

Family Violence Law Center News and Updates



ACTION NEEDED!

Reporting in [The Hill](#) yesterday indicated that the Trump administration's budget proposal may include drastic cuts to the federal budget, including eliminating funding for programs that address domestic and sexual violence.

Click this [link](#) and put in your zip code to send a message to your federal representatives. **Tell Congress to oppose any cuts to Violence Against Women Act funding!**

And read this [action alert](#) to find out more about what you can do.



How Can You be a Good Ally?

On January 6, 2017, FVLC's Executive Director, Erin Scott, presented at the [How to be a Good Ally: Strategic Engagement Conference](#).

Attended by more than 1,000 lawyers and activists, the conference hosted 13 panels on a diverse range of topics.

FVLC co-presented on "Combatting Domestic and Sexual Violence" with Equal Rights Advocates. Together FVLC and ERA sent a strong message: *permission to commit domestic and sexual violence has been granted by the president and we need to fight back.*

FVLC and ERA also asked attendees to support the creation of a Network to Address Domestic and Sexual Violence on college campuses. If you are interested in more information or want to sign up to volunteer, see organizer [Lieff Cabraser's conference webpage](#).



Join Our Board!

If you are passionate about addressing systemic injustice in your community, joining FVLC's Board of Directors is a great way to make a difference!

To see a copy of the job description, follow [this link](#). To apply, send a resume and cover letter [here](#) with "Volunteer Board Member" in the subject line.

Your Charitable Donations in 2017

When our basic human rights are under attack, it can be challenging to determine how to fight back most effectively. Here are a few realities to keep in mind when choosing where to offer your support:

1. Urgent issues are already emerging and more are likely to arise. Our charitable donations can help existing organizations address emerging threats.
2. Our communities are already dealing with the failure of our institutions to address systemic inequalities, resulting in persistent issues like domestic and sexual violence. These issues are severe and are likely to get worse. Our charitable donations are needed on an ongoing basis to help organizations serve the most vulnerable populations in our communities.

FVLC recommends that you use a "both/and" donation strategy, keeping your eye on emerging issues while also attending to what's happening in your local community.

We need to work together, now more than ever.

I want to contribute to FVLC! [Donate now.](#)

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YOUTH PROGRAM: We provide teens with empowering tools to develop community-based social justice strategies that prevent dating violence and build healthy relationships.

LEGAL SERVICES: We provide legal services in civil restraining order and limited family law matters to domestic violence survivors and their children.

CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES: We provide crisis intervention services to survivors of domestic violence 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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