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## Survivors' Resources Uncertain Amid Government Shutdown



There have been a number of articles released during the government shutdown underscoring that income for government workers is nonexistent and paychecks are nowhere in sight. This uncertain future is also precarious for survivors of domestic violence and their kids seeking services during the shutdown. According to the 2017 National Census of Domestic Violence Services, the 90% of domestic violence programs in the United States that participated in the census served 72,245 survivors in just *one day*. With so many survivors in need of services in a single day, domestic violence service providers are concerned dwindling funds could leave thousands of survivors in danger of ongoing abuse as the shutdown continues.

### How you can help:

- [Urge your senators to put an end to the government shutdown](#)
- [Donate](#) to organizations serving domestic violence survivors and their kids
- Inform your friends and family about how the shutdown puts survivors and their kids at risk

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## FVAP Teams Up with Milbank for Oral Argument





FVAP and co-counsel at [Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy](#) are heading to oral argument in Los Angeles on January 29th, 2019. In this case, [FVAP](#) and Milbank represent a survivor of domestic violence who is defending against an appeal to overturn a restraining order issued to protect her.

FVAP regularly teams up with law firms representing survivors of domestic violence who are seeking to appeal unjust court outcomes. View our [Cases You Can Use web page](#) to read FVAP's cases that can be used to support survivors in trial court.

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## Covering the State: Immigration and Housing Trainings – and More



FVAP is already busy in 2019 training advocates and lawyers across California:

- **January 30:** “California’s Sanctuary State Bill: Key Points in the Attorney General’s Guidance for Shelters and Courts” will be given by FVAP’s Director of Programs, [Jennafer Dorfman Wagner](#), and FVAP’s Legal Fellow, [Michelle Kim](#), **via statewide webinar**. The training will summarize and explain the Department of Justice’s guidance regarding the California Values Act (SB 54), also known as the “sanctuary state” law. The training will be helpful for advocates who work to protect rights of immigrant survivors seeking access to courts and shelters. [Register here](#).
- **February 13:** “Key 2018 Domestic Violence Cases” is an annual **statewide webinar** given by [Nancy K.D. Lemon](#), FVAP’s Legal Director. This training will summarize all domestic violence-related appellate cases in 2018. [Register here](#).
- **February 22:** “Recent Developments in California Domestic Violence Law Cases and Statutes and the Psychology Behind Them,” will be presented in **Costa Mesa, CA** by FVAP Legal Director [Nancy K.D. Lemon](#) with Alameda County Superior Court Judge Tara Flanagan and FVAP [Advisory Board](#) member Dr. Mindy Mechanic, Professor of Psychology at California State University, Fullerton. This is part of the [Association of Family and Conciliation Courts's](#) conference.
- **February 28:** “Protective Orders and the Advocate’s Role” will be presented in **Sacramento, CA** by FVAP attorney [Cassandra Allison](#) to members of the [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence’s](#) North Region.
- **February 28:** “Housing & Employment Rights of Domestic Violence Survivors” also will be presented in **Sacramento, CA** by FVAP’s Housing & Employment Justice Attorney, [Taylor Campion](#).
- **March 11:** “Confidentiality and Mandated Reporting: A Comprehensive Tool-Kit for Domestic Violence Advocates and Agencies” will be presented in **Los Angeles** by FVAP Director of Programs [Jennafer Dorfman Wagner](#), along with the [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence](#) and the [Confidentiality Institute](#). This training and toolkit follows FVAP’s all-day training series on confidentiality and mandated reporting that we presented in 5 locations throughout California in 2018.

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## New FVAP Resources Available



We are excited to announce **three new self-help legal tools for survivors** and the people who support them are available on our website through [our Legal Resource Library](#):



- **"How Do I Get a Court to Reach the Additional Requests in my Restraining Order Case?"** provides helpful information on how to get a court to reach requests such as for child custody and visitation, child or spousal support orders, property restraints, and attorney's fees in a domestic violence restraining order case.
- The **"Custody and Visitation Toolkit for LGBTQI+ DV Survivors"** contains an instruction sheet, friendly letters to custody evaluators and mediators explaining common issues faced by different sexual and gender minority LGBTQI+ parents, and sample legal briefs to help DV advocates and survivors.
- The **"Case-Annotated Compendium of California Domestic Violence Laws 2018"** lists all of the most important statutes, rules, and regulations affecting domestic violence survivors, along with the case law that interprets them. The addition of case law to [FVAP's](#) annual Compendium provides a brief, yet comprehensive, description of the most significant court holdings affecting survivors, and an inclusive overview of the body of law protecting survivors and their children.

These are just a few of the resources available **for free** through [our Legal Resource Library](#). Other resources, such as "How to Request Someone Move Out as Part of Your Restraining Order," "Post-Trial Motions Tip Sheet," "How to Get a Court's Reasons When Reasons Are Not Required," and more are currently available.

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## FVAP's Executive Director Erin Smith Appointed to Judicial Evaluation Committee



FVAP's Executive Director, [Erin Smith](#), has been chosen to serve on the Judicial Appointments Evaluation Committee of the Alameda County Bar Association for 2019-2020. The committee evaluates judicial nominees of the governor. Judicial oversight is vital to achieving fair and just legal proceedings for everyone, including survivors of domestic violence and their kids.

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## Spotlight: Susan Tenney



We have been delighted to have Susan Tenney, a Berkeley Law graduate recently admitted to the CA bar, volunteering with us in 2018-19. Susan has been helping us review case law and potential appellate cases.

Susan first identified [In re Marriage of Davila and Mejia](#), and her work was instrumental in [FVAP's](#) successful request that the court publish this important case that clarifies survivors can provide additional testimony in court about abuse alleged in their restraining order applications.

Thank you, Susan!

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## Banding Together to End Domestic Violence 2019 Coming June 20



We've made it official. Banding Together to End Domestic Violence will be held at The Chapel in San Francisco's Mission District on **June 20, 2019**. Keep it rockin' and check out our newly updated [Banding Together website](#) for more information about the event, photos and videos from past years, this year's band application, and our sponsorship packet coming soon.

We cannot wait to rock out with you this year while raising money for abuse survivors and their children.

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### Check Out Our New Social Media Toolkit

If you haven't already, check out our [#WhyIGiveFVAP Social Media Toolkit](#). The Toolkit is for anyone who supports survivors of domestic violence, or FVAP's work, and wants to encourage others to do the same. The Toolkit includes infographics, pre-typed tweets, and pre-typed posts to share on your Twitter and Facebook channels, making it easy to share the importance of appellate legal aid for survivors and their kids.



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