



Los Angeles Community
Child Abuse Councils



The Children's Advocate Spring 2019 Newsletter

Welcome readers and fellow child advocates!

It is with great pleasure that the Los Angeles County Community Child Abuse Councils release our Spring 2019 newsletter! This Spring (in line with Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month in April), we are excited to bring you timely and informative professional trainings (many that offer CEU's) and events that promote child abuse prevention, awareness and fresh ideas for the benefit of our local communities. Please feel free to contact me and/or your Council of interest for more information and to get involved!

Warmest regards,

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Council News & Updates



Advocacy Council for Abused Deaf Children (ACADC)

The ACADC, established in 1991 to systemically address child abuse among Deaf children, is a collaborative effort comprised of many community agencies and members to address child abuse among Deaf Children. Our efforts are based in education, service, resources, and community involvement to best serve the Deaf Community. The goal of the Advocacy Council for Abused Deaf Children (ACADC) is to prevent the abuse of Deaf children and to promote the development of appropriate and quality treatment resources for families with a Deaf member within Los Angeles County. The goal in eliminating child abuse among Deaf children can only be accomplished by creating a network of service providers and agencies who are culturally and linguistically sensitive and knowledgeable of the community in which the council serves. The ACADC helped bring professionals together to discuss the needs of the community and collaborate on resources and community events. ACADC is committed to continuing to provide advocacy and quality services to the Deaf Community.

The Council's focus this term will be on recruitment and education of professional. ACADC decided to host two popup workshops in LA county. The goal for the workshops are to be small and accessible. The focus of the popup workshops will be on the following: (a.) Self-care and building resources; and (b.) Systemic Oppression and Child Abuse (with guest speakers). The Council is aiming for April and May as the month of these events.

For More Information, visit www.facebook.com/ACADC.LA

AFFIRM - Assisting Families Find Information & Resources Mindfully Council for Prevention of Child Abuse in Antelope Valley

For the past 15 years, AFFIRM (formerly Yes2Kids) has conducted a Contest for students in the Antelope Valley (1st-12th grade) that encourages them to write about topics such as respect, bullying, and how to stop child abuse. Winners are chosen from various grade levels to read their essays, and receive a prize. This year's awards ceremony will be held in April 24, 2019 from 5-8pm at the Chimbole Cultural Center (Ballroom). **For more information please visit AFFIRM on Facebook.**

Council for Child Abuse Prevention- Serving the San Fernando & Santa Clarita Valleys (SPA 2)

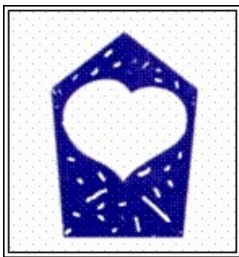
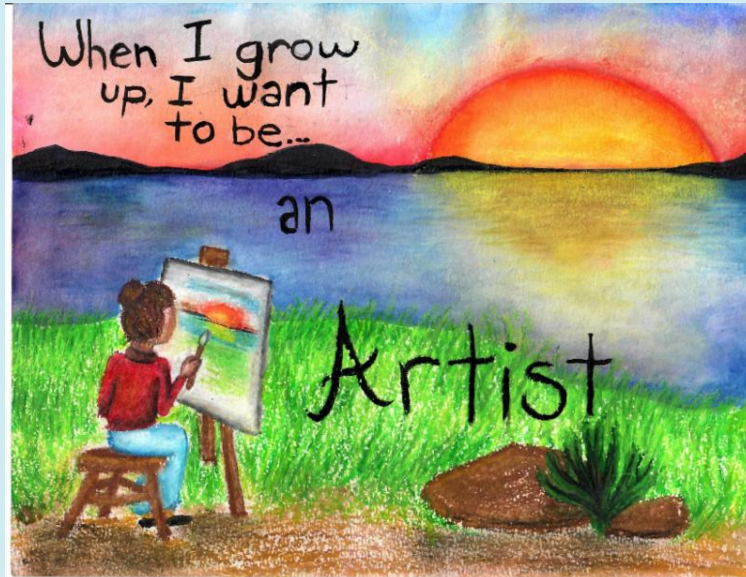
On Saturday, April 27, 2019 (8am-2pm), the Council will again partner with the SPA 2 Council for Family Well-Being to provide our 2nd community gathering entitled "Working Hand in Hand: Fostering Strong Families." This event will target 300 parents, youth, agency and institutional partners living and working in SPA 2. The event will take place at The Help Group located at 13164 BURBANK BLVD, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91401 and will feature multiple workshops as well as an opening panel. **Register online:** <https://2019-working-hand-in-hand.eventbrite.com>

Eastside Child Abuse Prevention Council (El Monte)

The Council will co-sponsor with SPIRITT Family Services' Partnerships for Families Program the Annual Resource Fair for Providers to be held **April 17, 2019** at the Grace Black Auditorium in El Monte. The event's goal is to bring awareness to April as Child Abuse Prevention month, provide a venue for community providers to get information regarding services that benefit families, and provide an opportunity to gain insight and knowledge from the



keynote speaker. The event is also an opportunity to honor those winners from the Council's Annual Children's Art Contest. This year the theme of the art contest is "How do I connect with those around me?" The Council hopes to have between 30-50 entries from various schools within the local area. Winners will receive a gift card, certificate, and their art piece framed. The Grace Black Auditorium is located at 3130 N. Tyler Ave., El Monte, CA 91731. **To attend the provider resource fair, please contact Connie Preciado-Gonzalez at 626.442.1400.**

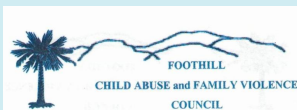


End Abuse Long Beach (EALB)

On April 11, 2019 (8:00-9:30am), the EALB Council will host a training on "The Resilience Toolkit" by Nkem Ndefo, who is the founder of Lumos Transforms and creator of The Resilience Toolkit. The training will take place at Alpert Jewish Community Center, 3801 E Willow St, Long Beach, CA 90815.

In February, the EALB Council hosted a training on Military Sexual Trauma by Dr. Kristen Zaleski (view pictures from the event below), and a training on "Songs in the Key of Life: Using Music Therapy in the Treatment with Adolescents" by Gregory Canillas, Ph.D. in March.

For more information on EALB Council's upcoming event, please visit www.endabuselb.org.



Foothill Child Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Council

The Foothill Council will host their annual Spring

Conference in May of 2019. The Council plans to host a workshop for Spanish speaking parents/community members on the topic of LGBTQ issues/education. The Council feels that the Spanish speaking community is lacking information about the LGBTQ community and hopes to provide information that can support families and individuals. The Council's goal is to educate the community to erase stigmas and promote acceptance and support for youth/individuals identifying as LGBTQ. The Council will be working with a high school in Baldwin Park that will provide the venue and help promote the workshop to their Spanish speaking parents/community members. The cost is \$35 and the training will provide a continental breakfast, lunch and CEU's for attendees. **For more information about the event, please contact Erica Villalpando at (626) 227-5670.**



LAC-Family, Children, Community Advisory Council (African American Council)

LAC-FCCAC's annual conference will be held on **May 31, 2019 from 8:30am-3:30pm** at Children's Bureau Magnolia Place for service providers with the theme "The Strengths of African American Families" focusing on the strengths of the family. The Council will also continue to partner with Elevate Your G.A.M.E., specifically their Mentoring Thru Music Program. Conference cost is \$50 and includes breakfast, lunch, conference materials and CEUs. **To register please visit:**
<http://lacfccac-may31st2019conference.eventbrite.com>

LGBT Child Abuse Prevention Council

Social Marketing Campaigns – The LGBT Council will produce and distribute original social marketing materials they have designed and produced, including:



- “5 Things to Know” cards in Eng./Spanish – This card imparts 5 messages of support and affirmation to parents/caretakers who may have LGBTQ children. There is also a list of community, cultural and religious resources on the card.
- “Safe Zone” self-adhering stickers – The sticker indicates that the person displaying it is supportive and trustworthy for LGBTQ youth. These are primarily given to service providers so that LGBTQ youth see visible signs of support in social service agencies.
- “8 Laws to Know” cards in Eng./Spanish – This card highlights the 8 most relevant state laws pertaining to protecting LGBTQ youth in schools and systems of care. These are primarily given to service providers so they have a quick reference guide when working with LGBTQ youth and their families. There is also a list of community and legal resources.

For more information, contact info@preventlgbtchildabuse.org

San Gabriel Valley Child Abuse Prevention Council

On April 28, 2019 (1-4pm), the SGV Council and Parents' Place will host a community Information/Resource Fair and Festival to support special needs children and families. 100 vendors will be present to provide information to

families who have children with different abilities. The Information Fair & Festival also provides a safe space where families who have children with special needs can celebrate people of all abilities. Service providers and parents are welcome. **For more information call 626.919.1091**



SPA 7 Child Abuse Prevention Council
On March 15, 2019, the SPA 7 Child Abuse Prevention Council hosted their second “Youth Male CHOICES Conference” at Rio Hondo College for boys grades 8-12 to encourage personal and academic success. The youth heard from motivational speakers, toured Rio Hondo College and were given access to a variety of positive resources. **For more**

information about the event for 2020, please contact Maria Duarte at marial@spiritt.org

Westside Anti-Violence Authority (WAVA)

On March 14, 2019 (6:30-9:30pm), the WAVA screened the film “What Doesn't Kill Me” at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527-4th Street in Santa Monica. The event was free and was followed by a panel discussion with local providers around central themes in the film. On April 10, 2019 the WAVA will also be participating in a Spring Networking Fair hosted by The People's Concern to spread the work of the Council and recruit new members. **For more information, contact Alex at aatienzo@thepeopleconcern.org**

Need *FREE* Community Friendly Child Abuse Prevention Materials in Multiple Languages?

Materials Available Include:

- “Daily Acts of Kindness Towards Children” Calendars
- “Guide to Positive Parenting” Booklets
- “California Mandated Reporting, Easy Steps...” Pamphlet
- “It only takes a minute to brighten a child’s life” Bookmarks
- “Together We stand Up Against Bullying!” Pamphlet

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In memory of Marjorie Gins, Champion for Children