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Spring 2022 Newsletter

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It is with great pleasure that the Los Angeles County Child Abuse Prevention Councils (LAC-CAPCs) release our Spring 2022 Newsletter! This year has been filled with extraordinary challenges and changes for so many in our communities, yet tremendous perseverance and resilience has also been demonstrated by innumerable children and families in Los Angeles County. We hope our newsletter brings you helpful information regarding the work of the LAC-CAPCs, along with resources you can use and spread. Additionally, you'll find information on community-based trainings and activities, along with upcoming events that promote primary prevention and capacity building within the field.

Please feel free to contact myself, Catherine Rose and/or your Council of interest for more information and to get involved.

Warmest Regards,

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Welcome Readers & Fellow Child Advocates!



To kick off child abuse prevention awareness month, **AFFIRM AV Council** hosted a **Stand Up for Kids** event on the streets of Los Angeles on **April 1st** at 5pm. The Council and community members stood with signs to voice the importance of protecting our children.

On **April 30th** at 10am, the Council will participate in Terrific Kidz' [Annual Darion Wheat Child Abuse Awareness Walk](#). You are invited to donate or register to walk with us. Thank you for your support.

On **May 28th** at 5pm, AFFIRM AV will host a [Family Book Reading Event & Resource Fair](#). Join us at McAdams Park for a book reading and discussion for children ages 0-5. Food trucks will be present.

On **June 10th** at 7pm, the Council will host a [Stand Up for Kids Comedy Show](#) in partnership with Pueblo y Salud, located at the Chimbole Cultural Center in Palmdale. Special guests include Palmdale, Lancaster, and Lake Los Angeles children.

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On April 2nd (11am-3pm), the LGBT Council participated in the 29th annual [Models of Pride Conference](#) for LGBTQ+ youth and allies (ages 24 and younger) at LA City College. It is the world's largest free conference for LGBTQ+ youth and allies ages 24 and younger. Event activities included: popular workshops, food trucks, carnival games, live entertainment, DJ and more.

The Council also has LGBTQ+ Champions (from DCFS Regional Offices), who are subject matter experts with visuals to help people know who they are. They signify acceptance and affirmation to our youth, and improve their engagement with youth - allowing them to feel safe and comfortable in sharing who they are.

The LGBT Council is working with **Community Intervention Through Youth (C.I.T.Y.) x1** – a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to putting on free social events for at-risk and Homeless LGBT youth ages 14-24. Youth are fed, given a fun & empowering afternoon, and are all linked to valuable social services like emotional support, GED enrollment, HIV & STD Testing, & transitional living programs. All events are alcohol & tobacco-free and provide a safe space where youth can access much-needed services and interact with their community.

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The **CCAP of San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valley (SPA 2) Council** is hosting three virtual trainings on building resilience in our new reality presented by Alejandra Trujillo, LMFT:

- **[April 5th \(10am-12pm\)](#)**: Focus on professionals, community leaders & others.
- **[April 19th \(10am-12pm\)](#)**: Family Resilience (Spanish)
- **[April 28th \(10am-12pm\)](#)**: Family Resilience - (English)

The Council is also supporting DCFS Prevention & Aftercare agency and the SPA 2 network.

In May, SPA 2 Council will provide a **family health and wellness resource fair** that includes screenings for early intervention and prevention, educational presentations, and a multitude of opportunities to learn about resources for children and their families.

For more information, please contact:

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On **April 7th** (3:30-5pm), the **Eastside Council** hosted a virtual panel workshop in Spanish on **Parental Burnout**. It focused on parental experience and their professional perspective, as well as a chat on caregiver burnout. Speakers were representatives from Promotoras, clinical/developmental, father perspective, children with disabilities, and Parent's Anonymous. The Council aimed to validate the experience, provide strategies on how to deal with those feelings, and links to supportive resources.

On **May 12th** (3:30-5pm): the Council will have a virtual webinar on **Advocacy for Parents** in Spanish, during mental health awareness month.

- Validating the struggle of being a caretaker, normalizing the experience, providing resources and strategies to overcome moments of challenge.
- We will have representatives from DCFS PIP and Parents Anonymous speaking to what advocacy looks like as a parent, helpful tools, and links to resources. We will have raffles as well.

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End Abuse Long Beach

End Abuse Long Beach Council hosts monthly training events (virtually) to address all 5 protective factors

- Dates: 2nd Thursday of the month (9-10am) = **April 14th, May 12th, June 9th, July 14th**
- **Planned topics:** racial justice values, family law and immigration rights, social emotional lessons learned during a global pandemic, increasing wellness in the workplace
- For more information, please visit: <http://endabuselb.org/calendar-1>

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On **April 28th**, the **SPA 7 Council** will support the **CHOICES Conference** for youth males at risk. It will include a keynote speaker and lunch for the youth.

In **June**, the Council will host a **Parent Conference**. They will work collectively with community organizations and parents to enhance child abuse prevention efforts in SPA 7 community. The vision is to expand and harvest collectively wisdom and partnerships in the efforts of prevention of child abuse.

Goals include:

- Having relevant speakers addressing topics related to the children's social & emotional well-being
- Bringing local agencies together and work collaboratively to enhance child abuse prevention and SPA 7 community. This is also an effort to prevent social isolation and have easy access to services.
- Enhancing and promoting knowledge of the protective factors.

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The Westside Anti-Violence Authority (WAVA) is continuing to provide trainings to WAVA member organizations on topics such as trauma informed-care, domestic and intimate partner violence, child abuse, impacts of DV/IPV on children, IPV for teens, healthy relationships, consent, and sexual violence prevention.

- April, June
- The members will also continue to provide training and support to program participants/survivors at schools and community based organizations.

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The San Gabriel Valley Council is hosting 2 events and support 1 resource fair this spring and summer:

May 4th (12:30-1:30pm): the Council is organizing Kid Power Parent Empowerment Training (modeling behavior to reduce bullying and increase self-protection).

May 4th (2-3:30pm): Art Therapy Training with Certified Art Therapist, Kathleen Fogelrichmond.

Please RSVP to Kana Brubaker at KBrubaker@wayfinderfamily.org.

In June, the Council will support the Parents' Place Family Resource Center and Resource Fair.

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The Advocacy Council for Abused Deaf Children (ACADC) will be hosting a May webinar (ALS, English & Spanish) for parents and caregivers within the Deaf Community of Los Angeles.

The Council is also continuing to provide resource bags for the community since COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted their ability to distribute.

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On May 24th (2-3:30pm), the Los Angeles County - Family, Children, Community Advisory Council (LAC-FCCAC) will be hosting a training on Understanding and Building Resilience to Cyberbullying for the Protection of Children, Teens and Young Adults, led by Steve Krantz, Ph.D., Author of Cyber Guardian for [SecureTheVillage](http://SecureTheVillage.com).

In May, the Council will be participating in the community fair at St. John United Methodist Church in Watts and distributing child abuse prevention items.

June 7th at 11am: Financial Literacy workshop for families, presented by de Winter L Stewart, CFP®, CLTC®, MBA, CFC® Northwestern Mutual.

LAC-FCCAC also organized an amazing baby book distribution: 350 books of "I Too Sing America" by Langston Hughes for the Black Infant Program (Pasadena City Public Health Department, Black Infant Health, Antelope Valley Black Infant Health, and Children's Collective of Los Angeles).

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The Foothill Child Abuse and Violence Prevention Council is supporting the following this spring:

- Distributing child abuse prevention & education materials to the community
- Creating psychoeducational videos to post on YouTube and be accessible to the community. The videos will focus on child abuse prevention, with various speakers and Council Board members
- Supporting families with food scarcity.

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The Asian Pacific Islander - Children, Youth, and Families Council (API-CYFC) is working on an interactive provider service map for API community members in Los Angeles County. The project aims to reduce barriers on access to information and provide a community-friendly platform to find service providers.

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Resources to Help Families & Community

- CA Training Institute (CalTrin) Trainings for Family Strengthening
- The Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training Project is a free virtual and self-paced training for professionals who are required by law to report suspected or known child abuse and neglect DCFS Videos to Encourage Child Abuse Reporting
- Teaching Young Children About Bias, Diversity, and Social Justice

Help Us Spread the Word!

The Los Angeles County Child Abuse Prevention Councils (LAC-CAPCs) are pleased to partner with local schools and district offices once again in the 2021-22 school year to request your help and participation with the **Report Card Insert Project**.

As you may know, occurrences of physical and emotional abuse increase when children bring home report cards that are viewed by caregivers as unsatisfactory. Now in our 23rd year of the insert project, we truly believe incidences of child abuse related to report card time have been diminished by providing strength-based educational information to parents and caregivers.

The Child Abuse Prevention Councils, funded through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and supported by the Children's Bureau of Southern California, have designed a brief and simple one-page communication insert to be sent home, emailed or given to parents with report cards. This insert presents several constructive and positive ways to respond to a child's school performance without abuse. It is available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Japanese, Vietnamese, Armenian, Korean, Thai, and Khmer.

It is up to your school or district to decide how and when to give it to parents, but some suggested times might be: Back to School Night, emailed one week prior to report cards going home, or even included in the envelope with the report card. Some schools and districts choose to include it in their newsletters or on their website.

We encourage you to use the report card inserts at subsequent report card times throughout the year. Each year we hear from parents and teachers that the inserts are effective in raising awareness and helpful in promoting non-abusive coping behaviors.

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