



California Protective Parents Association Newsletter

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce that **Advocates for Child Empowerment and Safety (ACES)** launched its first [California Legislative Report Card](#)!

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge our **2015 Child Safety Champions**. These are our top legislators who took leadership to author and vote for bills to protect California kids. Sen. Holly Mitchell, Sen. Jim Beall and Asm. Brian Maienschein received the top grade of A+ for their leadership. Senators Ricardo Lara, Bill Monning and Bob Wieckowski, and Assemblymembers Richard Bloom and Chris Holden all received an A grade for their voting record regarding the safety of children.



Sen. Holly Mitchell, Sen. Jim Beall & Asm. Brian Maienschein
received the highest scores!

A big thanks to Kathleen Russell and Steve Burdo for making this happen!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13-14, 2016.

[The 2016 Annual Ritual Abuse, Secretive Organizations and Mind Control Conference](#) will be held at the DoubleTree near Bradley International Airport Windsor Locks, CT. Speakers will include Dr. Alison Miller, Randy Noblitt, PhD, Pam Noblitt, Eileen Aveni and Neil Brick. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

September 14, 2016.

SAVE THE DATE!

A Congressional Briefing & Lobby Day for Mothers of Lost Children will be held in Washington, D.C. on September 14th. More details to follow, but the first step is to find your Congressional representative [HERE](#) .



RESOURCES

New Sacramento Resource

As of August 1, 2016, [Family Law Attorney Maria Palazzolo](#), in downtown Sacramento, is offering assistance with domestic violence restraining orders for a flat fee of *\$250. This fee includes the following services:

1. The creation of all the necessary court documents
2. Filing of the restraining order request with the Sacramento County court
3. Retrieval of the court response for a temporary restraining order and hearing date
4. Review of the court response with the client
5. Submission and follow-up with the Sacramento County sheriff for service of court documents
6. Representation at the first restraining order hearing

***Restrictions apply. Please contact the Law Offices of Maria Palazzolo at 916-960-8840 for details.**

CA: The Victims of Crime Resource Center

[The Victims of Crime Resource Center](#) provides information and referrals statewide to victims, their families, victim service providers, and victim advocates primarily through their hotline **1-800-VICTIMS** (1-800-842-8467).

Callers receive information on such matters as:

- Victims compensation
- Victims' rights in the Justice System
- Restitution
- Civil suits
- Right to speak at sentencing and parole board hearings
- Specific rights of victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse, and abuse against disabled



Victims Of Crime Resource Center

Upon request, the Center performs special research for other victim service providers. Past research topics have included:

- Prosecution of criminal cases by private parties
- The charging of kidnapping as a special circumstance in murder
- Return of property held in evidence
- Subpoena access to Victims of Crime Act claim files
- Statutory requirements for the amount a judge must order for restitution fines
- The appropriateness of victim impact statements in capital cases

- Attendance of support people at court hearings and proceedings in sexual assault cases

United Nations Recommendations

The United Nations did not seem to hear us about the egregious problems in family courts during their visit last year, but they did find many grievous violations against women. Read some of their recommendations [HERE](#).

Access to Justice

- Ensure further gender diversity and gender sensitive adjudication in judiciaries.
- Revisit and reinvigorate substantive equality for women in court proceedings and ensure access to justice for all without discrimination, with adequate legal representation regarded as a civil right which, where necessary, should be publicly funded.
- Ensure systematic accountability in cases of police brutality noting in particular the frequency of police brutality against African American women.
- Empower Native American tribes to ensure justice in their communities through the exercise of full criminal jurisdiction within their lands.
- Ensure the implementation of the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape.

Violence Against Women and Safety

- Implement fully the VAWA 2013.
- Ensure effective protection orders, increased availability of shelters, culturally and linguistically responsive programs, housing support, prioritizing eligibility particularly for single mother households and those facing heavy unpaid care burdens.
- End detention of migrant women with children and establish accountability mechanisms and adequate gender sensitive training of CBP.
- Seek alternatives to custodial sentences for mothers of dependent children.

Filing An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Complaint

Some advocates and mothers suggest filing an ADA complaint for disability discrimination against battered mothers with PTSD who are then misdiagnosed by court affiliates with the non-existent Parental Alienation Syndrome. For more information, [visit ADA.gov](http://www.ada.gov).

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