



# ADVOCATE! L.A.



COMMUNITY VOICES MONTHLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2016



## Because Children Can't Vote!

Join Community Voices in October for the beginning of its Fall Parent Advocacy Series. Find out what's on the ballot, who are the running candidates and how you can strengthen your civic engagement. Be a voice for our children, because Child Care Keeps Children Learning and Parents Earning! [Read more...](#)

**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF ADVOCACY!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Community Voices Workshop

#### The Power of Your Voice: Your Vote Matters!

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016

10:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M.

Crystal Stairs, Inc.

[Register Today!](#)



### Community Calendar



Join Community Voices in celebrating 10 years of strengthening parent leadership, civic engagement and ensuring the children and working families of Los Angeles County remain a priority for California!

**Be a Champion for Child Care and become a **SPONSOR** of Community Voices today!**

[Learn more »](#)

- [Councilmember Harris-Dawson's Neighborhood Townhall Series](#)
- [Family Fun Fall Friday Nights](#)
- [Celebrate Latino Heritage Month!](#)



### Early Care & Education

- [California's Poverty Rate has Declined](#)
- [Underpaid and Unequal](#)
- [U.S. Behind on Early Ed](#)



### FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Congress is still working to meet the Sept. 30 deadline to approve Fiscal Year 2017 federal budget and it is more likely they will implement a [continuing resolution](#).

In the meantime, stay informed:

- [Child Care Aware- Child Care Deserts: Developing Solutions to Child Care Supply and Demand](#)



Community Voices is the child care advocacy program of Crystal Stairs, Inc., designed to create a cadre of parent advocates throughout 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!](#)



### STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Currently, the Legislature is on recess until early December 2016. Now, Governor Brown must decide on more than 600 bills by the September 30 deadline.



Summer has come to an end, but the fun is just beginning.

Stay connected and 'fall' in with Community Voices and other community events. For more information, check out [upcoming events](#).