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COMMUNITY VOICES MONTHLY UPDATE

JULY 2016



Because Children Can't Vote!

On Saturday, July 30, Community Voices held its 3rd Annual Stand for Children Day at Exposition Park to bring awareness on the importance of advocating on behalf of our children and working families, ensuring they too have a voice.

More than 500 parents, providers, children and advocates came together as one voice, chanting "Child Care Keeps CA Working!" loudly for our Legislators in Sacramento to hear.

We couldn't have done this without the sponsorship and continued support from our collaborators, guest speakers and volunteers. Thank You to:

UPCOMING EVENTS



Coffee w/ Community Voices

Saturday, August 20

9:00 A.M - 11:00

A.M.

Crystal Stairs, Inc.

[Register Here](#)



Parent Advocacy Workshop Series II

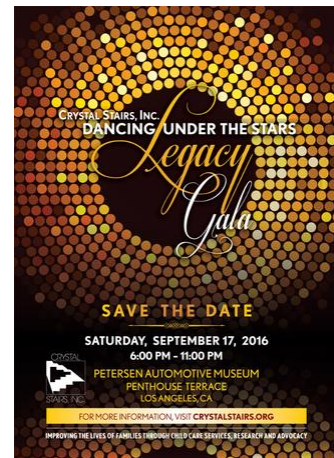
- First 5 LA
- Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
- Los Angeles City Zapata-King Neighborhood Council
- Connections for Children
- International Institute of Los Angeles
- Julia Children's Services
- Options for Learning
- Pathways
- Pomona Unified School District Child Development Program
- Senator Holly J. Mitchell, D-30
- Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, D-58
- Assemblymember Mike Gipson, D-64
- Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer, D-59
- Office of Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, D-54
- Office of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, District 1
- Kohl's volunteers

If you missed out, don't worry. **Join Community Voices on Saturday, August 20** from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Crystal Stairs, Inc. for a cup of coffee and discussion on the current state of child care and early care and education funding. Bring your voice to the table, Because Children Can't Vote. [Register today!](#)



Sept. - Nov. 2016
10:00 A.M - 2:00 P.M.
Crystal Stairs, Inc.

Details coming soon



Dancing Under the Stars Legacy Gala

Saturday, September 17
6:00 P.M - 11:00 P.M.
Petersen Automotive
Museum

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Community Voices is the child care advocacy program of Crystal Stairs, nc., designed to create a cadre of parent advocates throughout

Want to stay cool this summer?

Stay connected and join Community Voices for one of their free events this summer. Check out [upcoming events](#), for more information. See you soon!



STATE BUDGET UPDATE

The Legislature is back from recess and ready to tackle pending bills that could impact child care and early learning. Below is a list of upcoming hearings for child care bills:

Mon., Aug. 1 - Senate Appropriations Committee 10 a.m.

Wed., Aug. 3 - Assembly Appropriations Committee 9 a.m.

You can watch the hearings on [CalChannel](#) or your local TV channel ([local listings](#))

L.A. County dedicated to strengthen their leadership capacity, civic engagement and ability to create systemic change within the child care system.

Celebrating 10 years of Advocacy in 2016!

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FEDERAL BUDGET UPDATE

Congress is out for recess until after Labor Day. Upon their return, they will be working on meeting the Sept. 30 deadline to approve Fiscal Year 2017 federal budget; if not, it could result in a [continuing resolution](#).

Stay tuned as staff continues to track budget developments.