

Family Violence Law Center News and Updates

Upcoming Opportunity to Support Family Violence Law Center



East Bay Community Foundation's East Bay Gives is a 24-hour event encouraging donors to give to local non-profits like FVLC. Donors can **give online starting at midnight on May 3rd**. FVLC is hoping to raise \$5,000 - you can find FVLC's donation page [here](#).

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter on May 3rd as we mark our progress toward \$5,000 and compete to earn matching gifts!





FVLC's Youth program is gearing up for several big events in April and May!

We will be **providing a training at the 3rd annual Time is Now: LGBTQI Youth Summit in Oakland** on April 30th. The conference focuses on the experiences and lives of queer and trans youth of color, emphasizing "Thriving, Not Just Surviving" as a key approach, and will feature workshops and presentations by young people and staff from youth-focused community based organizations. FVLC's RAP staff and peer educators will be presenting on how to navigate healthy teen relationships with a focus on gender norms, sexism, and self-care.

Two peer educators, who are about to complete FVLC's 15-week peer educator training program (RAP), will be **co-hosting their first healthy relationships workshop in May with La Clinica de la Raza**. They will be engaging in critical discussions around gender, cycles of violence, and relationships with newly immigrated youth from Latin America. Our peer educators are native Spanish speakers and have been working with RAP program organizers to translate key curriculum pieces into Spanish. We aim to use this curriculum to open up future opportunities for cross-cultural engagement.

Also in May, FVLC's **Youth Program Manager Mauro Sifuentes will be presenting at the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence conference Shifting the Lens in Berkeley**. Mauro will share the work we've been doing at FVLC to develop new models for social norms change by engaging youth as peer educators. Our youth learn about domestic violence, intersectional and anti-oppression frameworks, as well as workshop development and facilitation skills. Mauro will do a program exercise with participants and share what we have learned through the development and implementation of this innovative curriculum.



New Law Protects Survivors from Cyberstalking

In 2015, the California legislature passed AB 1407, which will add Section 6347 to the California Family Code on July 1, 2016. This new law will allow courts in Domestic Violence Prevention Act restraining order cases to require cell phone service providers to give domestic violence survivors the rights to and billing responsibility for their cell phones and their children's cell phones.

Cell phones can be a tool for abusers to use against their victims. When a domestic violence survivor leaves her abuser, she can be tracked and stalked through her phone or her children's phones. When phones remain on family plans that are controlled by the abuser, the abuser can turn on location devices or use spyware apps to follow their family members without their knowledge or consent.

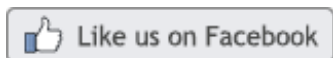
This new law will allow survivors to ask that their phones and their children's phones be transferred to them so their abusers can no longer use the phones to continue to harass and terrorize them.

You can learn more information about cyberstalking on the National Network to End Domestic Violence's [website](#).

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