



BEYOND SILOS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIPS

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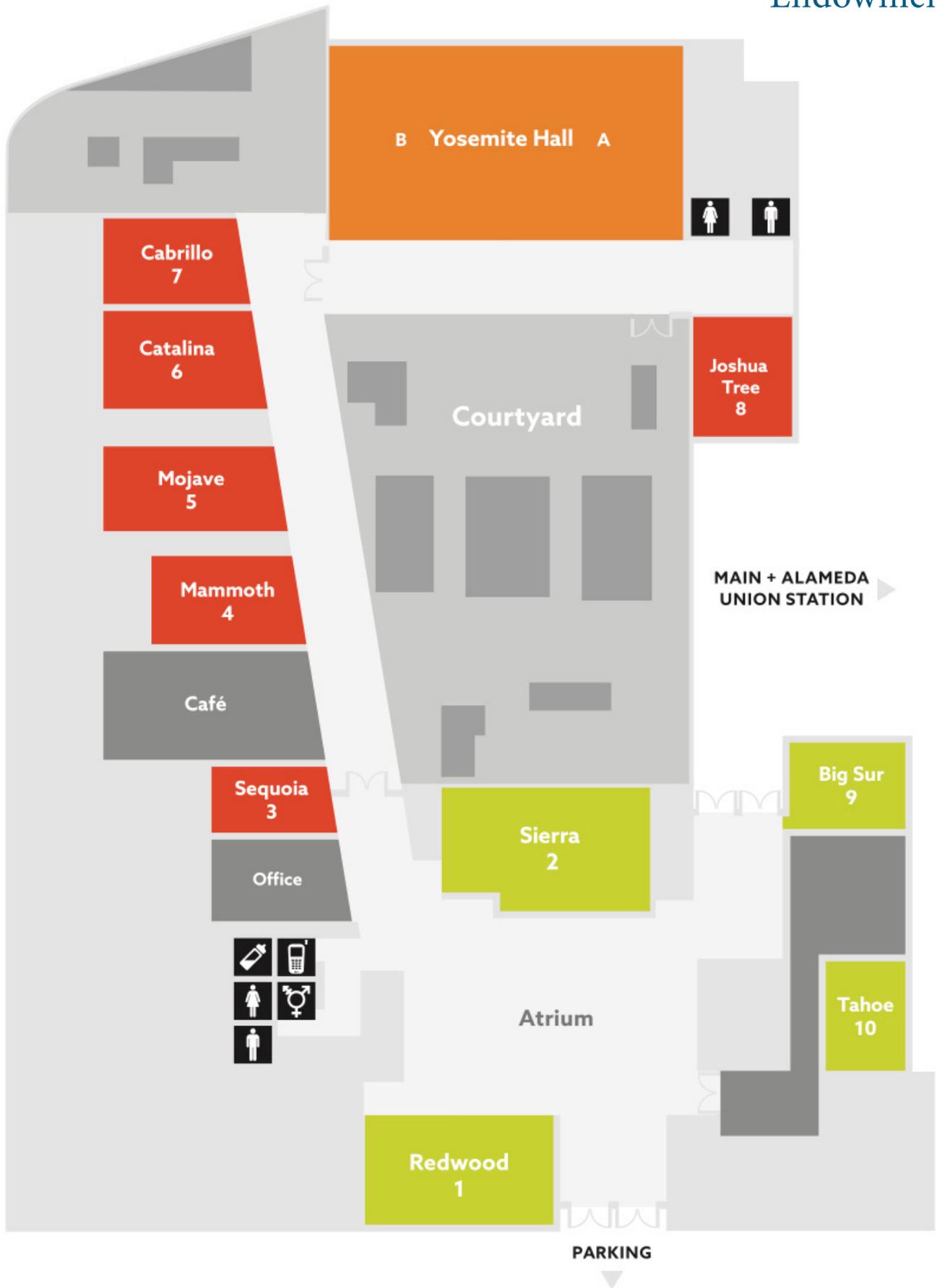
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WELCOME

Welcome to the 3rd annual symposium, **Beyond Silos: Domestic Violence and Health Care Partnerships!** Beyond Silos was thoughtfully designed to instill possibility and a deeper sense of connection across sectors working toward a shared vision. Today's incredible lineup of presenters include survivors, health care and domestic violence (DV) advocacy leaders who lead from the front to advance equity and pioneer transformative collaboration across health care, public health, mental/behavioral health, domestic/sexual violence and community-based culturally specific social services. You are a co-creator in this leaning experience and we welcome you as a partner in our mission to advance meaningful systems-change across the County of Los Angeles to provide trauma-sensitive care and services that are more accessible, sustainable and equitable for all survivors of violence and abuse.

First funded by Blue Shield of California Foundation in 2014, this work has resulted in tremendous learning and positive outcomes for programs, health and DV service providers, and most importantly survivors. For more on the history of work, please visit www.dvhcla.org. The success of this symposium over the years simply would not be possible without the support of our dedicated funder—Blue Shield of California Foundation; our invaluable partners—the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health and the Domestic Violence Council. We are deeply appreciative.

Now more than ever, coming together in partnership is critical as we continue to navigate and tread the uncertainty and volatility of pandemic times, gender and racial injustices, and restricted reproductive health access. We are being called to step forward, stand taller, and most importantly join forces in order to serve, support, educate and advocate even stronger and louder.

Our goal is that you walk away from today's conversation feeling inspired and moved to breakthrough silos and come together in service for the safety and wellbeing of survivors of violence—known and unknown. Partnership brings a world of new possibilities for how we operate, serve and evolve. May we all have a voice in this conversation and bring back an elevated experience to the communities and individuals we all serve so well. Thank you for being here.

Sincerely,

The Leadership Council for Domestic Violence and Health Care



The **Leadership Council for Domestic Violence and Health Care**—funded by Blue Shield of California Foundation—is a network of leading DV service providers in Los Angeles working together to:

- Promote cross-sector collaboration to strengthen services and support for survivors;
- Address and respond to trauma and the health impacts of violence; and
- Break the cycle of domestic violence in Los Angeles County.

AGENDA

3rd Annual Beyond Silos: Domestic Violence and Health Care partnerships

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| 8:30-9:00am | Registration + Breakfast Virtual conference room opens
Exhibitor tables open |
| 9:00-9:30am | Welcome + Opening Remarks
Karen Earl, <i>Chief Executive Officer, Jenesse Center, Inc.</i>
Richard Thomason, <i>Policy Director, Blue Shield of California Foundation</i>
Sheila Kuehl, <i>Supervisor 3rd District, County of Los Angeles</i> |
| 9:30-10:20am | Keynote Address - Reproductive Justice and Access Post-Roe:
Implications for Survivors of Domestic Violence
Margaret Mitchell, <i>Chief Executive Officer, YWCA USA</i> |
| 10:20-10:45am | Fireside Chat - Keynote Reactions: State and local perspectives
<u>Moderator</u> : Susie Baldwin, MD, MPH, <i>Medical Director, Office of Women's Health, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chanel Smith, <i>Executive Director, Women and Girls Initiative, Los Angeles County</i>• Leah Aldridge, <i>Project Manager, ValorUS</i> |
| 10:45-10:55am | Break
Exhibitor tables open |
| 10:55-11:40am | Centering Lived Experience: Survivors' journeys navigating health care
Moderator: Giovanna Martinez, BA, <i>Victim Services Programs Supervisor, Human Services Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survivor, <i>Jenesse Center, Inc.</i>• Survivor, <i>YWCA of San Gabriel Valley</i>• Survivor, <i>East Los Angeles Women's Center</i> |
| 11:40am-12:10pm | Lunch
Exhibitor tables and virtual networking open |
| 12:10-12:30pm | Special Lunch Performance - Urban Voices Project |

12:45–2:05pm Concurrent Sessions

Session A **Exploring Innovative Partnership Models to Improve Survivor Access to Quality Care**

Moderator: Rebeca Melendez, *Wellness Director, East Los Angeles Women's Center*

- Melinda Cantu, *MSSW, LCPAA, Vice President Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Services, SAFE*
- Ashley Starr Frechette, *MPH, Director of Health Professional Outreach Connecticut Coalition Against DV*
- Amanda Gould, *Senior Program Manager of the LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence, Los Angeles LGBT Center*

Session B **Transformative Collaboration: Exploring challenges, building resilience and strengthening partnerships**

Moderator: Kate Marr, *Executive Director, Community Legal Aid SoCal*

- Elisa Nicholas, *MD, MSPH, Chief Executive Officer, TCC Family Health*
- Debra Ward, *Chief Executive Officer, YWCA of San Gabriel Valley*
- Ellen Eidem, *Director, Office of Women's Health, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

Session C **Supporting Survivors through Policy**

Moderator: Nicolle Perras, *Interim Executive Director, Domestic Violence Council, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

- Amada Lechner, *Health Researcher, Mathematica*
- Anisa Ali, *Program Manager, Futures Without Violence*

Session D **Supporting Safe and Healthy Adolescent Relationships through Partnerships**

- Jennifer Haddad Bell, *MTP, Program Consultant, Jenesse Center, Inc. and Futures Without Violence*
- Angela Parker, *Ed.D., Director of Training and Programs, Jenesse Center, Inc.*

2:05–2:10pm Break

2:10–2:30pm **Closing Remarks**

- Deborah Allen, *ScD, Deputy Director, Health Promotion Bureau, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*
- Barbara Kappos, *Executive Director, East Los Angeles Women's Center*

2:30pm Evaluations + CEUs

2:30–5:30pm Virtual Networking

EXHIBITORS

Don't forget to visit our in-person and virtual exhibitors!

- L.A. Care Health Plan
- California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
- Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health and the Domestic Violence Council, Health Committee
- Los Angeles Domestic Violence and Health Care Leadership Council
- Urban Voices Project

CONTINUING EDUCATION

For more information, visit the CEU table in the Yosemite Foyer. For virtual access, visit the CEU booth.

County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Nursing Education & Professional Development, Board of Registered Nursing, Provider No.01429 - 4 CEUs

To sign up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NKT7XVN>

Union Institute & University is a Regionally Accredited Educational Institution by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) - 4 CEUs for LCSWs, LMFTs and LPCs, fee: \$40

To sign up: <http://uiu.ce21.com/item/beyond-silos-symposium-2022>

For a Certificate of Attendance, visit: <https://www.dvhcla.org/copy-of-2021-symposium-archives>

SPEAKER BIOS

In order of appearance

Karen Earl



When it comes to domestic violence, Karen Earl stands up to darkness and silence with a floodlight of hope and inspiration. Before "me too" and "times up", she was leading the way to throw light on the issue of domestic abuse and get people talking about it. Why, because silence and stigma are the top killers of women and men in domestic violent situations. Karen Earl is the CEO of Jenesse Center, Inc. Jenesse is the oldest DV intervention and prevention program in South Central Los Angeles and is recognized as one of the first shelter programs founded by African American women who were themselves survivors of DV.

Jenesse is a comprehensive program operating an emergency shelter, two transitional housing facilities, one educational center, an in house, direct legal services program, and a DV clinic at the Inglewood courthouse. Jenesse has been a driving force hosting open discussions on gender-based violence, dating violence bullying, stalking and sexual assault with ages 11 to 21. Jenesse also trains intervention and prevention service providers in the City of Los Angeles.

Richard Thomason



Richard Thomason serves as director of policy at Blue Shield of California Foundation, where he leads the development of initiatives that leverage public policy to achieve the Foundation's mission. Mr. Thomason joined the Foundation in 2009 as a program officer, and has led the Foundation's efforts to make California the healthiest state, expand health coverage, improve access to care for vulnerable populations, and strengthen safety net healthcare systems. Prior to joining the Foundation, Mr. Thomason was the policy director for SEIU - United Healthcare Workers West, where he

was deeply involved in the full range of healthcare reform and healthcare system issues facing SEIU and its membership. Previously, Mr. Thomason spent eight years as professional staff to the California Assembly in roles related to health and fiscal policy. In addition to his work in the California legislature, Mr. Thomason has also worked as a community relations representative for Kaiser Permanente and as legislative staff to U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. Mr. Thomason has been a member of numerous boards and commissions, including the Alameda Alliance for Health Board of Governors, the California Health Care Coalition, the Berkeley Community Health Commission, and the Alameda County Public Health Advisory Commission. Mr. Thomason has a Master's degree in Public Affairs with a concentration in domestic policy from Princeton University and a Bachelor of Arts from Reed College.

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl



Supervisor Sheila J. Kuehl was first elected to represent Los Angeles County's Third District on November 4, 2014 and was reelected to her second term on November 6, 2018. As a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, she has led the way and worked on many initiatives and motions to improve people's lives and reform systems in the County. Before her service on the Board, Supervisor Kuehl served eight years in the California State Senate and six years in the California State Assembly. She was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly, and the first openly gay or lesbian person to be elected to the California Legislature. She served as chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Natural Resources and Water Committee, and Budget Subcommittee on Water, Energy, and Transportation, as well as the Assembly Judiciary Committee. Prior to serving in the Legislature, as a public-interest attorney, Supervisor Kuehl drafted and fought to get into law more than 40 pieces of legislation relating to children, families, women, and domestic violence. She was a law professor at Loyola, UCLA, and USC Schools of Law, in addition to co-founding and serving as managing attorney of the California Women's Law Center. She was also the Founding Director of the Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College and was a Regents' Professor in Public Policy at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. Supervisor Kuehl graduated from Harvard Law School in 1978.

Margaret Mitchell



Prior to becoming CEO of YWCA USA, Margaret served as the President & CEO of YWCA Greater Cleveland, a 150-year-old social justice organization that provides direct service, collaboration, and advocacy in the community, focused on racism, empowering women, and homelessness. Among her achievements, in 2019 she led the call to Declare Racism a Public Health Crisis in Cleveland and across the state through her leadership in the Ohio YWCA Council. Additionally, Margaret led the acquisition of the Norma Herr Women's Center, Cleveland's largest homeless emergency women's shelter. She also launched the transformation of the YWCA Greater Cleveland Early Learning Center into a unique, unduplicated preschool that currently operates the only trauma-informed preschool serving children and families experience homelessness. Previously, Margaret was the President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters Greater Cleveland, and served as the VP of Business Development and Director of Partnerships at Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas (now BBBS Lone Star). Margaret received a BA with honors in Mass Communications from Hampton Institute - a Historically Black College and recently attended Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management at Harvard Business School. In 2020, The Cleveland Orchestra, in partnership with the City of Cleveland, honored her with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - Outstanding Service Award. In 2019, YWCA Greater Cleveland, ranked in the "Top 10 of the Top 100 Workplaces" by The Plain Dealer - Advance Ohio and was recognized as a "Business Longevity Honoree" by Smart Business Magazine.

Susie Baldwin, MD, MPH



Susie Baldwin, MD, MPH, FACPM is a preventive medicine specialist who works as the Medical Director for the Office of Women's Health (OWH) at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH). Her team at OWH strives to improve women's health equity with a focus on sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence and human trafficking, and women's health epidemiology. Dr. Baldwin has a long history of work supporting marginalized populations. She serves as a DPH liaison to the sex worker community and represents DPH on the LAC Gender Responsive Advisory

Committee, which works to improve conditions for women and gender expansive people in County jails while advancing the County's Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative. Since 2005, Dr. Baldwin has actively engaged in anti-trafficking work through clinical care, research, training, and advocacy; she co-founded and is immediate past president of the organization HEAL Trafficking and serves as a national expert on trafficking in numerous arenas.

Chanel Smith



Chanel Smith has spent the last 15 years working to enhance the services available for marginal and vulnerable populations. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the County of Los Angeles' Women & Girls Initiative. Prior to that Chanel worked with the City of Los Angeles's Community Investment for Families Department where she managed the City's comprehensive programming for survivors of DV including the programs to address the intersection of domestic violence and homelessness. In her previous role as Policy Director for Domestic Violence and Vulnerable

Populations at the Los Angeles Mayor's Office she oversaw the City of Los Angeles's Gender based violence initiatives which include the Domestic Abuse Response Team, Sexual Assault Response Teams, Family Justice Centers as well as other City based strategies for ensuring the safety of some of our most vulnerable residents. During the COVID-19 pandemic Chanel oversaw Project Safe Haven, the largest comprehensive response to DV during the pandemic in the world. Chanel was the 2020 Recipient of the County of Los Angeles's Excellence in Public Service Award, the 2020 State of California's Partnership to End Domestic Violence's Partnership Award, and the 2021 Woman of Distinction award from California Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell for her work with the DV and Human Trafficking populations.

Leah Aldridge

Leah Aldridge is an experienced management executive in anti-sexual assault/domestic violence movement with nearly three decades developing and managing teams, organizations, and statewide and national programs/projects. Highly regarded for analytic abilities, strategic planning, media messaging and campaign development; since joining ValorUS (VALOR) staff in 2015,



curricular and education development, training, and technical assistance has been her focus. Serving as the Director of Special Projects, she most recently supervised the rewrite and reissue of VALOR's Support for Survivors: Training for Sexual Assault Counselor/Advocates in the 21st Century, to be utilized by rape crisis centers throughout the state. Ms. Aldridge has more than twenty years of experience assessing and developing policies, protocols, and practices designed to promote greater inclusion, diversity, and equity among gender-based violence and social justice movements/fields. Ms. Aldridge co-authored *Women of Color Leadership: A Look at the Experiences of Women of Color Executives in the Anti-Violence Against Women's Movement* for the Women Of Color Network funded by the Ms. Foundation (2013); was the consultant and co-author of *Reciprocal Advancement: Building Linkages Between Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault* for CALCASA funded by Blue Shield of California. Leah holds a PhD in Cinema and Media Studies from the University of Southern California.

Giovanna Martinez, BA



Gio has worked with victims of domestic violence since 2001. She specializes in helping survivors heal from the abuse they have witnessed and experienced. She accomplishes this through education, intervention, and empowerment of how healthy and unhealthy relationships can affect her clients' lives. She is currently the Program Supervisor for Victim Services at Human Services Association in Bell Gardens, CA. Before coming to HSA,

Giovanna spent four years as a Program Manager for Domestic Violence Services at The LGBTQ+ Center of Long Beach. Before The Center LB, Gio served 14 years as a Youth Services Coordinator for a local Long Beach Domestic Violence Outreach and Emergency Shelter program. In 2005, Giovanna was an active member of the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). She worked in conjunction with detectives from the LBPD Domestic Violence Detail. She currently serves on two local boards, Ends Abuse Long Beach and the Los Angeles Domestic Violence Council as a Co-Chair of their LGBTQ+ Committee. After 20+ years of service and empowering victims to become survivors, Giovanna's passion for the work grows. She is currently returning to college to pursue her Masters in Social Work.

Erin Wise

Erin Michele Wise is a United States Army Veteran and a proud mother to 7 beautiful and intelligent children. After healing from her Domestic Violent relationship with the father of her children, she has become more driven with her purpose of helping other survivors. Erin Michele Wise has a dream to write books of encouragement for other survivors, she has a mindset that anyone who is willing to heal can conquer anything. She is a Case Manager by day and a Resident Aide at night, with the dreams of becoming a Social Worker. She is a WLAC future grad in Sociology, Communications and Addiction Counseling and future student at Dominguez Hills.

Bridgette Mejia

My name is Bridgette Mejia. I am a disabled mother of 2 daughters whom are 5yr and 4yrs old. I grew up in Boyle Heights and now reside in Rowland Heights. My family and children are my biggest supporters and motivation. I enjoy family gatherings and working on building my strength and stamina. I had 2 strokes in 2020 that contributed to me being disabled. My introduction to YWCA-SGV was due to an altercation that involved my ex-husband and former boyfriend. My ex-husband was ran over by a vehicle and my former boyfriend was stabbed in the chest. It was a very traumatic experience to say the least. I was 2 weeks post my 1st stroke at the time of the incident. 8 months later I had a 2nd more severe stroke. Throughout this process I am healing myself physically and mentally while continuing to be a mother which has been a tremendous challenge. But I believe by the grace of God I am still alive and thriving and pushing forward in this journey of life because I have a purpose.

Fatima Flores

My name is Fatima Flores and I'm a survivor of domestic violence. Like many other women, I didn't realize my situation until a good friend of mine helped me see my life more clearly. She spoke to me about getting help and connected me to the East Los Angeles Women's Center. They helped me and provided me with many resources, and this is how I changed my life. Today I am a proud Promotora! I received training and now reach out to other women in my community to find the help and support, as I did.

Rebeca Melendez



Rebeca Melendez has over 23 years of experience in creating, developing and implementing programs for nonprofit community-based organizations, including 20 years in crisis intervention and advocacy work with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Currently, Rebeca oversees crisis response, advocacy, intervention, empowerment, provider education programs, and the Hope & Heart Shelter services at the East Los Angeles Women's Center at LAC + USC Medical Center and The Wellness Center at the Historical General

Hospital. Rebeca is a graduate of Mount St. Mary's University and holds a master's degree in Humanities with a concentration in Cultural Studies.

Melinda Cantu, MSSW, LCPAA

Melinda has been a part of SAFE for more than 30 years, in both direct service and leadership positions. Beginning as a volunteer at the Austin Rape Crisis Center and an intern at the Center for Battered Women, she has since implemented many new programs for youth and adults at SAFE. She



is considered an expert in operating barrier free shelters and services, and has presented both nationally and internationally on this topic. Statewide, Melinda has been active with the Texas Council on Family Violence, Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services and The Texas Network for Youth Services and locally as part of the Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO) and other community groups focused on children, youth and families. She has a Bachelor's degree from St. Edward's University and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of

Texas at Austin. Melinda believes in the inherent capacity people have to change their lives - especially living safer lives. She and her staff work with survivors to ensure that any violence or abuse they might have experienced does not ultimately define who they are, but makes them stronger. A great day for Melinda is when she witnesses the SAFE service model, coupled with the 'amazing staff' she works with, enabling a survivor to find their strength and start their journey to healing.

Ashley Starr Frechette, MPH



Ashley is the Director of Health Professional Outreach at the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She has her Masters of Public Health degree from Northeastern University. Ashley educates and trains health professionals, across the state, on intimate partner violence screening and intervention. She oversees the health professional outreach advocacy program and various health collaborations. Ashley is a member of the Governor's Council on Women and Girls, MAPOC, CT's Maternal Mortality Review Committee, and she is a certified CHOICES counselor.

Amanda Gould



Amanda Gould (she/they) is the Senior Program Manager of the National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence at the Los Angeles LGBT Center, a project with the core mission of improving our country's response to the unique needs of LGBTQ survivors. Amanda has been supporting survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence for nearly a decade, working in the field as a survivor advocate, crisis responder, case manager, support group facilitator, forensic exam advocate, and violence prevention educator. They have worked with domestic violence and sexual assault service providers on a local and

national level to improve their ability to better support LGBTQ+ survivors through community-specific training, technical assistance, changes in policies and procedures, and creating and running a support group for LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic violence. Amanda is deeply passionate about supporting survivors from an intersectional perspective that takes into account survivors' intersecting identities and lived experiences.

Kate Marr



Kate Marr is the Executive Director at Community Legal Aid SoCal (CLA SoCal), a non-profit agency with a staff of 127 serving Orange and Los Angeles Counties. CLA SoCal fights injustice and advocates for social, economic, and racial equity by providing compassionate, holistic, and impactful legal services. Kate has devoted her entire 20-year career working in legal services, working primarily with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other forms of trauma. Immediately prior to joining CLA SoCal, Kate was a managing attorney at Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) where she supervised the organization's family law and immigration work and the Greater Long Beach Medical-Legal Partnership. Kate is a past chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee and the Vice-Chair of the Board of the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC). She is also a founding member of LAAC's Inclusion Diversity Equity and Accountability in Legal Aid (IDEAL) Committee. Kate received her JD from the University of Colorado School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Bryn Mawr College.

Elisa Nicholas, MD, MSPH



Elisa Nicholas, MD, MSPH is a pediatrician and CEO of TCC Family Health (TCC)* and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the UCI School of Medicine. Dr. Nicholas' long-term passionate commitment and experience in partnering with underserved, vulnerable patients and families to lead healthier and happier lives has driven her career and the success of TCC, as an innovative and inclusive federally qualified health center system with 13 sites and a mobile medical clinic, serving over 40,000 patients of all ages in 140,000 visits per year. She has dedicated her life to serving and advocating for the multicultural and multiethnic community of Long Beach for over 30 years. As a child, Dr. Nicholas dreamed of improving the world and thought the best way to do that was through medicine. She attended UCLA School of Medicine, completed her pediatrics residency at Yale University and her preventative medicine residency and a Master of Science of Public Health (MSPH) as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at UCLA. She has lived, worked, and studied throughout the world, including Lebanon, Guatemala, Kenya, Uganda, and Haiti, before settling closer to family. Dr. Nicholas advocates for and strives for health equity and embraces, honors and celebrates the strengths of and resiliency of the ethnically diverse, multicultural community that TCC serves.

Debra Ward

Debra Ward is the Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA of San Gabriel Valley, a multi-service community based nonprofit serving the greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys. In conjunction with the Board of Directors and committed staff, they work collectively to address all aspects of the



organization's core programs that focus on serving the most vulnerable, including older adults, survivors of domestic violence, children and youth impacted by trauma and violence, and building resilient, equitable and healthy communities in the San Gabriel Valley region. Debra received her Master's in Public Health from UCLA, School of Public Health. She is a lifetime learner, who has always sought opportunities to advance her leadership and personal development. In 2019, Debra completed a 12-month training program with the Executive Director Leadership Institute administered by the

Executive Service Corps of Southern California. She was appointed to the Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force in Los Angeles County. Debra also serves as an expert advisory councilmember for Mathematica, addressing Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) prevention through state Medicaid policy on behalf of the Blue Shield of California Foundation. Debra is also the current President of the Pasadena Delta Foundation, and has received many civic and community awards acknowledging her work in the community. In 2019, Business Life Magazine recognized Debra as one of their 2019 Women Achievers in San Gabriel Valley. She was also a recipient of the 2019 Women Wealth Warriors Award in Pasadena, California.

Ellen Eidem



A longtime proponent of women's health, Ellen serves as the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Office of Women's Health (OWH). The OWH works at the community, and systems level to improve health equity, decrease health disparities and improve the health status of women in LA County through education; advocacy and policy recommendations; program planning and promotion; data analysis and reporting; facilitating and building county and community collaborations; promotion of evidence-based and community-driven interventions, programs and policies; and increasing

access to services for low income and underserved women, LGBTQI+ and gender non-conforming people. She is responsible for the Women's Health Policy Council, the advisory body to the OWH. Current priorities include abortion access, sexual and reproductive health, healthy aging, and domestic and sexual violence. Prior to the County, Ellen served as the Director of Programs and Administration for the Los Angeles Free Clinic (dba: The Saban Community Clinic) and as the Director of Quality Improvement for the California and Los Angeles Regional Family Planning Councils, (dba: Essential Access Health), and an administrator and instructor at Planned Parenthood Alameda/San Francisco and the Berkeley Women's Health Collective. Protecting, preserving and advancing women's health and rights continues to be a passion and commitment, especially during these uncertain times.

Nicolle Perras



Nicolle Perras has worked at the intersections of public and mental health for 20 years conducting research, data surveillance, program development and evaluation. Her areas of expertise include suicide prevention, mental and behavioral health, impacts of trauma on health and wellbeing, trauma informed care and healthcare utilization, vicarious trauma, staff wellbeing, and connecting the dots between multiple forms of violence. Nicolle is currently serving as the Interim Executive Director of the Los Angeles County DV Council within the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health,

addressing the prevention of gender-based violence (intimate partner violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and the commercial and sexual exploitation of children). Nicolle is also a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) in Los Angeles, California.

Amada Lechner



Amanda Lechner (M.P.P., Georgetown University) is a Sacramento-based researcher at Mathematica with expertise in California health policy, Medi-Cal, and trauma prevention and recovery for youth and adults. Ms. Lechner has over ten years of experience conducting research and developing policy recommendations related to Medi-Cal and access to care for vulnerable populations. She has conducted several projects related to understanding the needs of Medi-Cal enrollees and ways that Medi-Cal funding can address behavioral health and social support needs. Ms. Lechner also has

expertise related to adverse childhood experiences, trauma-informed care, trauma interventions, community based participatory research methods, and culturally responsive research methods. In addition, she is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Counseling at California State University, Sacramento, with a specialization in marriage, couple, and family counseling. Outside of Mathematica, she volunteers with children's art therapy groups for bereavement and cancer.

Anisa Ali



As a Program Manager at Futures Without Violence, Anisa provides training/technical assistance and develops educational materials for the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence to improve the health care system's response to violence and abuse, and promote prevention. She also leads FUTURES' Campus Leadership Program and works to advance survivor-centered statewide policies in California. Anisa earned her MA in Gender and Women's Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her undergraduate degrees in International Studies and Spanish from Virginia Tech.

Jennifer Haddad Bell, MTP



Jennifer Haddad Bell, MTP (she/her) is a program consultant and lead trainer for programs including Futures Without Violence, the Jenesse Center, Inc., the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Orange County Women's Health Project and Essential Access Health. She led the statewide Domestic Violence and Health Care Partnership project since 2014, funded by Blue Shield of CA Foundation and currently, she helps lead the Los Angeles DV and Health Care Leadership Council. She also leads projects related to child/adolescent health and trauma, working at the intersection of DV, pediatric health care and the child welfare system. She has 20 years of experience working with health programs, with a focus on sexual/reproductive healthcare, domestic and sexual violence and innovative program development. She develops and facilitates trainings, in-services, curricula and training of the trainer toolkits for health care organization and domestic violence service providers. She has also authored and co-authored several publications, issue briefs and toolkits. She completed her Master's degree in Transpersonal Psychology in Health and Wellness. Jennifer is married, a mama to her two year old son, and lives in Los Angeles.

Angela Parker, ED.D



Dr. Angela Nicole Parker is a trainer, writer, and program coordinator whose focus is on helping Black women and girls move past violence related traumas. In her role as Director of Trainings and Programs, Dr. Parker facilitates community-based trainings and activities that challenges conventional notions about domestic violence and advocates for systematic change in violence prevention and intervention service models. As the head of Jenesse's Youth Prevention arm, Jeneration J, Dr. Parker coordinates school-based programming and outreach activities for youth ages 10-21 that focus on healthy relationships, domestic violence, self-love and self-identity. She was also instrumental in the creation of many signature programs, including The M. Sue Frazier Summer Camp @Jenesse Center, a summer enrichment camp for the children who reside at the shelter. Dr. Parker received her BA In communications from UCLA, her masters in English from National University, and her doctorate in education from USC.

Deborah Allen, ScD



Dr. Deborah Allen, Deputy Director of the Health Promotion Bureau in the Department of Public Health since 2017, has a doctorate in Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and master's degrees in MCH and Health Policy and Management from the Harvard University School of Public Health. She has received the national Maternal and Child Health Bureau Director's Award and the Federation for Children with Special Needs Executive Director's Award in 2016; the Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology Outstanding Leadership Award in 2014; the American Public Health Association Maternal and Child Health Section Outstanding Leadership

Award in 2013; the Massachusetts Association for Behavioral Healthcare Children's Behavioral Health Award in 2012; and the Boston University School of Public Health Excellence in Teaching Award in 2009, 2010 and 2012. She is the Immediate Past Chair of the Maternal and Child Health Section of the American Public Health Association and serves on the board of CityMatCH, the national organization of urban maternal and child health leaders. Throughout her career, she has served on multiple leadership and advisory committees for maternal and child health programs at all levels.

Barbara Kappos



Barbara Kappos, LCSW currently serves as the Executive Director of the East Los Angeles Women's Center in Los Angeles, California. Ms. Kappos has over 25 years of experience working in the Greater East Los Angeles communities providing services to vulnerable families. Ms. Kappos has established a variety of service models based on best practices and culturally relevant interventions. Ms. Kappos is a licensed social worker with experience in the field of social work and has been influential in the areas of child welfare, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, sexual assault and substance abuse recovery.

She has published and conducted several articles and studies in the field of substance abuse, domestic violence and HIV/AIDS. For over two decades she has developed and implemented multiple culturally and gender specific programs and has worked diligently to strengthen communities beset by economic, physical, emotional and social challenges. Ms. Kappos is a well-recognized leader with expertise in community development, clinical practice, and gender-based violence. She serves a Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Commission for Women. Ms. Kappos is also a part-time lecturer at California State University Long Beach Social Work Department.

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