

# **FOSTER CHILD ADVOCACY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES BY STATE BAR DISTRICT**

## **COMPILED BY CALIFORNIA YOUNG LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION**

In 2008 California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) is piloting a new program, "Young Lawyers for Youth". CYLA will recruit young lawyers to provide advocacy services and assistance to foster children transitioning out of the foster care system into society.

Many excellent programs were evaluated prior to selecting the two partner programs for the 2008 launch of "Young Lawyers for Youth". All of the programs listed below provide assistance to young people in the foster care system and need volunteers to assist them in their efforts. CYLA encourages young lawyers to contact the following organizations for volunteer opportunities in their local area.

### **District 1**

Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba counties

#### **BUTTE COUNTY (CHICO)**

Youth and Family Programs

Agency Director: Ralph Ward, M.S.W.

2577 California Park Drive Chico, CA 95928 Phone: (530) 893-1614 Fax: (530)

893-5026 Tollfree: 1(888) 893-8933 Email: [general@youthandfamily.info](mailto:general@youthandfamily.info)

Website: [www.youthandfamily.info](http://www.youthandfamily.info)

Description: Eight different programs to assist foster children at different stages of their lives.

### **District 2**

Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Napa, Sacramento, Solano, Sonoma, Tuolumne and Yolo counties

#### **SACRAMENTO**

Sacramento Child Advocates

Executive Director Robert M. Wilson

Sacramento Child Advocates, Inc. 8745

Folsom Blvd, Suite 150 Sacramento,

CA 95826 Phone: 916-364-5686 Fax:

916-364-5687

Email: [RWilson@SacChildAdv.org](mailto:RWilson@SacChildAdv.org)

Website: [www.sacchildadv.org](http://www.sacchildadv.org)

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#### **EL DORADO**

CASA of El Dorado County (2 offices)

Executive Director: Susan Dorsey

Placerville Office

347 Main Street

Placerville, CA 95667

Tel: 530.622.9882

[director@casaeldorado.org](mailto:director@casaeldorado.org)

Website: [www.casaeldorado.org](http://www.casaeldorado.org)

South Lake Tahoe Office

1354 Johnson Blvd.

South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

[director@casaeldorado.org](mailto:director@casaeldorado.org)

### **District 3**

Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties

#### **SANTA CLARA COUNTY (SAN JOSE)**

Law Foundation of Silicon Valley  
Legal Advocates for Children and Youth  
Executive Director: Jim Bower  
111 W. Saint John St., Suite 315 San Jose, CA 95113 Phone: (408) 293-4790 Fax: (408) 293-0106  
Email: [adelinad@lawfoundation.org](mailto:adelinad@lawfoundation.org)  
Website: [www.lawfoundation.org](http://www.lawfoundation.org)  
Description: Provides free legal representation, advocacy, and information to minors in Santa Clara County, and educates minors, parents, service providers, and attorneys on legal issues relevant to minors.

#### **SAN MATEO COUNTY (SAN MATEO)**

CASA of San Mateo County  
Advocates for Children  
Executive Director: Patricia Miljanich  
1515 S. El Camino Real, Suite 201  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
Phone: (650) 212.4423 Fax: (650) 212.4422 Email: [info@advocatesfc.org](mailto:info@advocatesfc.org)  
Website: [www.advocatesfc.org](http://www.advocatesfc.org)  
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### **District 4**

Marin and San Francisco counties

#### **MARIN COUNTY (SAN RAFAEL)**

Marin Advocates for Children  
Marin CASA Program  
Program Director: Cyndy Doherty  
30 N. San Pedro Road, Suite 275 San Rafael, CA 94903 Phone: (415) 507-9016 Fax: (415) 507-9265  
Email: [cyndy@marinadvocates.org](mailto:cyndy@marinadvocates.org)  
Website: [www.marinadvocates.org](http://www.marinadvocates.org)  
Brief Description: Advocates are paired with children in the foster care system.

#### **SAN FRANCISCO**

CASA of San Francisco  
Executive Director: Caroline Fisher  
100 Bush Street, Suite 650  
San Francisco, CA 94104 Phone: (415) 398-8001  
Fax: (415) 398-8068  
Email: [caroline@sfcasa.org](mailto:caroline@sfcasa.org)  
Website: [www.sfcasa.org](http://www.sfcasa.org)  
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### **District 5**

Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, San Benito,  
San Joaquin, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus and Tulare counties

#### **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY (STOCKTON)**

Child Abuse Prevention Council of San  
Joaquin, San Joaquin CASA  
Executive Director: Lindy Turner-Hardin  
540 N. California Street  
Stockton, CA 95202  
Phone: (209) 464-4524  
Fax: (209) 464-2272  
Email: [lturner@nochildabuse.org](mailto:lturner@nochildabuse.org)

Website: [www.nochildabuse.org](http://www.nochildabuse.org)

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#### **FRESNO/MADERA COUNTIES (FRESNO)**

CASA of Fresno and Madera  
Counties  
Executive Director: Nathan Lee  
1475 West Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93711  
Phone: (559) 244-6485 Phone  
Fax: (559) 243-0791 Fax

Website: [www.casafresno.org](http://www.casafresno.org)

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system.

#### **KERN COUNTY (BAKERSFIELD)**

CASA of Kern County  
Executive Director: Colleen A. McGauley  
2000 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 130  
Bakersfield CA 93301 Phone: (661) 631-2272  
Fax: (661) 328-9787  
Email: [kerncasa@kerncasa.org](mailto:kerncasa@kerncasa.org)

Website: [www.kerncasa.org](http://www.kerncasa.org)

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### **District 6**

Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties

#### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY (RIVERSIDE)**

Riverside County CASA  
Executive Director: Deborah Sutton  
9991 County Farm Road  
Riverside, CA 92503  
Phone: (951) 358-4305  
Fax: (951) 358-4302  
Email: [dsutton@casariversidecounty.org](mailto:dsutton@casariversidecounty.org)

Website: [www.casariversidecounty.org](http://www.casariversidecounty.org)

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**District 7**  
Los Angeles County

**LOS ANGELES**

Children's Law Center of Los Angeles Executive Director: Leslie Starr Heimov  
201 Centre Plaza Drive, Suite 10 Monterey Park, CA 91754-2178 Phone (323) 980-1700 Fax: (323) 980-1708  
Email: [rameyp@clcla.org](mailto:rameyp@clcla.org)  
Website: [www.clcla.org](http://www.clcla.org)  
Brief Description: Advocates are paired with children in the foster care system.

**LOS ANGELES**

United Friends of the Children President: Polly Williams  
1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1955 Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Phone: (213) 580-1850 Fax: (213) 580-1820  
Email: [info@unitedfriends.org](mailto:info@unitedfriends.org)  
Website: [www.unitedfriends.org](http://www.unitedfriends.org)  
Brief Description: Assist foster children to succeed by providing college counseling and support services, offering school-related financial assistance and helping foster youth plan for their futures beyond college.

**LOS ANGELES**

Alliance for Children's Rights Pro Bono Coordinator: Diego Cartagena, Esq. 3333 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 550 Los Angeles, CA 90010-4111 Phone: (213) 368-6010 Facsimile: (213) 368-6016  
Email: [d.cartagena@kids-alliance.org](mailto:d.cartagena@kids-alliance.org)  
Website: [www.kids-alliance.org](http://www.kids-alliance.org)  
Brief Description: Represent children and their caregivers in legal matters, e.g., probate guardianships, foster care adoptions, financial benefits, healthcare, transitioning youth and special education.

**District 8**  
Orange County

**SANTA ANA**

CASA, Orange County Director of Community Relations: Lynda Sloan  
1615 East 17th St., Suite 100 Santa Ana, CA 92705  
Phone: (714) 619-5151 Fax: (714) 619-5152  
Email: [volunteers@casaoc.org](mailto:volunteers@casaoc.org)  
Website: [www.casaoc.org](http://www.casaoc.org)  
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**District 9**

Imperial and San Diego counties

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY (SAN DIEGO)**

Foster Youth Advocacy Program

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program

Program Director: Dawn Davis

625 Broadway, Ste, 925 San Diego, CA 92101-5499

Phone: (619) 235-5656

Fax: (619) 235-5668

Email: [ddavis@sdvlp.org](mailto:ddavis@sdvlp.org)

Website: [www.sdvlp.org](http://www.sdvlp.org)

Brief Description: Volunteers will advocate for foster children to ensure access to mental and physical health services, legal status as lawful permanent residents, special education assistance, and in variety of civil issues ranging from insurance/personal injury, to establishing special needs trusts or for future health and other needs.