-book/> for more information

For more information on NHLP publications, call 415-546-7000 x3113 and leave a message or go to our website: www.nhlp.org. The "Attorney/Advocate Resource Center" on our website www.nhlp.org contains articles, cases, statutes and regulations, and other useful practice materials.

NHLP also sponsors a Housing Justice Network (HJN) listserv that enables members to exchange information and seek assistance about housing cases. More than 700 advocates nationally participate in this very active listserv. Access to the listserv is limited to HJN members. Access an online application at www.nhlp.org/hjn-participation-form.

Representation: For advice, co-counseling, and full representation, call: 415-546-7000x3400 and leave a message.

Training: Upon request. NHLP staff is available for onsite training upon request. Call 415-546-7000x3400 and leave a message. NHLP participates in LAAC-sponsored training events and conducts a housing training track at the annual NLADA Substantive Law Conference and at the Housing Justice Network meetings held every 18 to 24 months. We also hold webinar trainings on timely topics.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

NILC's work focuses on key issues that affect the lives and well-being of low-income immigrants. These include: access to health care and economic support programs (including public charge restrictions), citizenship and legalization programs (including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), rights abuses caused by immigration enforcement, and workers' rights. A core component of NILC's work involves providing assistance and support to legal aid offices, pro bono attorneys, and community groups throughout California and the United States. NILC's headquarters is in Los Angeles, and the organization also has an office in Washington, D.C. Additionally, NILC has staff located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Policy Analysis and Advocacy: NILC analyzes legislative and regulatory changes to assess the impact that these changes will have on the lives of low-income immigrants. NILC

distributes policy updates and alerts, convenes working groups of advocacy organizations and community agencies addressing these issues, and coordinates strategic responses to policy changes as they arise. Questions about legislative proposals and administrative policies should initially be directed to the Los Angeles office. Callers may be referred to policy analysts in other offices, as appropriate.

Impact Litigation: NILC's litigation focuses on issues that have broad impact on the rights of low-income immigrants, including, but not limited to, due process, immigration enforcement in the workplace, access to health care and other critical benefits, and immigration enforcement and detention. NILC co-counsels impact litigation with California legal services programs and other poverty law and civil rights groups. Typical cases have challenged, for example, California's attempts to deny immigrants eligibility for benefit programs, immigration detention conditions, and undue delays in the processing of naturalization applications. NILC does not generally provide direct representation to individuals.

Publications: NILC publishes policy analyses, articles, and community education materials for legal services advocates that provide information about changes in policy, legislation, and case law within the areas of expertise outlined above. Much of this material is available free of charge from NILC's website, www.nilc.org, and to NILC's email list subscribers. (Sign up to NILC's email list from NILC's website homepage.)

Training: In an average year, NILC staff conduct 65-70 trainings and workshop presentations in California. Through these trainings, NILC helps build the capacity of legal services providers, advocates, and attorneys to respond to laws and policies affecting their immigrant clients.

Technical Assistance: NILC provides technical assistance and advice within the areas of expertise outlined above for individual cases and policy issues. NILC also assists—upon request as resources permit—by reviewing advocacy and community education materials of other groups for technical and legal accuracy. NILC also provides referrals to other immigrants' rights organizations as needed.

Services Offered

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Information Services: Subscription newsletters, email updates, and website. To subscribe to NILC's email distribution lists, visit: <https://action.nilc.org/page/s/NILC-general-signup>

Visit NILC's website at www.nilc.org for other publications, community education materials, and information.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and full representation in impact cases. Inquiries about potential impact litigation, as well as requests by legal service providers for assistance with individual cases, should be directed to NILC's Los Angeles office at info@nilc.org or technicalassistance@nilc.org.

Training: Periodic and as needed. To find out about upcoming trainings, contact Elaine Garcia at 213-639-3900 x 1068, or email egarcia@nilc.org.

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Description, OneJustice Programs/Areas, and Expertise

OneJustice provides technical assistance, trainings, and consulting in two program areas:

Pro Bono Justice (“PBJ”)

PBJ builds *pro bono* bridges among legal services nonprofits, law schools, law firms, corporate in-house counsel departments, and courts. This work includes the:

- Justice Bus® Project;
- Pro Bono Training Institute (“PBTI”);
- Pro Bono Consulting Project;
- Capacity Building Academy for all staff (pro bono design track);
- Bay Area Rural Justice Collaborative;
- IMPACT LA Project;
- Immigration Pro Bono Network;
- Statewide and Regional Pro Bono Conferences;
- NorCal and SoCal Pro Bono Managers Groups; and
- California Pro Bono Best Practices Guide.

Healthy Nonprofits (“HNP”)

HNP provides legal aid governance and management consulting, trainings, and technical support—as well as federal policy advocacy—to legal services organizations in California. Legal aid governance and management topics include sector (e.g. ABA and LSC) standards and effective strategies for:

- Board governance, self-assessments, and fundraising;
- Executive director evaluations;
- Strategic planning;
- Financial health analyses;
- Innovation in legal aid;
- Impact evaluation in legal aid;
- Supervision and working on teams; and
- Legal ethics.

HNP’s projects include, but are not limited to, the:

- Executive Fellowship Program (legal aid governance and management);

- Capacity Building Academy (legal aid management track);
- Organizational Change Accelerators;
- Californians for Legal Aid (federal policy education and advocacy);
- Legal Services Human Resources Listserv (employment law and strategies);
- Bay Area Legal Services Development Professionals Group (fundraising law and strategies);
- Bay Area Legal Services Executive Directors Group (nonprofit law and strategies); and
- Pay and benefits survey for California's legal services organizations.

The Public Interest Law Project

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The Public Interest Law Project (PILP) provides litigation, policy advocacy, consultation, and training support for local IOLTA legal services programs in California. We concentrate on housing, public benefits, healthcare, and civil rights. We strive to fulfill our mission of providing local poverty law programs with the capacity to engage in major litigation and other significant advocacy, particularly in the areas of land use [housing elements, fair housing, redevelopment, anti-displacement, and affordable housing development and policy] and public assistance [general assistance, CalWorks, CalFresh].

Services Offered:

Advice, Consultation, Research and Other Technical Assistance: Telephone, email, and fax. We are available on a daily basis.

Information Services: With adequate notice, staff can provide review and analysis of state or local policies, laws, or regulations. Publications available online and upon request to IOLTA-funded programs include “California Housing Element Manual” (Fourth Edition, January 2019), “Inclusionary Zoning Revitalized” (January 2018), “Inclusionary Zoning—Alive and Well in California” (May 2010), “Increasing Access to Critical Benefits Through the Rural General Assistance Project” (May 2015), “Laws Affecting the Location & Approval of Affordable Housing” (March 2000, update in progress), “Inclusionary Zoning: Policy Considerations and Best Practices” (December 2002, with Western Center on Law and Poverty), and “Inclusionary Zoning: Legal Issues” (December 2002, with Western Center on Law and Poverty).

Representation and Other Advocacy: Advocacy and co-counseling. We will co-counsel with local programs on impact cases and other advocacy within our areas of specialization in state and federal courts.

Legislative and Administrative Advocacy: We participate with other support centers in sponsoring and advocating for law reform in Sacramento on behalf of clients of local programs. We also assist in developing and implementing local and regional legislative and administrative proposals and strategies.

Training: On-site available. Staff will provide training to local program staff on site (as resources permit) or in conjunction with other state support centers on a regular basis.

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Working for and with poor communities, communities of color, legal services, and community organizations, Western Center combines high impact litigation, policy and administrative advocacy, and technical assistance and education to achieve transformative policy victories and improve the lives of millions of Californians living in poverty. Focusing primarily on four substantive poverty law areas (economic justice/public benefits, health care, housing, and access to justice), and recognizing that racial justice is core to our work, Western Center on Law & Poverty (Western Center) provides support in several areas, including: (1) co-counseling in impact cases, including class actions and writs, (2) providing technical assistance to legal services advocates on substantive law questions within Western Center's practice areas, (3) coordinating statewide task forces, (4) training on substantive law issues and skills development, (5) preparing and disseminating educational manuals and materials, and (6) legislative and administrative policy advocacy.

Services Offered

Day to Day Advice, Training, and Education: Our advocate staff answers hundreds of calls and emails each year, responding to questions from field programs and public interest advocates regarding substantive, procedural, and strategy issues on cases and other matters. Staff also delivers in-depth legal support, including technical assistance, on-site trainings, webinars and publications to support hundreds of legal aid attorneys in California.

Co-Counseling on Litigation: Staff co-counsel with our local legal services partners in cases with broad impact on important issues identified by our partners. Examples of recent victories with our IOLTA-funded partners include: *Buena Vista MHP Residents Association v. City of Palo Alto* (co-counseled with Law Foundation of Silicon Valley), which stopped closure of a mobilehome park which serves 400 low-income, mostly Latino residents and is one of the last bastions of affordable housing in the Valley); *KCCEB v. Department of Health Care Services* (co-counseled with Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, Bay Area Legal Aid, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, National Health Law Program, and Asian Americans Advancing Justice), which requires critical notices concerning redetermination of Medi-Cal eligibility to be translated into 11 languages and requires the Department to explain to people that if they provide any information lacking from an application within 90 days their coverage will be reinstated; *Riojas v. Social Security Administration* (co-counseled with Legal Services of Northern California), invalidating a 37-year-old federal regulation which had denied food stamps to Californians on the ground that they were supposedly receiving SSI even though their SSI benefits had been suspended.

State Legislation: Western Center advocates before the state legislature and the Governor in our core issue areas. Staff is available to consult regarding problems that might be addressed by legislation, the budget, statutory interpretation, and legislative history. Regional in-person meetings are held with local program partners each fall to formulate policy goals for the following year. Staff also regularly updates field programs and other advocates about pending legislation and budget proposals and developments through Western Center's website, periodic reports, task force updates, publications, and case reviews.

Advice on Administrative Advocacy: Staff is available to discuss emerging issues, answer questions, and counsel field programs and other advocates about administrative advocacy relevant to poverty law issues. Staff partners with advocates in conducting administrative advocacy at state, local, and sometimes federal levels, including participation in state work groups related to our issue areas.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Worksafe is a California-based nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing worker illness injury and death by bringing justice to the workplace. Worksafe promotes occupational safety and health through education, training, technical and legal assistance, and advocacy.

Low-income and immigrant workers are more likely to work in hazardous jobs and to become injured at work. Just as these workers are exploited through wage theft and other forms of economic injustice, they are also exploited by being placed in dangerous working conditions. If injured, workers often lose their jobs, cannot find a private attorney to assist them, become unable to support themselves and their families, and enter a cycle of poverty they cannot escape. Protecting workers' basic right to a safe and healthful workplace and the right to speak up about dangerous working conditions can help minimize these risks. Worksafe helps legal aid attorneys play an important role in ensuring that workers receive the protections they deserve, and trains them on using health and safety protections as a tool in preventing broader patterns of exploitation. Worksafe's programs and clinics provide injured workers with information about how to obtain the benefits to which they are entitled. Worksafe also advocates for strong laws and robust enforcement so workers can voice their concerns about health and safety in the workplace.

Our areas of expertise include occupational safety and health (OSH), including worker rights and protected activities under OSH laws; remedies for injured workers; and administrative, regulatory and legislative advocacy. We help build the capacity of legal service providers who directly serve California's most vulnerable low-wage workers to be able to assist their clients with occupational health and safety issues and workplace injuries and illnesses.

Services Offered

Advocacy assistance for litigation, legislative, regulatory, or policy advocacy: Our staff and board have decades of experience with litigation and policy advocacy in our substantive fields.

Training and technical assistance: Our goal is to empower legal services programs and increase their capacity to assist individual workers (including workers who are injured on the job), and groups (including worker centers and community based organizations) to:

- Use OSH laws and regulations to prevent injuries, illnesses, and deaths;
- Obtain workers' compensation benefits by both a) facilitating referrals, and b) creating self-help programs or clinics for injured workers with assistance from experienced workers' compensation attorney volunteers;
- Seek remedies for retaliation as a result of workers exercising their health and safety rights
- Strategize about providing assistance to undocumented workers with regard to health and safety issues;
- Address workplace toxics that harm workers, their families, and their communities, using existing OSH and environmental laws and regulations, and those that are emerging in connection with the Green Chemistry movement;
- Become involved in worker advocacy issues;
- Build strategic worker campaigns; and
- Engage in impact litigation.

Worksafe has developed materials for legal services providers, including occupational safety and health legal handbooks, fact sheets for workers, and model injured worker legal clinic materials. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about available materials.

Trainings and materials are available throughout California upon request.

Information Services: The Worksafe website, monthly newsletter, and e-news subscription.

Please visit the Worksafe website at www.worksafe.org for information about our legal support services, our current campaigns and projects, and other material. We also maintain an email subscription service to share information regarding proposed legislation, regulations, and other policy initiatives on the federal, state, and local levels that relate to worker health, safety, and remedies for injured workers. The subscription also provides information on conferences, meetings, and other events of interest to workers' rights advocates. All legal services program staff are invited and encouraged to sign up to receive updates at www.worksafe.org, or by contacting Worksafe's Office Manager, Thais Forneret at tforneret@worksafe.org.

Worksafe is a certified MCLE provider.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Youth Law Center (YLC) is a public interest advocacy organization that advocates to transform the foster care and justice systems so that young people in those systems thrive. Areas of expertise include foster care, juvenile justice, public benefits and health programs for children and youth in out-of-home care, conditions of confinement, education, and other issues that affect young people and families involved in, or at risk of involvement in, the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. YLC's Equal Access Fund project, Fostering Access to Supported Transitions to Adulthood, works to enhance access to supports and services and improve early adulthood outcomes of young people age 14 to 26 involved, at risk of involvement or formerly involved in the foster care or juvenile justice system.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, appointment, email, and mail

The Youth Law Center staff members are available to respond to questions from legal services advocates regarding children's rights and legal issues that affect children and families involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. The Youth Law Center also provides in-depth consultation to legal services advocates involved in litigation and other advocacy efforts on behalf of children and youth.

Information Services: YLC fact sheets and other publications on issues frequently encountered by legal services advocates are available for download from the YLC website. Legal services advocates may also request hard copies of these materials. YLC provides pleadings, research memoranda, training materials, and other written resource materials in response to requests from legal services advocates. YLC also responds to changes in the law and other developments by creating and distributing resource materials that will help to keep legal services advocates up to date on issues including not only cash benefits like AFDC-FC (foster care benefits), adoption assistance payments

(AAP), kinship guardianship assistance payments (Kin-GAP), CalWorks and SSI for system involved young people, but also Medi-Cal, education, special education, housing, child care, record sealing, and other services, supports, and rights of youth and families who are involved in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, amicus, and full representation. YLC co-counsels with and provides other advocacy support to legal services advocates on cases involving young people and families impacted by the child welfare or juvenile justice system. YLC will co-counsel in select cases that have a systemic impact, collaborate on individual cases, provide assistance with administrative and judicial appeals, and in limited circumstances provide direct legal representation to selected clients referred by QLSPs. YLC also advocates for law reform on behalf of clients of local programs and assists in developing and implementing local and regional legislative and administrative proposals and strategies.

Training: YLC will provide training on legal issues affecting children and youth upon request from legal services advocates. Training topics are tailored to the needs of the training audience, but may include public benefits, health care, and education for children in out-of-home care.

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