

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.



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY

Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB) works with youth, children, and families to promote self-sufficiency, strengthen families, and pursue safety and justice. CCEB address core issues that lead to poverty and homelessness in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. They **Welcome the Stranger** through immigration and refugee services. The agency **Heals Trauma** through programs that change school climates and help children succeed in school; support for those who have lost loved ones to homicide; and help families facing trauma so they can safely stay together. They **Foster Self-Sufficiency** through providing rental and utilities assistance to families and seniors as well as programs that foster English and financial literacy.

When Crisis Strikes at Home



Sandy prided herself on being a responsible and caring mother with a good job. Her work helped make a difference in her community. She loved her family and worked hard on their behalf to create a loving, nurturing home. But no amount of effort could overcome the fact that her husband was physically and emotionally abusive. He suffered from bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, which were worsening over time. Eventually, Sandy's injuries required a hospital stay and a lengthy recuperation. The couple separated and Sandy found herself struggling to make ends meet on disability. A crisis worsened when Sandy needed to find a new home for herself and her young daughter. In desperation, Sandy reached out to Catholic Charities of the East Bay and began working with Delia, a compassionate and experienced housing counselor. With Delia's help, Sandy received financial support for her first month's rent. That is all it took to transition Sandy and her sweet, young child into their new violence-free home.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay housing counselors help families and seniors avoid homelessness through help with rent, deposits, or utilities. These dedicated counselors evaluate a family's financial stability, so they can recommend support that will be sustainable. They stay connected with their clients over time to ensure continued stability. On average, it takes \$1,400 to help a family avoid homelessness. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner, according to experts.

Learn more about Catholic Charities of the East Bay's Services by visiting:
www.cceb.org



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Local Catholic Charities Provide Food Security and Nutrition Education

At least 4 million low income Californians struggle with food insecurity, meaning that they don't always know how they will get their next meal. Nearly one in four children in California live in a food-insecure household.

Food security for all Californians is a priority for Catholic Charities of California. Since 2009, Catholic Charities of California has led a statewide effort to enroll individuals into CalFresh. Local Catholic Charities Organizations have prescreened over 373,000 households and assisted more than 29,000 households to apply for benefits. Catholic Charities organizations provide these services in dozens of counties across the state, from Humboldt to Imperial.

Catholic Charities also work with CalFresh-eligible individuals and families to help decrease the risk of chronic health-related diseases, including obesity through federally-funded SNAP-Ed nutrition education. SNAP-Ed services provide clients with the knowledge, skills, and motivations to make healthy food and beverage choices within a limited budget and choose active lifestyles.

Since 2013, led by Catholic Charities of California, this statewide SNAP-Ed program has provided nutrition education to over 150,000 individuals in dozens of counties.



Catholic Charities Statewide Immigration Network

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Spotlight on Catholic Charities of the East Bay

This year, Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB) assisted close to 2,000 individuals at over 70 *Know Your Rights Clinics* at Parishes and Community Centers throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

After the Administration's DACA decision, CCEB hosted DACA Renewal Clinics, helping close to 300 people with renewals. Overall, 400 DACA cases were opened.

In total, CCEB provided 3051 legal consultants in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and helped 326 people enter the path to citizenship.

The agency also welcomed 197 individuals and 80 families through the refugee resettlement program, engaging parishes and other faith communities from across the Diocese of Oakland in welcoming these families and supporting their resettlement.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

