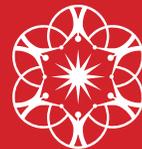




2016

ANNUAL REPORT



EAST BAY
CHILDREN'S
LAW OFFICES



BE A PART OF OUR STORY.

We are privileged to play even a small role in the lives of the children we represent. We are fortunate to be welcomed into their homes. We are honored when sought out for advice, legal and otherwise. The decisions made in court are life altering for our clients and their families. We are the child's voice in each of those decisions.

The children we represent at EBCLO are all of our children. Their welfare depends not on someone else, but on all of us. While we may be at the table when decisions are made, you play an important role too.

Unfortunately, our state funding was cut dramatically for 2016-2017. We need your financial support now more than ever before so we can continue to be the voice for children during the hardest times in their lives.

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Some of our clients suffer horrible physical abuse by their parents, and need advocacy for a safer home. Some of our clients are disabled, and need advocacy so capable caregivers and appropriate school services are found. Some of our clients are teenagers and need help expressing their feelings and desires within a complex system. Some of our clients have parents that learn from their own mistakes, and our clients need advocacy to go home.

All of our clients deserve quality legal advocacy with caring hearts.

We are those lawyers.





SEAN & MONICA'S STORY

In 2015, 348 of our clients were safely returned to their parents accomplishing the system's primary goal – reunification. Sean and Monica*, ages nine and ten, were two such children.

At first it didn't work out for them like they hoped. Their dad relapsed after a short period of sobriety. When they went back into foster care the second time, they were lucky enough to be able to return to the same foster home. But more than anything, they wanted their dad sober again and to be reunited with him. Others had their doubts about their father.

But Sean and Monica's EBCLC lawyer made certain their voice was heard loud and clear. Their dad did get sober, and they did go home. What made it all the more special is that Sean and Monica's foster parents became a part of the children's lives forever, still taking the kids camping even after they had returned to their father's home.

When our community comes together for our kids, everyone wins.

348

KIDS REUNITED



2,394

**CLIENTS SERVED
IN ALL PROGRAMS**

ROBIN'S STORY

Twelve year old Robin* has Down syndrome. When his father could no longer care for him, his grandmother stepped in.

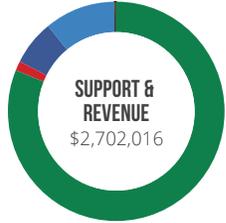
As a foster child and a special education student, Robin has many rights—including the right to stay in his school of origin. Changing schools is emotionally hard for kids, and many times, children fall behind. In 2015, EBCLO protected the schools of origin for 14 students. Robin was one of them.

Robin's grandmother wanted the continuity for him and was even willing to transport him from her neighboring town back to the town where his school was located. But Robin loves the school bus! And his lawyer knew he had the right to be on that bus.

Robin's lawyer was able to cut through the red tape and work out transportation that made sense to everyone. And Robin is one happy kid as the wheels on the bus go round and round.

* Names have been changed to protect identities. Children pictured in both photos are former EBCLO clients, but have no relation to these stories.

2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT



- Government Contracts
\$2,193,560
- Individual & Event Donations
\$38,606
- Foundation & Corporate Grants
\$183,724
- Fees for Services: \$283,641
- In-Kind & Miscellaneous Income
\$2,485



- Program Expenses: \$2,246,996
- General & Administrative Expenses
\$304,575
- Fundraising: \$82,780

\$18,000/MONTH
loss in revenue

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LOOKING FORWARD . . .

EBCLO's long term vision is a court system in which every child is treated as an individual, every child's authentic voice is clearly heard, every child's familial and cultural traditions are fully respected, and every child's needs are reasonably addressed.

To that end, our 2017-2019 strategic plan supports three major goals:

- **GROW RESOURCES & BUILD CAPACITY:** To accomplish long-term program objectives and provide necessary resources and support for staff and infrastructure, EBCLO will build capacity through diversification of revenue sources with sustained emphasis on the development of private, non-government financial support.
- **ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE:** EBCLO will scale legal advocacy program areas to change the way children, youth and families are treated and represented within our legal system.
- **LEAD THE WAY:** To be a leading voice for positive change in the way children and youth are represented in our legal system, EBCLO will strengthen and enhance internal leadership structures and improve staff retention rates toward the achievement of its mission and vision.

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