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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**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

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<td><em>We invite Non-profit and Government Agencies that serve foster youth to share information about current or proposed programs.</em></td>
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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 1/2 blocks north to front entrance

**From Santa Monica/West Side**
- I-10 East
- CA 101 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 Pasadena/Northeast LA**
- CA 101 South
- Exit Hill Street, go straight
- Left on Abbe
- 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 101 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
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Free Parking is available at the California Endowment

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![Map of parking and directions](image-url)
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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