

CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Catholic Charities of California represents the twelve Local Catholic Charities Organizations in California.

Every year, these organizations provide more than 1.5 million professional social services to Californians who need help and hope. Catholic Charities of California is the single point of access to this statewide network.



Students at Catholic Charities Maureen & Craig Sullivan Youth Services in San Francisco

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Catholic Charities programs and services help the most vulnerable families in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo Counties, by preventing homelessness, providing permanent housing and health stabilization, helping seniors age with dignity, giving children and youth the chance to have healthy futures, and welcoming newcomers with respect and dignity. [Learn More at: www.CatholicCharitiesSF.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSF.org)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

- 26,855 children and youth served each year.
- At CC Maureen & Craig Sullivan Youth Services in San Francisco, 75% of all enrichment activities are STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) curriculum-based.
- At CC Canal Family Support in San Rafael, our program resulted in a 75% decrease in "urgent intervention" scores for low-income elementary school children.
- At CC Youth Club at St. Francis of Assisi in East Palo Alto, 93% of children maintained or improved academic gains last summer.

Summer Youth Programs: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty



According to a study from John Hopkins University, low-income children can lose up to two months of their reading abilities during the summer break. This is in contrast to middle and high income children who report reading gains during the summer months. Children who are already behind and struggling with literacy can't afford to lose any gains in their reading achievement made during the school year.

Each summer, Catholic Charities youth programs in San Rafael, San Francisco and East Palo Alto are working to ensure that the "summer slide" does not become a reality for children like Evelini who came to Catholic Charities last summer looking for a safe place to learn and grow. Our Catholic Charities summer programs provided her not only a safe place to be when school is out of session, but we helped her maintain and build on academic gains made during the school-year. Because of the one-on-one literacy help Evelini received at Catholic Charities, her teachers have reported that she is improving in school and that she is more confident in her abilities. Evelini will be attending middle school next year, and the help and support she found at Catholic Charities was critical to her academic success.

"At Catholic Charities, we are focused on breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. Literacy is critical to ensuring children have the opportunity to pursue higher education, which is why our summer youth programs are so important," said Jeff Bialik, Catholic Charities Executive Director.



Catholic Charities Statewide Immigration Network

UPDATES

EDUCATING THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY WITH KNOW YOUR RIGHTS VIDEOS:

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County's (CCSCC) Immigration Legal Services (ILS) division recently produced a series of Know Your Rights videos to help educate the immigrant community. The eight videos, in English and Spanish, cover topics from how to handle being stopped by the police, to how organizations should handle unexpected ICE visits.

ILS created the Know Your Rights videos as part of their Know Your Rights campaign. After the November 2016 election, there was growing fear in the immigrant community. Many organizations that serve these communities felt that there was a dire need to educate people on their basic constitutional rights, as many immigrants did not know they had rights. These videos were created with the intent to educate and make information available to those who are unable to attend Know Your Rights presentations, or have a fear of attending them.

"It is important that everyone know their constitutional rights, not just immigrants," said Grecia Escobar-Emery, Community Relations Manager - Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. "These videos show a visual representation of what could actually happen in our communities in regards to immigration. It is one thing to hear someone talk about your constitutional rights, but it is another thing to actually see it in action."

To watch the Know Your Rights videos, visit:
<http://bit.ly/CCSCC-KYR>
Feel free to share with your networks!

Learn more about Immigration Legal Services at <http://catholiccharitiesscc.org/immigration-legal-services>



Catholic Charities of California

UPDATE ON STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

STRONGER TOGETHER: CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION PROGRAMS CONVENING

In early June, Catholic Charities of California convened Local Catholic Charities Organizations who are service providers for our Immigration Services (ISP) or Unaccompanied Undocumented Minors (UUM) programs. Thirteen agencies were represented from across the state of California.

The convening was an opportunity to network among colleagues, provide agency updates, share best practices, and deliver program updates. Catholic Charities staff returned to their local agencies with new knowledge, tools, and motivation to deliver effective ISP and UUM services to immigrants in their local communities.

