

Community Leadership Forum 2009



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Community Leadership Forum 2009 Summit

Community Leadership Forum: 2009 Summit **Education Issues Impacting Foster Children**

The Junior League of Los Angeles is proud to host the 2009 Summit on Education Issues Impacting Foster Children.

Join us at the California Endowment's Center for Healthy Communities to share knowledge and enhance awareness of education issues impacting foster children including: education rights, availability of college funding, opportunities for higher education, challenges with transitioning between schools, and the latest in state legislation.

Keynote Speakers

Honorable Sherri Sobel, Referee - Los Angeles Juvenile Court

Anthony Pico, Former Foster Youth & Legislative Assistant - CA State Assembly

April 16, 2009

8:00am - 12:30pm

California Endowment's Center for Healthy Communities

1000 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Registration Fee* - \$20 (Please register before April 10, 2009)

*Waivers are available to qualified non-profit participants.

For registration and more information visit:

<http://www.jlla.org/?nd=communityleadershipforum>

Questions? Send an email to: communityleadershipforum@jlla.org

JLLA would like to send a special thank you to our speakers, panel members and the following individuals for their continuous dedication to California's Foster Children and for all of their support to this event!

- Speaker Karen Bass, California State Assembly
- Judge Donna Groman, L.A. Juvenile Court
- Susan Steinhauser, JLLA
- Michelle Kezirian, JLLA
- The State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of California
- Judge Michael Nash, Presiding Judge, L.A. Juvenile Court
- Ed Howard, Senior Counsel, Children's Advocacy Institute
- Cathy Hession, JLLA
- Nicole Kuklok-Waldman, JLLA

2009 Summit Framework

This year our speakers and panelists will focus on topics critical to ameliorating the education issues impacting foster children in Los Angeles.

- We support and encourage an easier way for foster children to gain awareness and access to college funding sources.
- We understand the value that mentorship programs offer foster children to improve their chances in successfully graduating high school.
- We recognize a need for community involvement to uphold education rights for foster children and provide knowledgeable and caring decisions on their behalf.
- We acknowledge the need to simplify the transitional process foster children face when moving between schools.
- We realize the value educational courses can provide current and potential foster parents/caregivers in maximizing awareness of resources and services that address immediate and long-term support of foster children.
- We want to share the knowledge of a 2-year initiative that redesigns 30-year old foster care regulations and present an overview of the new federal government fostering youth connections law.

The 2009 Community Leadership Forum will bring together community leaders and experts in the areas of Education and Foster Care by creating a collaborative environment that fosters individual and organizational awareness, while encouraging the partnerships that produce resolution of these issues.

Forum Participants

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- Honorable Sherri Sobel, Referee - Los Angeles Juvenile Court

Panel Membership:

- Panel Moderator: Honorable Richard D. Huffman, Associate Justice

- Panel Members:

Robin Allen, California CASA

Advocacy and mentorship programs to improve high school graduation rates

Lawrence Bolton, Chief Counsel and Deputy Director, Dept. of Social Services

Recent foster care revisions to 30-year old state legislation

Deborah Cromer, Children's Law Center

Upholding Education Rights, enhancing knowledge and making sound decisions

Deborah Escobedo, Youth Law Center

Foster children's rights to equal education

Laura Faer and Karla Penuelas, Public Counsel

Training resources for current and prospective foster parents and caregivers

Teri Kook, Stuart Foundation

College funding opportunities for foster children

Carrie Miller, Education Coordinating Council

Data sharing in the foster care community

Schedule Details

8:00am-8:30am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30am-9:45am

Welcome & Keynote

Michelle Kezirian, JLLA President

Keynote Speakers

9:45am-10:15am

Networking Opportunity & Resource Fair

We invite Non-profit and Government Agencies that serve foster youth to share information about current or proposed programs.

10:15am-12:15pm

Panel Discussion (Short and Long-Term Solutions)

Panel Presentations

Moderator Led Discussion

Audience Q&A Session

12:15pm-12:30pm

Closing Remarks

Panel Moderator

Parking and Directions

California Endowment's Center for Healthy Communities

1000 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

<http://www.calendow.org/chc/center.html>

Directions to the Center

Walking from Union Station

- Walk out of Union Station at Alameda Street exit
- Turn right at sidewalk
- Walk 1 1/2 blocks north to front entrance

From Santa Monica/West Side

- I-10 East
- CA 110 North
- Just past downtown, follow signs on right to "10 East San Bernardino / 5 South Santa Ana" (US 101 South)
- Exit Broadway
- Left on Broadway
- Right on Cesar E Chavez
- Left on Alameda
- Right at Bauchet St. (1st stoplight)
- Continue to The Endowment parking lot

From San Fernando Valley / Hollywood

- US 101 South
- Exit Broadway
- Left on Broadway
- Right on Cesar E Chavez
- Left on Alameda
- Right at Bauchet St. (1st stoplight)
- Continue to The Endowment parking lot

From Pasadena / Northeast LA

- CA 110 South
- Exit Hill Street, go straight
- Left on Alpine
- Right on Broadway
- Left on Cesar E Chavez
- Left on Alameda
- Right at Bauchet St. (1st stoplight)
- Continue to The Endowment parking lot

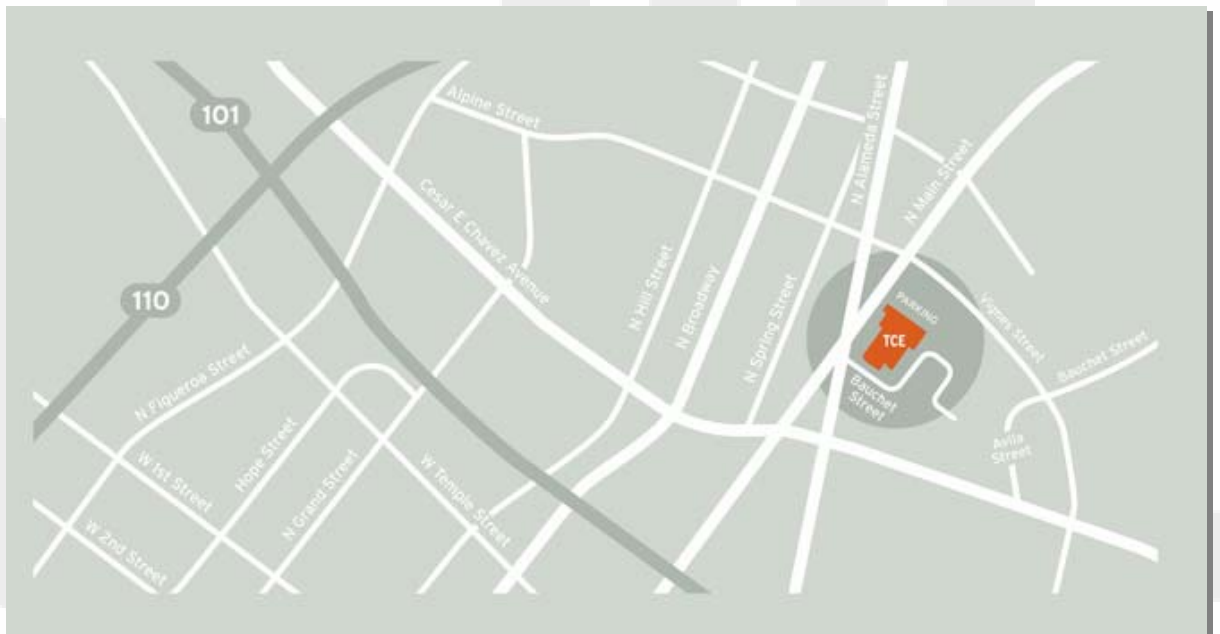
From San Gabriel Valley

- I-10 West
- US 101 North
- Exit Alameda Street
- Right on Alameda
- Right at Bauchet St.
- Continue to The Endowment parking lot

From Harbor Area / South LA

- CA 110 North
- Just past downtown, follow signs on right to "10 East San Bernardino / 5 South Santa Ana" (US 101 South)
- Exit Broadway
- Left on Broadway
- Right on Cesar E Chavez
- Left on Alameda
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Junior League of Los Angeles



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The Junior League of Los Angeles is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

The Junior League of Los Angeles reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism and to the community.

The Junior League of Los Angeles provides training opportunities to develop its volunteers through seminars, community service, leadership roles and mentoring in order to achieve its mission.

The focus areas of the Junior League of Los Angeles include:

- Health and education of women and children
- Violence prevention
- Women in leadership

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