



Staff and supporters of the Center for Juvenile Law & Policy at Loyola Law School and members of the Everychild Foundation Grant Screening Board at the October grant hearing held at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, CA



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Our mission is to ease suffering of children in the Greater Los Angeles area, whether due to disease, disability, abuse, neglect or poverty.

WINNER OF 2017 \$1 MILLION GRANT AIDS CROSSOVER YOUTH

The Everychild Foundation has awarded its 2017 \$1 million grant to the Center for Juvenile Law & Policy (CJLP) at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. The grant will launch the Everychild Integrated Educational and Legal Advocacy Project over the course of three years.

The project aims to stop the school-to-prison pipeline for “crossover youth,” the name given to foster youth who are also involved in the juvenile justice system. The program anticipates serving 300 individuals during the three-year launch period.

When a child enters the foster care system, (s)he is more likely to experience abuse and maltreatment as well as entry into the juvenile justice system. Additionally, fewer than 50 percent of foster youth and only 33 percent of those who have been incarcerated ever complete high school. Alternatively, this program will increase graduation rates for crossover kids and their potential to become productive members of society.

“Foster youth already have the deck stacked against them when it comes to the criminal justice system,” according to Sean Kennedy, the Kaplan & Feldman Executive Director of CJLP. “With the Everychild Foundation’s significant help, we have the power to fulfill a critical unmet need: the holistic representation of foster youth who have been charged with crimes. Together, we have the opportunity to secure justice for kids who have traditionally lacked the means to obtain it.”

The CJLP currently provides integrated pro bono advocacy for juveniles in delinquency court. The Everychild-funded program will expand those services to include integrated legal and educational representation for crossover youth.

“We are extremely proud to be associated with this project,” said Jacqueline Caster, Founder and President of the Everychild Foundation. “Crossover children require a strong advocate to assure them the services and opportunities to which they are entitled,

but most often denied. Without this support, they are invariably pushed further along the proverbial ‘Pipeline to Adult Prison.’ However, with education proven to be the best vehicle to avoid this trajectory, the Loyola program has the ability to provide brighter futures for generations of children.”

The project will also train 1,500 child advocates in education law, including delinquency and disability issues. Additional project goals are to secure successful outcomes for, at least, 90 percent of the clients served, based on their identified needs, train 36 lawyers in best-practices education advocacy for children, and push for systemic reform and a replicable system standard of integrated advocacy. CJLP will host a symposium to help accomplish this goal and an evaluation and assessment of the program will be performed by Dr. Jorja Leap, Adjunct Professor of Social Welfare and the Director of the Health and Social Justice Partnership at UCLA.

The Everychild Foundation makes a single \$1 million grant to a different Los Angeles-area non-profit agency each year that benefits children and youth, ages 0 to 24. Applicants must undergo an extensive grant screening process to be eligible. The grant is funded by annual contributions from foundation members. Everychild does not hold fundraising events. This is the 18th consecutive award made by Everychild, bringing its overall community contributions to date to \$16 million, with more than one million children served.

RUNNER-UP: CHILDREN'S BURN FOUNDATION FOR FIRE SAFETY AND BURN PREVENTION EXHIBIT

It has become an Everychild tradition to do all we can to help the runner-up project become a reality too. This year, that project is Children's Burn Foundation and its proposed fire and burn prevention exhibit at the California Science Center: Fire! Science and Safety, a permanent 1,000-square-foot exhibit with an additional 500 square feet for educational programs adjacent to the heavily trafficked Earthquake Experience exhibit.

Burns are the third leading cause of accidental death in children from birth through nine years of age, the sixth leading cause of death for children ages 10 through 14 and one of the top 10 injuries treated in emergency rooms for children under the age of five. The exhibit will help children and youth understand the science of fire and learn burn prevention and potentially life-saving safety skills. It will educate an estimated 1.3 million students and families during the exhibit's first three years alone. Partners in the project are the California Science Center and MySafe:LA.

If you are personally interested, or know of individuals or foundations who would like to help, please contact the Children's Burn Foundation

and/or California Science Center and identify yourself as an Everychild member or referral specifically wanting to assist the California Science Center exhibit proposed to Everychild.

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ST. JOHN'S 'HEALTHY HOMES, HEALTHY FAMILIES' PROGRAM EXPANDING STATEWIDE

The Everychild grant brings to fruition innovative, replicable projects. Our 2008 awardee, St. John's Well Child and Family Center, is no exception.

This agency received Everychild funding to create a new project that targets children who are literally being sickened by slum housing. It focuses on two specific illnesses: asthma, one of the leading causes of missed school days, and lead poisoning, which can lead to brain and nerve damage and kidney disease. The purpose of the *Healthy Homes, Healthy Kids* approach is to break the cycle of providing clinical treatment to children only to return them to the home environment that made them sick in the first place. The Everychild project integrates comprehensive pediatric medical care with education to inform families of the health hazards present in their homes. It embraces a comprehensive approach: home visits, health program enrollment, tenant assistance, advocacy and policy development, which then reduces children's exposure to these dangers.

During the first 18-month period, *Healthy Homes, Healthy Kids* served close to 6,000 children living in South LA. Together with other partners in the community and case managers, 82% of asthmatic children in the program experienced a reduction in attacks and were then able to control their asthma. All of the children treated for elevated blood lead levels saw reductions. These results have led St. John's to receive national recognition, as well as funding from a nationally-known foundation, RCHN Community Health Foundation. These additional dollars have allowed the program to expand beyond treating just children to meeting the needs of the entire family. Now renamed *Healthy Homes, Healthy Families*, the clinic plans to expand



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**March 2, 2018
Everychild Luncheon
Skirball Cultural Center**



A special thank you to the RAND Corporation and its President and CEO, Michael Rich, for its ongoing support of the Everychild Foundation. RAND provides our Grant Screening Board a place to convene throughout the year and graciously hosts the Grant Hearing each fall. For more than six decades, RAND has used rigorous, fact-based research and analysis to help individuals, families, and communities throughout the world be safer and more secure, healthier and more prosperous. RAND research spans issues from energy, education, health, justice, and the environment, to international and military affairs. To learn more, visit <http://www.rand.org>.



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GET TO KNOW SABRINA APPEGATE & MARY LU TUTHILL



Mary Lu Tuthill

Why did you join Everychild?

SA I joined Everychild on the recommendation of member Elizabeth Friedman. We met while out to dinner with our husbands. We started chatting, and found out we attended the same college. I mentioned to Elizabeth that I spend about a third of my time in Los Angeles and would love to get involved in some volunteer capacity. Elizabeth kindly recommended the Everychild Foundation, and I'm so happy she did!

MLT There is so much need in Los Angeles. Due to my career demands, I have always regretted being unable to contribute my time to the many worthy causes. When I heard about Everychild, I joined immediately. It is such a brilliant idea in the world of philanthropy. I finally feel like I am making a difference.

advantaged college freshmen; The Blue Ribbon, which hosts the annual Children's Festival; and the Pacific Council on International Policy, which increases my sensitivity to world problems and the global human condition.

SA I have two children: Peter is a software engineer at Tinder here in Los Angeles and Kate is a senior at NYU who also works at a start-up in the interior design space - Homepolish. I've stayed at home-probably far too long in retrospect and have also done a lot of volunteer work with my children's schools, my alma mater Wellesley College, the Feminist Majority and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula in the Bay Area.

What inspires you?

SA I'm really inspired by young people and believe that each and every child has so much potential, and that it is a community's duty to help children reach theirs. I'm so fortunate to have a family that valued education, and I enjoy working to widen educational access, particularly at the college level.

MLT So much inspires me: the Everychild grantees and Jackie Caster; the alumni of the Posse experience; Father Greg Boyle and the reformed gang members; the many persons I meet in my business world who do such interesting things; my 99-year-old mother; my children and grandchildren; and most of all, my dear deceased husband, who continues to inspire me every day.



Sabrina Applegate

Tell us about yourself.

MLT After spending 10 years in the tech world as an IBM Systems Engineer and Software Consultant, I landed in residential real estate, representing Westside buyers and sellers in this significant life-changing event. My community involvement and philanthropy includes being on the Advisory Board of the Library Council and supporting the Sun Valley Writer's Conference, my passion. I also support: Homeboy Industries, the world's largest and most successful gang intervention, rehab, and reentry program; St. Joseph's Center, which assists the homeless; The Posse Foundation, which provides additional support to dis-

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its role as a community health promoter statewide and hopes to become a key approach replicated across the nation. These impressive results would certainly justify such an outcome:

- 80% reduction in number of clients with asthma ER visits
- 75% + reduction in number of school days missed because of asthma
- 69% reduction in clinic/doctor visits due to acute asthma attacks
- 67% reduction in number of clients with asthma hospitalization
- 100% decrease in missed work days by parents

- 47% reduction in skin conditions associated with vermin bites, cockroaches and environment

While St. John's official Everychild grant period ended in 2010, the project continues to forge ahead. It has been a marvel to watch the impact of our \$1 million gift as the program continues its exponential growth.

TWO AWARDS DISTINGUISH OUR FOUNDER

Jacqueline Caster received two significant honors this past year after being recognized by the communities that she serves: Mar Vista Family Center's Individual Champion and California Senate District 26's Woman of the Year.



Photo Credit: Omar Rashad
Jacqueline Caster honored at Senator Ben Allen's Woman of the Year Reception

"I'm excited to celebrate a woman in our community whose work has really moved the needle on positive systemic change," said Senator Ben Allen. "She's someone who has spent a tremendous amount of her considerable talent focusing on our society's most vulnerable population, our children."

In a tradition dating back to 1987, the California State Senate celebrates Women's History Month by recognizing remarkable women throughout the state who make a positive difference in their communities. The 26th District consists of the Westside, Hollywood and coastal South Bay communities of Los Angeles County. The reception for Caster took place at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club on September 19. Senator Allen and The Honorable Michael Nash, among other

community members, recognized Caster for her leadership through Everychild, her advocacy for juvenile justice reform, her work serving on the Los Angeles County Probation Commission, and her support of various nonprofits helping children.

Michael Nash, the former presiding judge of Los Angeles County's Juvenile Court, spoke of Caster's influence and impact on the juvenile court divisions he oversaw. Nash described Caster's diligence to make improvements and expand diversion programs.

"She has even been back to Washington to advocate for a system that could do a much better job at serving children and families who are in need and at risk in our community," said Nash, now Director of the Los Angeles County Office of Child Protection.

"What makes America great is when you have an involved community, when we have citizens who are holding their office holders and agencies accountable," Nash added. "Jacqueline Caster is a great example of that."

Lucia Diaz, CEO of Mar Vista Family Center (MVFC), had similar praises, acknowledging Caster as an inspiration to a new generation of leaders. MVFC honored Caster as its Individual Champion at its annual luncheon on May 18.

"She is someone who is constantly giving where it is most needed and she does it with passion and love," Diaz said.

MVFC received the Everychild grant in 2007, which allowed the construction of the Everychild Foundation Youth Center, providing community programs to over 1,200 children and youth. The new space allows more children to participate in its after-school tutoring, mentoring, college preparation, reading, sports and arts classes, among many others. The results: MVFC has greatly decreased the number of youth from the neighborhood joining gangs and increased the number graduating from college.



Painting by Mar Vista student Natalia Gutierrez, Grade 6
Jacqueline Caster being honored at Mar Vista Family Center's 6th annual luncheon as its Individual Champion with her son, Bryce Caster, and Mar Vista Family Center CEO Lucia Diaz.

"When we received funding from the Everychild Foundation, we also got Jacqueline as a friend and as an ongoing supporter of the work we do," Diaz said.

Her son, Bryce, a former Mar Vista volunteer, introduced his mother at the event. Bryce's sister, Jocelyn, has also volunteered with the agency. According to Diaz, Caster's actions aligned with MVFC's mission that family engagement is the solution to many problems faced by its communities.

"Along with her, she brought her family to work directly with our families, touching the lives of many youths and parents," Diaz said. "By bringing her own family with her, it reflected on what we believe and do at Mar Vista."



Everychild Foundation members supporting Jacqueline Caster at Senator Ben Allen's Woman of the Year Reception.



WIDER IMPACTS: EVERYCHILD MEMBERS HELP SHAPE STATE POLICIES AFFECTING CHILDREN

Led by Chair Candis Duke, our newly renamed Policy & Activism Committee, the P&AC (formerly the Public Policy Committee), participated this past year in the successful advocacy of several important state bills affecting youth involved in the justice system. The legislation provides greater protection of their rights as they navigate a complicated system where naiveté and lack of experience can lead to dire consequences. One such bill, SB 395, ensures that all children under the age of 16 understand their Miranda rights before waiving them. They now have the opportunity to consult with a lawyer prior to being interrogated by law enforcement.

The Committee wrote letters of support for four such bills signed into law, and encouraged our membership at-large to do so as well. The positive effects of Everychild's influence has resulted in more requests from various advocates statewide for us to consider support for their

issues.

The P&AC additionally joined Children Now and hundreds of other child-welfare organizations in urging Governor Jerry Brown to increase the budget for preschool and childcare, and supported the efforts of Children's Law Center of California (CLC) to increase funding for Dependency Counsel. Both efforts were successful. The latter victory reduces the overwhelming number of cases for CLC attorneys, as well as for attorneys throughout the state who represent abused and neglected children and youths in the foster care system.

In the coming year, the P&AC plans to deepen its involvement supporting legislation and policy at all levels of government consistent with our mission to ease children's suffering.

IMPEDIMENTS CONFRONTING HOMELESS CHILDREN



Salon speaker Tanya Tull, ScD, Founder and President of Partnering For Change

Denise McCain-Tharnstrom, Founder of Our Children LA, a nonprofit that connects these youth with web-based resources and support systems.

As part of the Nancy Daly Salon Series, speakers Tanya Tull, ScD, Founder and President of Partnering For Change, and Melissa Schoonmaker, Consultant II, Homeless Education, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), shared their research on the large number of Los Angeles' children affected by homelessness and the significant impact on their physical health, cognitive development and social and emotional well-being.

Schoonmaker, who serves as LACOE's Homeless Liaison, supports 80 school districts and over 200 charter schools within Los Angeles County to meet the educational needs of the nearly 63,000 youth identified across the county as lacking a permanent home.

"Homeless children are more likely to be diagnosed with learning disabilities and more likely to score poorly on standardized assessments," Schoonmaker said. "87% of such children do not finish high school."

On Thursday, September 28, members of the Everychild Foundation convened to discuss the challenges of children facing homelessness. The gathering was held at the home of Board

Member Emeritus

According to Schoonmaker, some of these problems can be ameliorated with increased state and federal funding, a statewide data system and access to needed resources, such as school supplies, transportation and counseling. Schoonmaker believes that no single system can meet all of the needs of young children and parents experiencing homelessness; cross-system collaboration is critical. The goal is high quality, affordable housing, safe neighborhoods and improved physical and mental health.

Tull added that frequent mobility and stress associated with unstable housing not only inhibits healthy child development, but may also lead to child abuse and/or neglect. Her agency, Partnering for Change, promotes and facilitates strategies in the community that ensure access to stable and adequate housing for child and family well-being. She believes that early intervention and timely responses to indicators of housing distress can help stabilize a precarious housing situation before the problem can escalate. Her organization identifies and addresses the challenges that each family faces with individualized approaches from improving a family's housing to helping them relocate to more affordable neighborhoods.

"There is always something we can do. It may be out of the box, but that's what innovation is all about," Tull said.

For more information, see www.partnering-for-change.org and lacoedu.edu.



Salon speaker Melissa Schoonmaker, Consultant II, Homeless Education, LA County Office of Education

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GRANT UPDATES AND EXCITING HOLA EXPANSION

2016 Richstone Family Center is a leader in child abuse treatment and mental health services using evidence-based trauma-focused treatment programs. The Everychild Foundation Healing Center will serve 500 additional at-risk and abused children and their families each year, moving them out of crisis and down the path to stability. The grant includes both capital and programmatic elements with the 5,000-square-foot facility set to break ground in early 2018. Richstone has already initiated components of the program portion. Last year, they hosted a community Wellness Fair, along with expanded classes and activities focused on parenting and substance abuse awareness.

2015 The Whole Child's "Everychild Foundation Family Housing Program" helps families with children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness attain adequate, safe and affordable housing in the city of Whittier. To date, the program has served 526 children and 200 families. This recent quarter alone, all participants have undergone a mental health screening and 75% of the adults in the families have received education and job training, which sets them on the path to long-term financial stability. After one year in the program, the participants' success rate is impressive. Over 85% have managed to remain in their housing. The Whole Child was awarded funding from Measure H revenue and a Department of Health Services grant, both of which will be leveraged with the Everychild funding to help their families thrive.

2014 1736 Family Crisis Center's "Everychild Foundation Emergency Shelter and Youth Program" is a new center for homeless and at-risk girls and boys (ages 10-17). The agency's continuum of aid includes free shelter and emergency drop-in centers for counseling, clothing and other life ne-

cessities. They also provide a broad array of critical services including crisis intervention, self-esteem building, and suicide prevention and intervention. The shelter is now completed with a grand opening of the beautiful, state-of-the-art facility set for February 24, 2018.

2013 The Children's Clinic, "Serving Children and Their Families" (TCC), launched the "Everychild Bright Beginnings Initiative," a program that identifies and addresses the effects of toxic stress and chronic exposure to violence on infants, toddlers and pregnant mothers. As a result of the Everychild project's success, TCC has been able to leverage funding to grow the program. Various sources include the W.M. Keck Foundation, First 5 LA and LA Care, among others. In addition, the federal Department of Justice awarded Long Beach a "Safe Long Beach" grant allowing TCC's staff to provide specialized training for city officials and other community members through the workshop "CHANGING THE LENS: Transforming Care to Identify and Respond to Children and Families Exposed to Violence and Toxic Stress."

SPECIAL NEWS ON OUR 2006 GRANTEE

Everychild funding supported Heart of Los Angeles' (HOLA) renovation and expansion of the Lafayette Park Recreation Center. HOLA provides underserved youth with free academic, athletic, arts and enrichment programs. In the 2016-2017 academic year, HOLA served 2,236 students. Impressively, 100% of its seniors graduated high school and started college. HOLA broke ground in November for its new Arts and Recreation Center as its capital campaign is almost completed. The new facility will allow HOLA to double the number of students it serves daily and increase both the quality and quantity of programs offered.



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