



CHILD CARE LAW CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2012



A PARENT, HER CHILD, AND THEIR EARLY CARE PROVIDER

THIS RELATIONSHIP SETS THE FOUNDATION FOR
THE CHILD'S LIFE.

We use legal tools to make quality affordable child care available to every family, in every community, for every child.

ADVOCACY, EDUCATION,
LITIGATION

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FROM THE DESK OF KIM KRUCKEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for taking the time to read about the low-income families that you've supported in the past year through the Child Care Law Center. You'll read about some of the children and families whose lives we improved.

After five years of budget cuts, our work is cut out for us on the road ahead.

Every day, we respond to questions from:

- ▶ Parents who wonder if the state will cut the child care program they rely on
- ▶ Directors of child care centers and family child care providers who lose sleep over whether they can afford to keep their doors open
- ▶ Parents who desperately need quality care for their special needs children and are turned away everywhere they go

Our task is twofold: to give parents and early care providers the information they need to solve their child care issues, and to illustrate their stories for policymakers. We have stayed true to this mission for nearly thirty years and in 2012 we are moving full speed ahead. Our dedicated staff and Board of Directors face each day with the conviction that we can make high quality, affordable child care available to every child, every family, in every community.

We want to thank you for caring as much as we do about the lives of young children in California.

Warmly,

Kim

FROM LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ADVOCACY

GIVING WORKING MOMS AND DADS PEACE OF MIND:

- ▶ **Parents just want what is best for their kids.** Many parents rely on financial assistance to help pay the cost of care while they seek employment, career advancement, or education. Larry,* a single father with one child, was ready and willing to find a job and he needed reliable child care to do so. After completing and submitting the necessary paperwork for child care benefits, Larry started getting the runaround. Larry called us and we connected him to a nearby legal services organization that helped him.
- ▶ **We are improving the system so that hard-working parents like Larry can focus on providing for their families.** Larry's experience helped us illustrate for state policymakers why simplifying the child care system is necessary. We advocated for legislation and regulations to minimize administrative burdens on parents.

*Names and some details have been changed to protect the identity of the clients.

NAVIGATING THE RED TAPE FOR ASPIRING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

Many women who aspire to open a family child care home face challenges they are unprepared to deal with: exorbitant fees, lengthy permit approval processes, and uninformed city officials. We are working to ensure that child care providers encounter a fair process so that they can open their doors to the working parents and children who need them.

FROM EDUCATION TO EMPOWERMENT

Educating early care providers on caring for children with special needs:

- ▶ Through the **San Francisco Inclusion Network**, we provide training and education to parents and early care providers about accommodating children with special needs.

Empowering parents to advocate for high quality care for their special needs children:

- ▶ **We protect the legal rights of children with special needs to get and keep high quality child care.** Lucy* called us after several child care programs had refused to accept her child. We explained that her child was protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act. **After talking to us, Lucy became empowered** to advocate for her son. She found a child care center that provides a safe and nurturing environment for him while she goes to work each day. **Today, Lucy can focus on her son's happiness** without the stress of worrying about somewhere for her son to go.



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Statement of Activities for Year Ended April 30, 2012 With comparative totals for year ended April 30, 2011

REVENUE	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	2012	2011
Grants	7,000	337,095	344,095	218,440
Government Contracts	30,081		30,081	19,694
Contributions	19,567		19,567	16,692
In Kind contributions	7,307		7,307	70,000
Other Income	2,536		2,536	23
Service Fee Income			-	26,512
Net Assets released from program restrictions	268,225	(268,225)	-	-
TOTAL	334,716	68,870	403,586	351,361
EXPENSES				
Program Services	241,944		241,944	260,953
Management and General	56,162		56,162	26,790
Fundraising	18,045		18,045	7,847
Total	316,151		316,151	295,590
Change in Net Assets	18,565	68,870	87,435	55,771
Net Assets Beginning of Year	60,875	65,459	126,334	70,563
Net Assets End of Year	79,440	134,329	213,769	126,334

OUR YEAR IN A NUTSHELL

- ▶ **Trained legal services advocates** to assist their clients in gaining access to high quality child care
- ▶ **Responded to the real problems** of 250 members of the community through our **Legal Information and Referral Service**
- ▶ **Advocated for government investments in child care** at the local, state and national level
- ▶ **Promoted equal access for children with disabilities** by helping start the San Francisco Inclusion Network
- ▶ **Tackled obesity in our youngest kids** by promoting healthy child care settings through research and advocacy, with partners Public Health Law Center and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- ▶ **Went to bat for child care providers** in their efforts to obtain family child care licenses, when state budget cuts resulted in excessive delays
- ▶ **Demonstrated leadership** for a more integrated and comprehensive early learning program via participation in four key statewide committees

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