



Los Angeles Community
Child Abuse Councils



The Children's Advocate Summer 2020 Newsletter

Welcome readers and fellow child advocates!

It is with great pleasure that the Los Angeles County Community Child Abuse Councils release our Summer 2020 Newsletter! The first half of 2020 has been filled with challenges, confusion and incredible change for many children and families in Los Angeles County. That said, we hope our newsletter brings you timely information for summer, along with resources you can use and spread. Additionally, you'll find information on the Council's community-based activities from the year, along with upcoming events that promote child abuse prevention, awareness and valuable ideas to benefit 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

LACCAC: Advocacy Council For Abused Deaf Children is proud to present:
COVID-19's "Perfect, Dangerous Storm "
Webinar hosted by Jayne Kim LMFT in American Sign Language (ASL) with English voice interpreting exploring:

- >Children's mental health needs during COVID-19
- >History of child abuse- differences between Deaf and Hearing children
- >How Caregivers can Respond Effectively to contain/reduce abuse
With a brief Q& A after webinar



Hosting: Zoom
Register at:
acadinfo@gmail.com
Title: COVID19Webinar
~Limited occupancy~
Date: June 18, 2020
3:00pm-4:00pm
(2:30pm-2:59pm technical support for new users)



Jayne Kim is a Licenced Marriage and Family Therapist #80891 with over 15 years of experience working with Deaf and hearing families throughout Los Angeles to bring a deeper understanding and acknowledgment of Deaf mental health needs

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/Families. Our efforts are based in education, services, 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.

On June 18, 2020 from 3-4pm, the ACADC virtually hosted a training for Deaf, hard of hearing or hearing parents who have Deaf or HOH children along with service providers on "COVID-19's Perfect and Dangerous Storm" with a focus on the social and emotional needs of children and how parents can respond effectively to contain and reduce abuse. The webinar was hosted by Jayne Kim, LMFT in American Sign Language (ASL) with English voice interpreting.

For more information and to join us for future trainings/events, visit www.facebook.com/ACADC.LA



AFFIRM AV - Assisting Families to Find Information & Resources Mindfully (Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Antelope Valley)

AFFIRM AV will honor the winners of our annual writing contest (both 1st and 2nd place winners) with gift cards, a medal and certificates. Due to COVID-19, the family dinner we usually host at the Chimbole Cultural Center will be transitioned to gift cards or certificate for a local small, family owned restaurant. We want to both support small businesses in our community and help the families with a prepared meal. Each teacher who had a child participate in the writing contest will receive a box of printer paper.

AFFIRM AV will also utilize funds to benefit those in need in our community. We will be visiting apartment buildings and mobile home parks and talking to the managers to see if any families have come to make arrangements for rent

deferment due to the pandemic. Those families will be provided with a gift card for groceries. As a result of the pandemic, we have helped some families navigate the use of the Zoom app to keep in touch with loved ones.

AFFIRM also assisted with food distribution in the East Lancaster area to families in need. Furthermore, we've shared techniques to reduce and cope with stress with local families via Zoom.

Lastly, the Snow Daze Festival was hosted in January 2020 and man made snow was provided for families to play in as well as games and fun activities. Parents were encouraged to gather important resources from community partners to help the families in the A.V. thrive.

For more information on future events please visit AFFIRM AV on Facebook.



Eastside Child Abuse Prevention Council (El Monte)

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Eastside Child Abuse Prevention Council will not be able to collaborate with the Partnership for Families Program for our annual Resource Fair and Art



Contest. However, the Eastside Child Abuse Council and Partnership for Families have been brainstorming ways to still collaborate and provide vital information and resources to the community in the safest way possible during this time while considering the communities needs and concerns.

The Eastside Council supported a food/supply distribution event in June and found creative ways to provide flyers, child abuse prevention brochures, and activities book/items for children. The Council is excited to take on the challenge to help feed as many families as possible over the summer months as well.

For more information, please contact Amaris Galindo at amarisg@spiritt.org



End Abuse Long Beach (EALB)

Due to the public health pandemic of COVID-19, End Abuse, Long Beach suspended our training for April, 2020. However, we started back up again on May 14 with an excellent presentation from Long Beach Unified School District Assistant Superintendent Tiffany Brown titled “Systems of Support for Trauma: Before, During and After COVID-19.” The presentation was on Zoom from 9 - 10 a.m. and had 48 attendees, more than our average of 40 participants at our monthly training opportunities.

For our June 11 training, therapist Erica Curtis presented on “Creatively Coping with Stress & Anxiety During COVID-19” to 46 participants that examined how to use art and creativity to manage stress and anxiety. The training received excellent feedback from the attendees. We plan to continue to offer training the second Thursday of each month via Zoom and have our July 9th speaker confirmed. Please go to our website at www.endabuselb.org to find the latest information on our training schedule.

To acknowledge the racial injustice occurring in our society, our Board of Directors issued this message on our website on June 5, 2020:

“We are deeply saddened and outraged by the murders of George Floyd,

Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many other unarmed Black citizens who have been publicly executed or beaten mercilessly by those who have sworn to protect and serve the community. EALB recognizes that these acts of violence toward African-Americans have gone on for more than 400 years, and that police brutality is only one example of how violence has been wielded by systems of power to control, harm, and end the lives of countless African-Americans.

END ABUSE LONG BEACH has always and will continue to stand against Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, and violence in all its forms.

We stand against racism and oppression and call on our city leaders and law enforcement officials to end those practices wherever they exist.

We are committed to working with our community to end violence, discrimination, and injustice.

In Solidarity,
End Abuse Long Beach”

To acknowledge the decision to cancel the April training, our Board of Directors placed this message on our website:

“April 1, 2020

Good afternoon EALB community-

Since we last met a lot has changed in our community and lives as a result of COVID-19. As we continue to monitor these changes and the impact they are having on our community, our agencies, and clients, End Abuse Long Beach will continue to find ways to support and stay connected to our members via our website and social media platforms. Although we will not be meeting in person in April due to the Safer at Home order, we will be promoting alternative educational opportunities through the use of past programs on YouTube, posting articles and relevant information, and community resource sharing. We are also exploring options for virtual programming- watch for details on these upcoming events on Facebook and our website.

If you have a learning opportunity, a resource, or an inspiring story from your agency or community we'd love to include that on our sites, please direct message us on Facebook or email us at president@endabuselb.org.

Thank you all for your continued support and for your good work in the community. While we encourage you to stay connected we hope that you will remain safe and informed. For the most up to date information about COVID-19 in Long Beach you can simply click the button below.

Sincerely,
The End Abuse Long Beach Board of Directors”

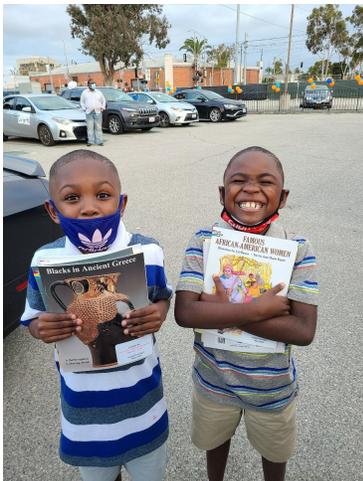
For more information on EALB's upcoming virtual trainings, please visit www.endabuselb.org.



Foothill Child Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Council

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Foothill Child Abuse & Family Violence Prevention Council will not host an annual conference for the mental health and social service communities. Our Council has agreed to embark on the following special projects for this 2019-2020 year: we will focus on creating our online presence and platform to enhance our ability to distribute child abuse and family violence prevention & education information. We will establish a website that can serve as a resource for the mental health and social service communities, and we will also purchase prevention materials with a focus on supporting parents and families with stress due to the current health crisis. These materials will emphasize positive parenting. The Council will also focus on getting care packages to parents and families to include the prevention and education materials, self-care materials, and family games for positive social activities while families are spending more time at home together.

For more information about the Foothill Council and current activities, please contact Erica Villalpando at (626) 227-5670.



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

Due to COVID-19, the LAC-Family, Children, Community Advisory Council has had to adapt to follow the physical distancing guidelines of the State of California and Los Angeles County. Because of that, our Council agreed to have a low contact engagement activity for children.

African American children are a vulnerable population for losing the knowledge they had gained from school by not reading at home. Although many of their parents are doing their absolute best during this Pandemic, many do not have the funds to purchase the materials needed.

Reading is an important and vital skill for children. It helps to expand their minds and develop their imaginations. A person who knows how to read can educate themselves in any area of life they see fit.



LAC-FCCAC has established a community relationship with Eso Won Books, an independent Black Owned bookstore in the Liemert Park District of Los Angeles. Eso Won is one of the oldest bookstores among the country's 110 or so black-owned bookstores. It was the official bookseller for Michelle Obama's sold out appearance at the Forum.

LAC-FCCAC reviewed and selected 247 African American coloring and reading books for different aged children. LAC-FCCAC inserted labels inside each book stating, "Donated by LAC-Family, Children, Community Advisory Council, May 2020, Happy Reading".



Dr. Carliss McGhee and her community organization, Khocolate Keepsakes, agreed to distribute the books to children in need of educational, cultural and artistic stimulation. This project will help bridge the educational gap that has resulted because of the State and LA County mandated school closures. Khocolate Keepsakes provided a drive through and/or home delivery of the children's books following the safe distancing requirements.

Additionally, LAC-FCCAC has continued its partnership with Elevate YOUR Game's Mentoring program through the adaptation of Music Videos as a learning tool. All the music and videos have discussion questions for the youth and can be used by either the Secular or Church Community. A sample topic selection of songs is: 1. Generosity, 2. Make Peace, 3. Just Believe In Yourself, 4. Why Not You?, 5. This is Love, 6. Forgiveness, and 7. Pursuing Greatness.



In December 2019, LAC-FCCAC had their Annual Holiday retention luncheon. It was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-LAX. The luncheon was attended by its Council members and other invitees. We look forward to future collaborations. Please be safe and practice physical distancing!



To learn more about the Council, please visit: www.lacfccac.org

LGBT Child Abuse Prevention Council



For the 11th year in a row, the LGBT Child Abuse Prevention Council has planned and coordinated the annual Embracing Diversity of GLBTQ Youth (E.D.G.Y.) Conference with Penny Lane. The conference increases knowledge and awareness of the needs of LGBTQ Youth and families, and empowers social service and mental health professionals to support the LGBTQ community through an array of workshops, services and resources. The 2019 conference was held on November 8th at the Skirball Center. As it has done annually, the LGBT Council sponsored 20 professional scholarships that targeted social service providers, mental health professionals, law enforcement, probation, legal service providers for children, and educators who otherwise could not attend.

This year's EDGY Conference centers on "Dimensions of Gender" and will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020, 9AM to 5PM at the Skirball Cultural Center. For more information on the conference, please go to: www.edgyconference.com

For more information on the LGBT Child Abuse Prevention Council, please visit: www.preventlgbtchildabuse.org

San Gabriel Valley Child Abuse Prevention Council

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SGV Council had to adjust our traditional on-site events to instead be held virtually. This year the Council supported a Virtual Youth Summit in El Monte for over 500 youth. The event targeted topics such as leadership, education and empowerment within their community. The event was held virtually from June 12-June 30, 2020 and participants received a book by Laurie Hernandez on empowerment. Additionally, the youth had an opportunity to win a Nintendo Switch as an incentive for participation.

On June 18th, the Council also held a Zoom Conference on "Trauma Informed Care for the Early Interventionist." This one day workshop addressed trauma, the effects of trauma on the provider, and strategies for self-care.

Lastly, the Parents' Place in conjunction with the SGV Council provided care kits for families with special needs. These kits included: food, support items, hand sanitizer, masks, literature on child Abuse Prevention and the "Random Acts of Kindness" calendars in multiple languages.

For more information about the Council or future events, please contact Karen Nutt at knutt59@msn.com

Resources to Help Families & Community

- **LA County Resources Related to COVID-19:**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/16zjpccAQjBBMcWA3iUj63HCo1t4aMzToKjqZhpz_FOc/edit?usp=sharing
- **DCFS Videos to Encourage Child Abuse Reporting:** English Video, <https://vimeo.com/413331251> and Spanish Video,

<https://vimeo.com/413338821>

- **Teaching Young Children About Bias, Diversity, and Social Justice:** <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/teaching-young-children-social-justice-jinnie-spiegler>

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