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Child Abuse Prevention Month & How You Can Help



The staggering fact that in 54% of cases where there is documented domestic violence, the abusive parent is awarded some form of child custody is what, in large part, made **FVAP** a reality. Without anyone to appeal those cases, countless children were being left in dangerous environments where they were left open to being abused and witnessing abuse against others at home. While **FVAP** continues to work hard to appeal as many of these cases as we can, with your help we can increase the number of survivors and children we serve.

Today **FVAP** launches our Spring fundraising campaign. In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, will you make a gift to help us protect kids in danger of abuse?

DONATE NOW

Donate in honor of the late Herma Hill Kay by designating your gift to Herma's fund on your donation form.

There are many ways you can give to support survivors, including employer matching, bequests, monthly recurring gifts, and more. Choose how you support survivors by exploring other ways to give on our [donation webpage](#).

What's New with Housing for Survivors



FVAP's Housing & Employment Justice Attorney, [Taylor Campion](#), has been busy doing trainings and creating a body of resources that focus on obtaining and maintaining safe housing as a survivor of domestic violence.

Highlights in Resources

The [Housing & Employment Justice Program](#) has [many helpful resources available](#), including a new comprehensive toolkit on how survivors can obtain housing in California—one of the main barriers to survivors being able to leave abusive relationships:

- [Helping Survivors Obtain Housing Toolkit](#)
- [Survivors of Domestic Violence and Letters of Priority Entitlement \(LOPE\)](#)
- [Move-Out Order Tip Sheet](#)
- [How Do I Get a Court to Reach the Additional Requests in My Restraining Order?](#)

The [Helping Survivors Obtain Housing Toolkit](#) includes several resources to help survivors clean up their credit and address the common forms of discrimination that survivors face when applying for housing.

Highlights in Statewide Education

- The [Housing & Employment Justice Program](#) also now creates a monthly legal tip that is emailed to domestic violence organizations in California to help keep advocates informed of legal rights survivors have when it comes to their housing and employment. For example, in certain circumstances, federal law makes it illegal for housing providers, like landlords and property managers, to refuse to rent to survivors of domestic violence, or to charge them higher rents or security deposits.
- On Tuesday, April 16, [Taylor](#) participated as a panel member for the “Nuisance Ordinances and Crime-Free Housing: How These Policies Threaten Housing Security” training at the [Housing California conference in Sacramento](#). The panel discussed how nuisance ordinances put in place to mitigate excessive noise and criminal activity can jeopardize housing security for domestic violence survivors, people with disabilities, and others.

We are thrilled the [Housing & Employment Justice Program](#), which was just launched in 2018, has grown so much in a short time. We look forward to expanding the body of resources available and continuing to educate and inform survivors and the field on the very important issue of survivors obtaining and maintaining safe housing—and to bringing our appellate strategy to help shape the law.

Learn more about [FVAP's Housing & Employment Justice Program](#) on our website.

Legal Victory: FVAP Supports Latham & Watkins in Restraining Order Win



FVAP was honored to provide real-time legal assistance to the pro bono legal team at **Latham & Watkins**, who successfully appealed the denial of their client's request for a domestic violence restraining order. In an unpublished opinion, the Court of Appeal decided Latham's client should have been granted the restraining order she requested because she submitted a written declaration of acts that are abuse under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, and the opposing party did not contradict or impeach her declaration. FVAP provided assistance with the case strategy and the legal briefs and organized two moot court sessions to prepare Latham for oral argument. Many thanks to FVAP pro bono volunteers **MC Sungaila, Marco Pulido, David Farkas, Jeanette Barzelay, and Erin Gilmore** for helping prepare the victorious legal team in moot courts, and to **Latham & Watkins** for doing this important work! FVAP is honored to support the network of lawyers doing domestic violence appeals in California.

Battle of the Bands: Have You Told Your Friends About Banding Together?



Have you told your friends yet? FVAP's 7th annual [Battle of the Bands: Banding Together to End Domestic Violence](#) is around the corner. On **June 20**, fans will line up at [The Chapel](#) in San Francisco's Mission District to witness the fierce competition of eight attorney bands that will jam to some sweet tunes for a good cause. There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Judges' Choice winners, with the 1st place winner earning the title of **Best Lawyer Band in the Bay** and the winner's trophy, currently with last year's champs, The Combinations of Morgan Lewis. The Combinations are back as ROCKius to defend their title this year, along with seven other talented bands:

12th Root of Two

Peter Logan Law

Attractive Nuisance

Greenberg Traurig

Cov'r Band

Covington & Burling LLP

The MoFonics

Morrison Foerster

Morgan & Lewis & ROCKius

Morgan Lewis

The Western Nephews

Logikcull

Ultrahazardous Activity

Reed Smith

Unfair Competition

Mayer Brown

These rock stars will band together to collectively raise \$150,000 for abuse survivors and their children. We can't wait to see what they bring to the stage this year.

Looking for more Banding Together?

- [View photos and videos from past battles](#)
- [Check out the Banding Together Facebook Event](#)
- [Does your company want to support Banding Together? Thumb through our sponsorship packet](#)
- Connect with us on social media to get regular updates about the event on Facebook at [@FamilyViolenceAppellateProject](#) and on Twitter at [@FVAP_Law](#). You can find past posts on those channels under [#BandingTogether](#).
- Ticket sales and band voting coming soon

Congratulations to Board Member for Scholarship Award

Congratulations to our Board Member, [Janani Ramachandran](#), who is the **recipient of the California Women Lawyers' Nancy E. O'Malley Scholarship**. This scholarship is awarded annually to a law student who has demonstrated commitment to issues affecting women and/or children. We are so excited for you, [Janani](#), and so happy to have you on our [Board](#) helping us better the lives of abuse survivors and their children.

[Janani](#) will be honored for her scholarship award this Friday, April 19 at Graduate Berkeley at 2600 Durant Ave. in Berkeley, California.

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