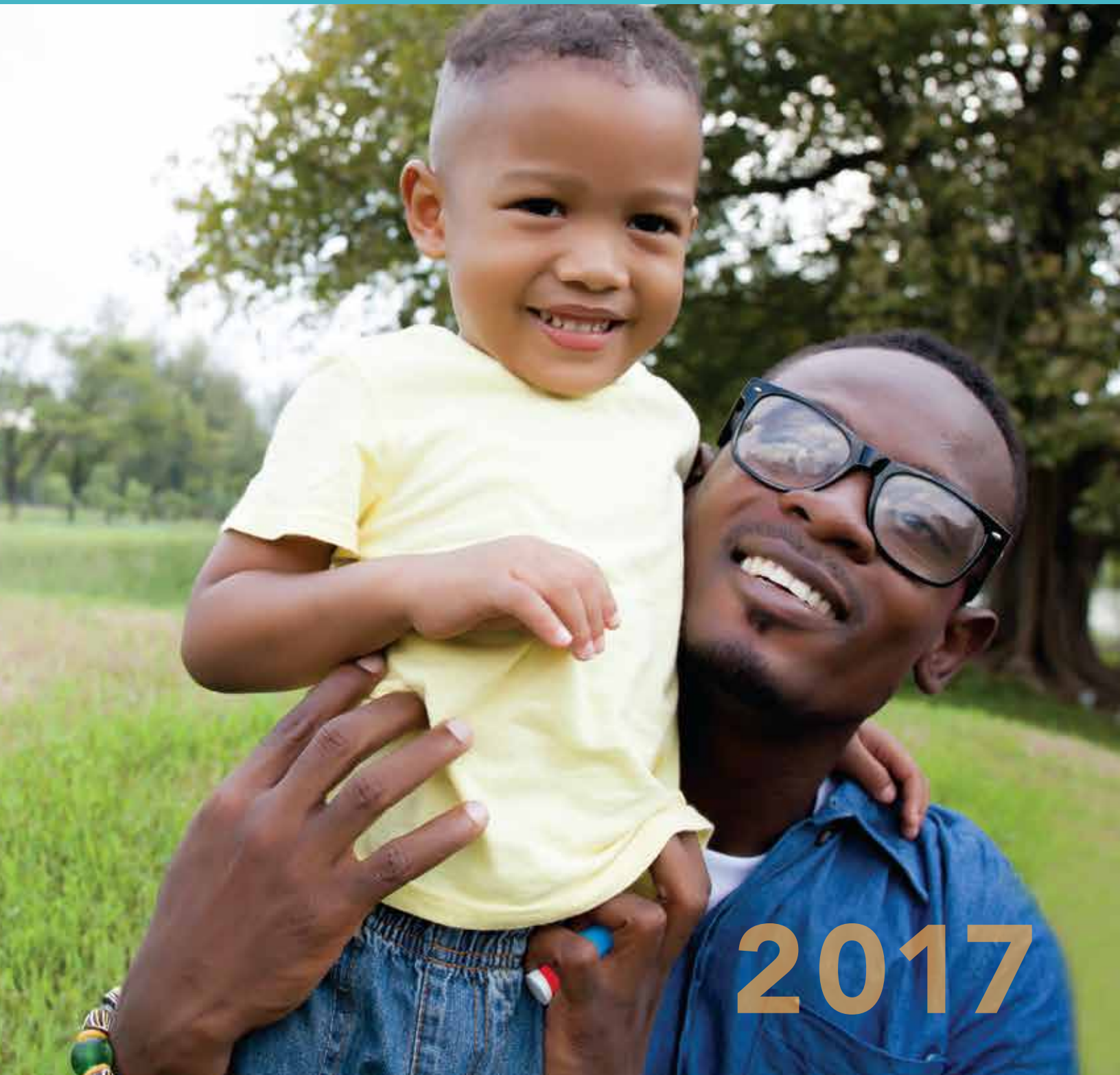


CHILD CARE LAW CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT

TRAILBLAZING FOR KIDS



2017

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR



Dear Friends,

Since its founding, the Child Care Law Center has stood up for every child's right to thrive in a loving child care program. Like you, we want to give them a bright future.

With you, we blazed a new trail this year – California law now makes child care more affordable for hundreds of thousands of families. More parents will have time off work to bond with their babies. And children living with foster parents can go to good preschools.

Washington lawmakers are considering policies that give more tax breaks and advantages to families who are already wealthy – threatening to leave hundreds of thousands of children without the child care they need.

You share our belief that education, beginning with child care and preschool, allows children to pursue their dreams. **Thank you for being trailblazers alongside us.**

Warmly,

Kim Kruckel, *Executive Director*
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BLAZING NEW TRAILS FOR CHILD CARE

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Everyone deserves the chance to work hard and get ahead – but parents like Francis were having to choose between getting ahead and keeping child care for their kids. Francis, mother of 4-year-old Samuel and 20-month-old Samson, worked her way up to a great position in hospital administration, earning praise from her coworkers, a promotion and a small raise.

But Francis' kids attended publicly funded child care programs, so she would have to choose between the raise and retaining her child care subsidy. Under the outdated child care income guidelines, she knew that child care would cost far more than her raise would cover.

"I was feeling defeated, like every step I took to earn a raise or better myself meant I would lose my affordable child care," said Francis.

Francis was one of hundreds of parents in the grassroots organization, Parent Voices, who told stories of raises turned down, overtime passed up, and promotions they could not accept – all because lawmakers had refused to update the affordable child care laws. The Child Care Law Center drafted legislation with Parent Voices and changed the rules so that hundreds of thousands of moms and dads can work hard and get ahead, while knowing their kids are cared for, healthy and safe.

"Now I can get a small raise or promotion, knowing that my children are happy and safe in great child care," said Francis, "The Child Care Law Center represented me so I could keep my affordable child care, and then they fought to update the eligibility guidelines for all families."

In the face of threats from Congress, **California is a trailblazer** when it comes to helping children and parents get good child care and preschool.

More than **280,000**
kids will stay in affordable
child care, preschool
and afterschool

*thanks to your support of
the Child Care Law Center!*





Families deserve the peace of mind that their children are getting the love and care they need to grow and thrive. But the child care shortage in California is making it impossible for parents of babies to find child care.

Irma runs a family child care home that children and parents love. Her waiting list of children with disabilities and families seeking affordable care grew so long, she decided to expand her child care to care for more babies and toddlers from her neighborhood.

But she was blindsided by her city's requirements – permits, hearings, red tape, and thousands of dollars in fees. Irma was ready to give up when she called us. We helped her navigate the process so she could focus again on serving families. Now she and her assistants care for twelve little ones every day.

Irma's case is typical of what many child care professionals run into. Unlawful city ordinances, unreasonable fees, and groundless restrictions go beyond what state law allows. The attorneys at Child Care Law Center challenge these laws and meet with city and county officials to work out solutions that support the community.

"The Child Care Law Center teaches cities about the law in a way that truly encourages them to invest in early learning for our children and support working families. Now our city understands family child care laws, and how important it is to fix the child care shortage in our community!"

—Toni Robertson,
CocoKids, Inc.



9 California cities and counties have worked with us to ease their rules, remove unlawful requirements, and lower fees for licensed family child care homes.

Powerhouse Partnership:
Pictured, from left to right:
Attorney Patti Prunhuber,
Mary Ignatius of Parent Voices,
and Francis Brown, advocate and
mother of two. Together, these
grassroots activists and our
attorneys reformed laws that
were hampering economic
advancement for parents with
affordable child care.



NEW LAWS TO HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



MORE TRAILS WE HELPED BLAZE THIS YEAR:

NEW PARENT LEAVE ACT

Millions more new parents (birth, foster, adoptive) in businesses with twenty employees or more can take bonding leave with a new child and keep their job.



UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES ACT

Parents taking English Language and High School Equivalency courses will now have the affordable child care they depend upon.



BRIDGE PROGRAM

Parents and relatives in the foster care system now get affordable child care when they need it most, and the support to find and keep it. Their child care providers will also receive special training on trauma to better support children in foster care.



One city lowered its permits fees from

\$2,668



\$300

This helps child care providers stay in business, care for more children, and keep their prices affordable.

10 new family child care homes have opened in one city where we helped changed the law. That means **60** more children are off to a bright start in life and their families can work knowing that their children are getting the love and care they need.



ANH DO, 2017 Summer Law Clerk
George Washington University Law School

What impact did you make while at the Child Care Law Center?

Most of our clients come from underrepresented communities and they're experiencing injustices that make them feel more powerless than they really are. By providing clients with the law to represent themselves, we are giving them the confidence to take charge. We also make sure parents know that they are not alone in their journey.

Why did you choose to intern at the Child Care Law Center?

I am passionate about the Child Care Law Center's mission and work, because affordable, quality child care helps families and children narrow the opportunity gap.

SAMANTHA NOEL-DUDINSKY, Volunteer Attorney

Why did you choose to volunteer at the Child Care Law Center?

Their legal advocacy stood out to me, as an attorney. They represent families and providers, but also zealously advocate in the State Capitol. Policy advocacy and direct legal assistance are both crucial to ensuring families can afford child care and quality providers are available.



JULIA FRUDDEN, Communications

Why did you choose to work at the Child Care Law Center?

I taught first grade in low-income communities and saw that the opportunity gap for kids started long before kindergarten. I wanted to make a difference for kids during those early years – so that later they can walk through the classroom door with an equal chance to succeed.

Why is the Child Care Law Center's work important?

We make a huge impact on children's lives when we address equity issues early on and give children the love, care, and support they need for a happy childhood.



2017



GRANTS
\$415,088
CONTRACTS
\$102,922
CONTRIBUTIONS
\$55,460

TOTAL: \$573,470



PROGRAM SERVICES
\$521,256
MANAGEMENT
\$75,094
FUNDRAISING
\$43,180

TOTAL: \$639,530

2016



GRANTS
\$432,504
CONTRACTS
\$106,119
CONTRIBUTIONS
\$77,284

TOTAL: \$615,907



PROGRAM SERVICES
\$421,567
MANAGEMENT
\$97,016
FUNDRAISING
\$55,466

TOTAL: \$574,049

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS: \$ (66,060)

Net Assets, beginning of the year \$270,284
Net Assets, end of the year \$204,224

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS: \$41,858

Net Assets, beginning of the year \$228,426
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HELP US BLAZE MORE TRAILS SO ALL KIDS HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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- ☐ Use your company's matching gift program to expand the impact of your gift.
- ☐ Gift for a family member or honor their memory with a recurring donation.
- ☐ Name the Child Care Law Center in your living trust, will, or insurance policy.
- ☐ Attend, organize, or volunteer at a Child Care Law Center event.

For more information on how you can support our efforts at the Child Care Law Center, contact Executive Director Kim Kruckel at kkruckel@childcarelaw.org or 415-558-8005 x2.

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