

Forum on Bay Area Services to Unaccompanied Immigrant Children



Association of Bay Area Governments

July 24th, 2015

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Metrocenter Auditorium

101 8th Street, Oakland, CA 94607



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AGENDA

Regional Forum on Bay Area Services to Unaccompanied minors

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8:30:	Registration and Light Breakfast	
9:00:	Introduction	Pedro Galvao, <i>ABAG Regional Planner</i>
9:05:	Welcome	Ezra Rapport, <i>ABAG Executive Director</i>
9:10:	ABAG Preliminary Findings: Bay Area Services to Unaccompanied Minors	Alejandra Barrio, <i>ABAG Public Policy Intern</i>
9:20:	“Maximizing Resources to Serve Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: Linking Social and Legal Services”	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Steve Hicken, <i>Catholic Charities of Santa Clara</i> ➤ Avantika Shastri, <i>SF Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (Bar Association of San Francisco)</i> ➤ Erin Maxwell, <i>Legal Services for Children</i> ➤ Ariana Flores, <i>Oakland Unified School District</i> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Steve Hicken, <i>Catholic Charities of Santa Clara</i>
10:30:	Break	
10:45:	Small group discussions	Group participation with facilitators
11:20:	Larger group debrief	
11:50:	Closing remarks and next steps	Pedro Galvao, <i>ABAG Regional Planner</i>
12:00:	Adjourn	

Upcoming Report: Bay Area Services to Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

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Road Map

1. Overview of project
2. Arrival of Unaccompanied Children to the Bay Area
3. The Bay Area Response: Legal and Social Services
4. Challenges
5. Next Steps



Overview of Project



Research Methods

- 25 individuals interviewed from 16 immigrant-serving organizations
- Breakdown of expertise:
 - Arts/culture (1)
 - Catholic Charities (1)
 - City (1)
 - Independent consulting (1)
 - Education (1)
 - Federal (2)
 - Legal Services (8)
 - Philanthropy (2)
 - Social Services (3)
 - County (1)
 - Health (2)
- **Two surveys released on July 14, 2015**
 - Legal service providers: www.surveymonkey.com/r/baylegalservices4ucs
 - Social Service Providers: www.surveymonkey.com/r/baysocservices4UCs

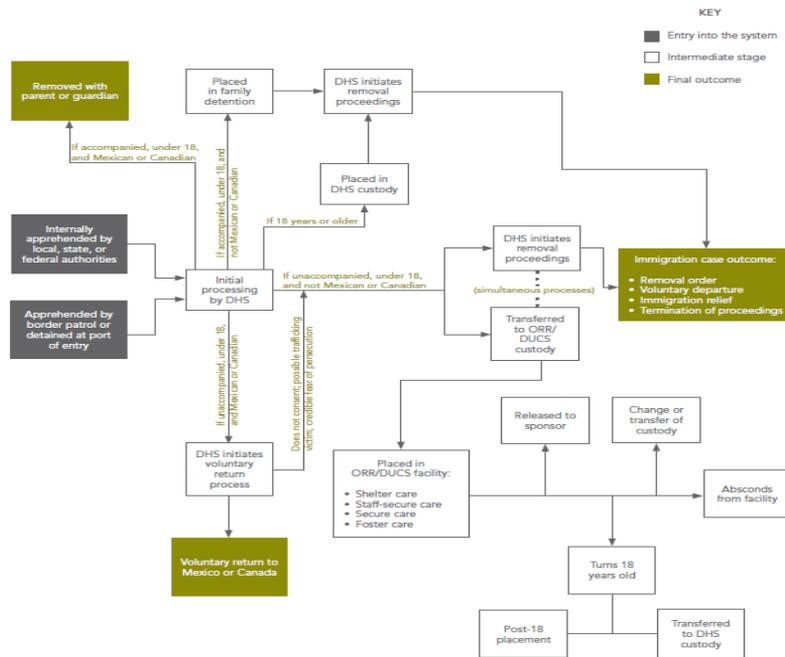
List of Organizations Interviewed and Surveyed

Alameda County Health Care Services	Immigration Legal Resource Center
Alameda County Office of Education	Inspiration Quest
Alameda County, Center for Healthy Schools and Communities	Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay
Asian Americans for Community Involvement	Justice and Diversity Center
Bar Association of San Francisco	Law Office of Helen Lawrence
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
Catholic Charities of the East Bay	Legal Assistance for Seniors
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies	Legal Services for Children
Centro de Ayuda Legal para Inmigrantes	Oakland Unified School District
Centro Latino Cuscatlan	Office of Immigration Affairs, City of San Jose
Catholic Legal Immigration Network	Office of Refugee Resettlement - Office on Trafficking in Persons
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	San Francisco Foundation
Covenant House California East Bay	San Francisco Mayor's office
Culturestrike	San Francisco Unified School District
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant	Santa Clara County Library District
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and refugees	Santa Clara County Office of Human Affairs
Huckleberry House	SF Department of Public Health
Human Services Agency SF County	Social Justice Collaborative
Immigrant Legal Resource Center	UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic
Immigration Center for Women and Children	UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital
	USF Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic

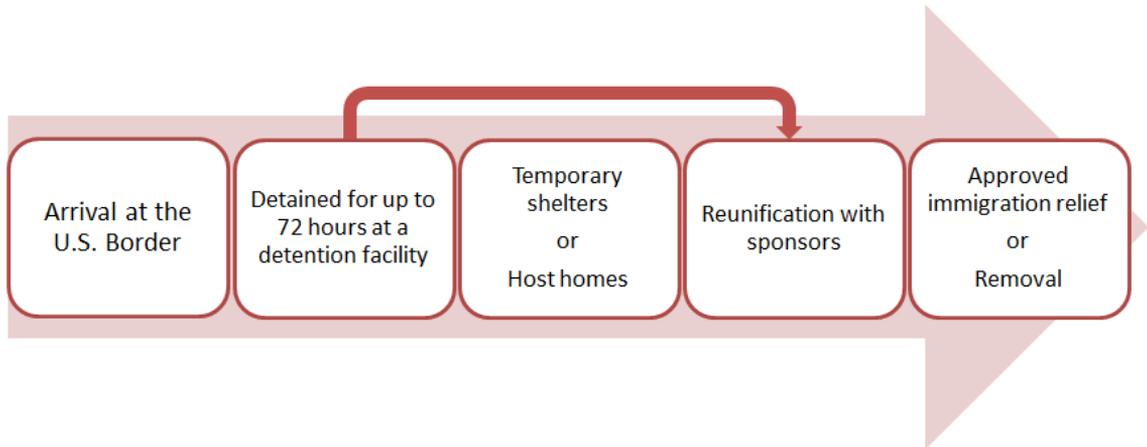
Arrival of
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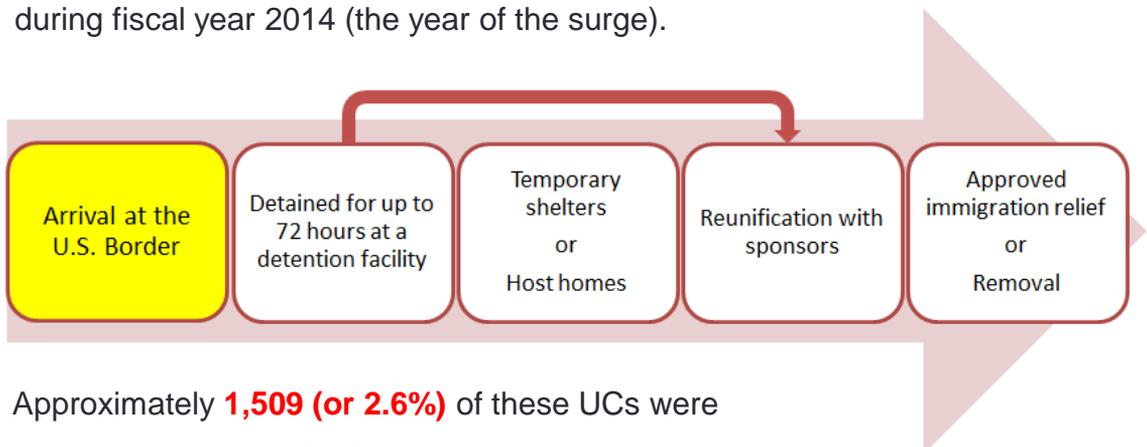
How did these children arrive to the region?



A simpler version...



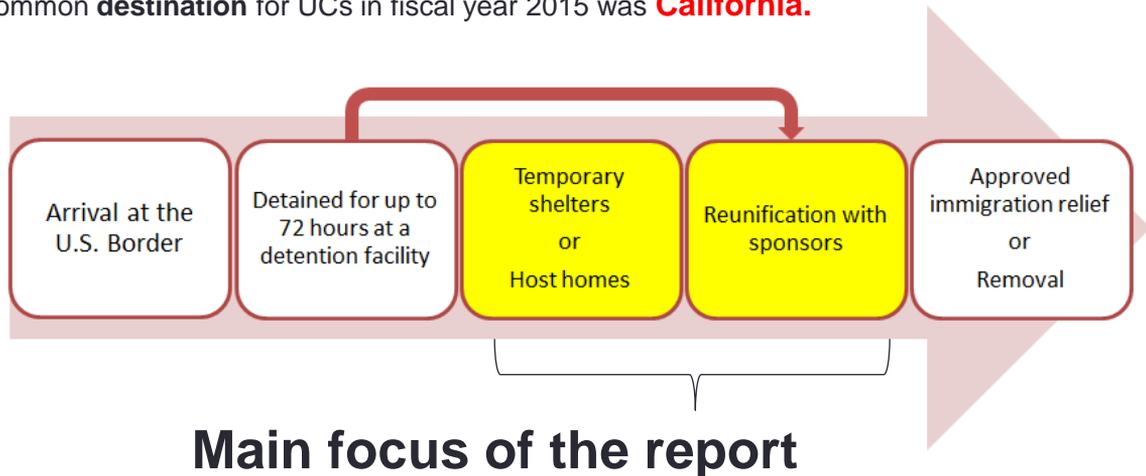
CBP reports a total of **57,478 UCs** apprehended on the border during fiscal year 2014 (the year of the surge).



Approximately **1,509 (or 2.6%)** of these UCs were apprehended in the California border sectors during that same year.

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Statistics Page

Although the majority were apprehended in Texas, ORR data indicate that the most common **destination** for UCs in fiscal year 2015 was **California**.



UCs Released to Sponsors

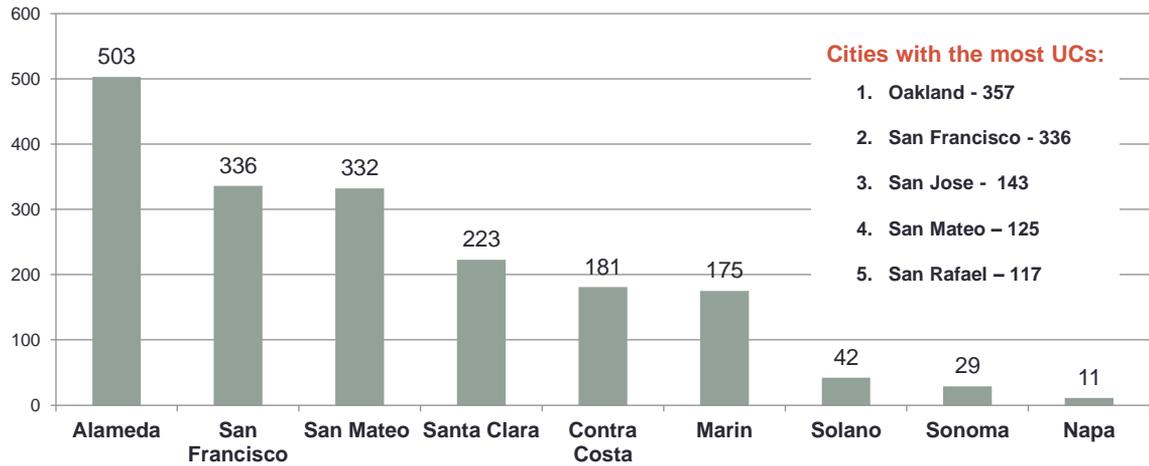
FY 2014		FY 2015	
Texas	7,409	* California	1,945
New York	5,955	Texas	1,775
* California	5,831	Florida	1,606

- In fiscal year 2014, **1,853 UCs** were released to sponsors in the Bay Area (**32%** of all UCs in California).
- The Bay Area was the **second largest** region of settlement for UCs in California, next to Los Angeles.

Source: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

Where did they go?

Minors Released to Sponsors in the Bay Area Between January 2014 and May 2015



Source: Office of Refugee Resettlement

The Bay Area
Response:
Legal and Social
Services



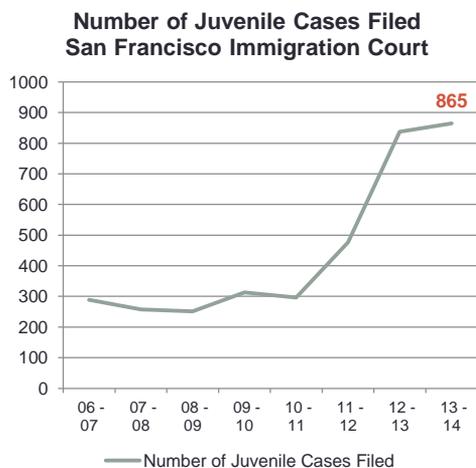
Snapshot of Services in the Bay Area

Count of Organizations*	
Faith-based	5
Legal Services	35
School Districts (explicitly funded positions)	5
Philanthropy	10
Social services	34
University Partners	4
Total	93

- Federal - Office of Refugee Resettlement
- County and city services
 - “Sanctuary Cities” - Tradition of support for newcomers
 - Fill in gaps for federal services
- Faith-based organizations
- Legal organizations
- Social services
 - School, medical, mental health, etc.

*Running tally, ABAG Analysis 2015 (see handout with list of organizations)

Legal Services



- Caseload spikes immigration court in 2014
 - All cases in Northern California heard in the San Francisco immigration court
 - Surge docket, or “rocket docket”
- Increase in funds devoted to the issue
 - Bar Association, “Attorney of the Day”
 - Legal Collaboratives

*Source: Syracuse University’s Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) Immigration Project

Social services

- Largely “post-release” services for UCs released to sponsors
- Increased funds for social services, but not as much financial support as legal services
- Schools often a hub for other social service organizations to access UCs
 - UC coordinators at SFUSD and Oakland unified school districts; Hayward is hiring

Some Promising Practices

- Bay Area collaboratives
- Model coordination: in-house social and legal services
- Strong faith-based response
- Innovative partnerships, leveraging resources (ex, universities)
- Host programs: alternative routes to sponsorship
- UC coordinators in School Districts

Challenges



Gaps emerging from interviews

→ Family/sponsor challenges

- Rushed placement with sponsors
- Less services to sponsors/families
 - Families in need
 - Managing trauma
 - Pressure on child to pay debt

→ Funding and sustainability

- Funds are short-term
- Surge in initiatives, unclear how they will be sustained
- Public interest fading, services still needed

Gaps emerging from interviews

→ Access to services

- Gaps in coordination among services, particularly for social services

→ Mobilizing smaller counties

- Trends point to growth in immigration to suburbs
- Dependence on traditional “gateway cities”

Challenges cited in Surveys

Note: Preliminary responses

→ Social services survey

- Funding sources overly restrict services or population that can be served

→ Legal services survey

- More administrative support, Volunteer/pro bono help, Mental health experts

Next steps



Special note: Immigrant women with children

Gets less attention

Different needs as compared to UCs

- Public funds limited to children only
- Placed in for-profit detention centers

Need increase resources for this population

Next steps

Forum:

- Gather your input and facilitate collaboration among practitioners

Research:

- Finish report - more survey responses, cost estimates, North Bay – to be shared during future gathering

Carrying the work forward

- Share report and findings widely
- Clearinghouse – consolidate lists
- Catholic Charities of Santa Clara

Thank you!



Maximizing Resources to Serve Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: *Linking Social and Legal Services*

Meet our Panelists

Stephen Hicken, Director of Economic Development Services Division, *Catholic Charities of Santa Clara*
Maria Luz Brubaker, Immigration Attorney, *Catholic Charities of Santa Clara*

Stephen Hicken is the director of Economic Development for Catholic Charities, Stephen brings forth an vast array of experiences devoted to economic development and social justice, ranging from his leadership as Director of Programs for Women's Action to Gain Economic Security in Oakland, to his founding the Con Mi Gente Foundation, where he focused on connecting migrants to small business projects in Mexico. Mr. Hicken also spent more than 25 years with Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers and Maryknoll Lay Missioners where he worked to promote justice and alleviate poverty.

Maria Luz Brubaker is an Immigration Attorney focused on removal defense for unaccompanied immigrant children and immigrant women with children. An expert of Asylum Special Immigrant Juvenile status, Ms. Brubaker has previously worked with victims of domestic violence in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties in the Pro Bono Department of Bay Area Legal Aid.

Avantika Shastri, Lead Attorney Coordinator, *Bar Association of San Francisco*
Adina Hemley-Bronstein, Immigration Case Coordinator, *Bar Association of San Francisco*

Avantika and Adina oversee the Bar Association's Attorney of the Day program, where two experienced immigration attorneys are calendared each day to assist immigrants in removal proceedings at their initial court appearances. Adina and Avantika have overseen the many successes of the Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative, which since its inception, in 2014 has strengthened resources, trainings, and referral systems for legal aid to unaccompanied immigrant children, and has connected pro bono lawyers to over 200 unaccompanied minors and family members.

Ms. Shastri received her law degree from the University of California, Berkeley and specializes in complex appeals and motions to reopen before the immigration agencies and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She has also successfully represented individuals and families in family-based immigration petitions, waivers, asylum, naturalization, and consular processing cases. Ms. Hemley-Bronstein is a graduate of Yale University and her experience includes work in immigration policy, border communities, consular processing, family-immigration petitions, U-Visa petitions, and affirmative asylum applications.

Erin Maxwell, Social Worker, *Legal Services for Children*

In addition to providing clinical case management and services to immigrant children, Erin conducts legal intakes and provides Know Your Rights presentations to detained children in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement. Prior to LSC, Erin worked advocating on behalf of unaccompanied immigrant children through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Ms. Maxwell obtained her Masters in Social Work from the University of California, Berkeley in 2006 and has been working with immigrants and refugees both domestically and internationally since that time.

Ariana Flores, Unaccompanied Minor Support Services Consultant, *Oakland Unified School District*

Ariana is intimately familiar with the day-to-day needs of unaccompanied immigrant children and the broader systems that impact their lives. In her role, she has trained Oakland Unified School District staff on the needs of unaccompanied immigrant children, worked on screening, tracking, and integrating the new students, and forged partnerships and referrals to service agencies in order to ensure that UC's needs are met. A graduate of University of Washington School of Law, Ms. Flores has also leveraged her robust legal expertise, hosting legal workshops and working in partnership with a coalition of legal service organizations in Oakland.

Announcement: Legal and Social Services Surveys

ABAG is interested in learning more about legal services available to unaccompanied minors and immigrant women with children in the Bay Area.

The survey will also gather information on the unmet needs seen and experienced by legal and social service providers serving these populations.

Results will be consolidated in a report that will detail how organizations throughout the region have responded to the unique needs of these populations. The findings from this report will help lay the groundwork for how local governments, counties, and nongovernmental organizations can formulate a regional response to best serve these populations.

Please help us by completing these surveys by August 27.

Legal service providers: www.surveymonkey.com/r/baylegalservices4ucs

Social Service Providers: www.surveymonkey.com/r/baysocservices4UCs

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The following organizations explicitly served unaccompanied immigrant children and/or immigrant women with children, or they have indicated an interest in providing services to these populations. ***We would love to receive your input to update this list for completeness and accuracy.***

For the purposes of simplicity, we use "social services" to encompass a broad variety of sources, including shelters, immigration services, behavioral health, casework management, etc. Similarly, "legal services" include organizations that focus on legal advocacy and the legal system. Organizations that offer both legal and social services are listed under each section.

School districts with explicitly funded positions			
Organization	Website	City	County
Alameda Unified School District	http://www.alameda.k12.ca.us	Alameda	Alameda
Hayward Unified School District	http://www.husd.k12.ca.us/	Hayward	Alameda
Oakland Unified School District, staff focused exclusively on UCs	www.ousd.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1	Oakland	Alameda
San Francisco Unified School District, staff focused exclusively on UCs	www.sfusd.edu/	San Francisco	San Francisco
SF International High school	international-sfusd-ca.schoolloop.com/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Faith-Based Services			
Organization	Website	City	County
Catholic Charities of the East Bay	www.cceb.org/	Oakland	Alameda
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant	eastbaysanctuary.org/	Berkeley	Alameda
Catholic Charities San Francisco	catholiccharitiessf.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Catholic Charities of San Mateo	http://catholiccharitiessf.org/	San Mateo	San Mateo
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/	San Jose	Santa Clara
Legal Services			
Organization	Website	City	County
Catholic Legal Immigration Network	cliniclegal.org/	Oakland	Alameda
Ijichi Perkins and Associates		Oakland	Alameda
Law Office of Helen Lawrence	helenlawrencelaw.com/	Oakland	Alameda
Law Office of Peggy Bristol Wright	www.bristolimmigrationlaw.com/	Oakland	Alameda
The Law Office of Julianna Rivera		Oakland	Alameda
Legal Aid Society	https://www.legal-aid.org/en/civil/civilpractice/immigrationlawunit.aspx	Oakland	Alameda
East Bay Community Law Center	ebclc.org/	Berkeley	Alameda
Social Justice Collaborative	socialjusticecollaborative.org	Oakland	Alameda
Bay Area Legal Aid	baylegal.org/	multiple locations	multiple locations
Immigration Center for Women and Children (ICWC)	icwclaw.org/	multiple locations	multiple locations
Youth Law Center	www.ylc.org/	multiple locations	multiple locations
International Institute of the Bay Area	www.iibayarea.org/	multiple locations	multiple locations

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Legal Aid of Napa valley	legalaidnapa.org/	Napa	Napa
API Legal Outreach	www.apilegaloutreach.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	www.advancingjustice-la.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO)	www.apilegaloutreach.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Cindy Liou Consulting & Law		San Francisco	San Francisco
Immigrant Legal Resource Center	www.ilrc.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
KEKER & VAN NEST	www.kvn.com/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Law Offices of Katie Annand		San Francisco	San Francisco
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights	www.lawyerscommittee.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Legal Services for Children	http://www.lsc-sf.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Bar Association of San Francisco	www.sfbar.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
SF Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative at BASF	blog.sfbar.org/2015/05/07/the-san-francisco-immigrant-legal-defense-collaborative-bay-area-public-interest-attorneys-collective-response-to-crisis/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Central American Resource Center - CARECEN SF	carecensf.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies	cgrs.uchastings.edu/	San Francisco	San Francisco
OneJustice	www.one-justice.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Pangea	www.pangealegal.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County	www.legalaidsmc.org/	Redwood City	San Mateo
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	www.clsepa.org/	East Palo Alto	San Mateo
California Strategies and Advocacy, LLC	www.calstrat.com/	San Jose	Santa Clara
Cooley LLP	www.cooley.com/index.aspx	Palo Alto	Santa Clara
Legal Advocates for Children & Youth	www.lawPhilanthropy.org/lacy.asp	San Jose	Santa Clara
SIREN	www.siren-bayarea.org/	San Jose	Santa Clara
UC Davis School of Law	https://law.ucdavis.edu/	Davis	Davis

Philanthropy

Organization	Website	City	County
Marin Community Foundation	www.marincf.org/	Novato	Marin
The San Francisco Foundation	sff.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Walter S Johnson Foundation	wsjf.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees	www.gcir.org/	Sebastapol	Sonoma
California Bar Foundation	www.calbarfoundation.org/	San Francisco	

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Firedoll Foundation	www.firedoll.org/	Walnut Creek	Alameda
Heising Simons Foundation	www.heisingmons.org/	Los Altos	Santa Clara
The San Francisco Foundation	sff.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Y&H Soda Foundation	www.yhsodaPhilanthropy.org/	Moraga	Contra Costa
Zellerbach Foundation	zff.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Social Services			
Organization	Website	City	County
Human Services Agency	http://www.sfhsa.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Central American Resource Center --CARECEN SF	carecensf.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
SIREN	www.siren-bayarea.org/	San Jose	Santa Clara
SCVHHS, Public Health		Countywide	Santa Clara
Covenant House California	covenanthousecalifornia.org/index-pg.php	Oakland	Alameda
Centro Latino Cuzcatlan		El Cerrito	Contra Costa
Canal Alliance	canalalliance.org/	San Rafael	Marin
Puertas Abiertas Community resource Center	puertasabiertasnapa.org/	Napa	Napa
Up Valley Family Centers	upvalleyfamilycenters.org/	Calistoga	Napa
On the Move Bay Area	www.onthemovebayarea.org/	Napa	Napa
Child Protective Services	www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/pg93.htm	San Francisco	San Francisco
Dolores Street Community Service	www.dscs.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Instituto Familiar De La Raza	ifrsf.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Legal Services for Children	www.lsc-sf.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Mission Family Center	Organization www.sfccc.org/mission-neighborhood-health-center/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Mission Neighborhood Health Center	Organization www.mnhc.org	San Francisco	San Francisco
Project Alero, Mission Neighborhood Health Center		San Francisco	San Francisco
San Francisco Human Services Agency	www.sfhsa.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
San Francisco Women Against Rape	www.sfwar.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
The Alero Project	www.mnhc.org/news/rising-to-give-a-helping-hand-the-alero-project/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Educators for Fair Consideration	e4fc.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
Huckleberry Youth Programs	www.huckleberryyouth.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco
People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Justice (PODER)	www.podersf.org/	San Francisco	San Francisco

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EMQ Families First	emqff.org/	Campbell	Santa Clara
Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services	www.sccgov.org/sites/mhd/Pages/default.aspx	San Jose	Santa Clara
Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System	www.sccgov.org/sites/hhs/Pages/hhs_home.aspx	San Jose	Santa Clara
Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, Mental Health	www.sccgov.org/sites/mhd/Pages/default.aspx	San Jose	Santa Clara
Unity Care	www.unitycare.org/	San Jose	Santa Clara
Asian Americans for Community Involvement	aaci.org/	San Jose	Santa Clara
Bill Wilson Center	www.billwilsoncenter.org/	santa clara	santa clara
CET Immigration Program	www.cetweb.org/immigration/	San jose	Santa Clara
Casa Quezada		San Francisco	San Francisco
University Partners			
Organization	Website	City	County
Stanford University	www.stanford.edu/	Palo Alto	Santa Clara
University of San Francisco	www.usfca.edu/	San Francisco	San Francisco
University Of San Francisco School Of Nursing and Health Professions	Organizationwww.usfca.edu/nursing/	San Francisco	San Francisco
USF School of Law	www.usfca.edu/law/	San Francisco	San Francisco
University of California, San Francisco	www.ucsf.edu/	San Francisco	San Francisco

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