

SNEAK PEAK

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Congratulations and Thank You, Nadia Lockyer

On November 2, 2010, **Nadia Lockyer** was elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to fill the seat vacated by retired County Supervisor, Gayle Steele. Nadia's last day as the Executive Director of the ACFJC was December 31, 2010. We wish to thank Nadia for all she did for the ACFJC and we wish her well in her new position. We know she will continue advocating to ensure the safety and health of all children and families in Alameda County.

Senior Deputy District Attorney, Kim Hunter, will be the Acting Director of the ACFJC. She and Cherri Allison of FVLC will work together to provide leadership until a new director is installed.

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ACFJC to Receive 2011 Distinguished Service Award

The ACFJC will be honored at a dinner on January 13, 2011 as the recipient of the Alameda County Bar Association (ACBA) Distinguished Service Award for a Community Organization.

The ACBA was established in 1877 and has a current membership of 2,200 law students, attorneys, judges and other legal professionals. The ACBA administers numerous programs and activities to benefit attorneys and the community.

Congratulations ACFJC!

District Attorney, Nancy O'Malley, Sworn in at ACFJC

The Inauguration Ceremony of **Nancy O'Malley**, Alameda County District Attorney, took place at the ACFJC on January 3, 2011. Approximately 250 people gathered on the 2nd floor to hear an introduction by Chief Assistant District Attorney, Kevin Dunleavy, and the Oath of Office administered by California Supreme Court Associate Justice Carol Corrigan. Nancy ended the ceremony with a touching speech that thanked her mentors and family. A reception immediately followed at Z Café.

Congratulations Nancy!

TICKETS ON SALE FOR 2011 ONE GALA

ACFJC Annual ONE Gala is
January 29, 2011. If you
haven't already done so please
purchase tickets now as they
are going quickly! Tables of
10 also available for purchase.

ACFJC CLOSURES

January 17 - MLK Holiday
February 11 - Lincoln's Birthday
February 21 - Washington's
Birthday

Announcements

Immunizations resume Jan. 6 from 1pm to 4pm

DV Collaborative meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9:30 to 11am

ISLA is no longer providing immigration services at ACFJC. Please refer clients to IIBA (510-451-2846), BALA (800-551-5554), or Catholic Charities (510-768-3139)

BFWC DV Support Group resumes February 1st.

One Warm Coat Project Supports ACFJC Clients and Their Families

What role can a group of 3rd graders play in our community? A very important one! Students at Thornhill Elementary School in Oakland held a One Warm Coat Drive at their school and collected over 240 coats. These coats were donated to the ACFJC

for clients and their families. Coats were given away during our annual KidZone Holiday event and are available through the end of January. We thank **Hilary Larkin** of Highland Hospital and her daughter who spearheaded this wonderful event. If

you have a client in need of a coat please accompany them to the 2nd floor next to the DOVES and JFCS offices where they can pick a coat for themselves and their family.

SECURITY MATTERS

Updates by Deputy Steve Antes

1.) Do not let anyone in the building if you do not know who they are. If you meet someone at the employee exit during business hours ask them to check-in at the front desk by way of the main entrance. If it is after hours and they say they are a client please ask them to call the person with whom they are to meet.

2.) ID's are to be worn at all times. This includes all staff, clients, volunteers and visitors.

3.) The parking lot is for clients only. Exceptions include loading and unloading heavy items; dropping off passengers, forgetting your parking permit. Visitors and volunteers must find parking on the street.

Happy Birthday!

January

Melissa Espinoza, Monica Ibarra-Yaquian, Kimberly Kerlin, Wendy Dutton and Erin Scott

February

Marina Jimenez, Susan Murray, Grace Orenstein, Raeanne Passantino, Baljit Sull and Chava Malka

March

Melinda Alfaro, Patty Muzaffar, Lisa Danylchuck, Dvora Gordon and Mary O'Conner

WELCOME ABOARD

Brihana Hanible MISSEY

Angie Taylor MISSEY

Upcoming Activities for ACFJC Clients

FREE COMPUTER AND INTERNET TRAINING

January 13, 2011 from 9am to noon, ACFJC Computer Lab, 2nd Floor

Open to first 8 who sign up. Participants will get hands-on training using computers, searching the Internet, establishing personal email accounts and information about related community resources. Once training is complete participants will be eligible to receive a computer loaded with software and one year technical support. Sign-up with Front Desk staff.

FREE HAIR CUTS FOR CLIENTS

Seven Salon on College Avenue in Oakland is offering free haircuts for ACFJC clients on **Monday, February 7th**. Clients must be preparing for a job interview or entering/re-entering school. Sign-ups will be taken for the first 9 clients-one of the slots is reserved for a male and another for a long-hair trim. Please have clients sign-up with ACFJC Front Desk staff. All clients must have photo ID to present at time of hair cut.

Women's Self-Defense Classes

Grab a buddy and sign-up for a four-session Self-Defense class. The ACFJC has partnered with World Champion Damon Gilbert to provide classes at a reduced rate of \$75 per person. The next session begins February 5th and continues on the 12th, 19th and ends March 5th. Please sign-up soon at the ACFJC front desk.

KIDZONE CORNER

Our annual KidZone Holiday event took place on Friday, December 17th, from 1pm to 4pm in the ACFJC conference room. This event was open to all children who attended KidZone in 2010. The children were between the ages of 4 and 10 years of age and enjoyed activities suited for their age group. Every child received a gift when they left.

This event also celebrated the start of our One Warm Coat Drive (see Pg 1) which provided coats to the adults and children attending our KidZone event.

Thank you to Sedgwick CMS and Susan Murray of the D.O.V.E.S. Project for your generous donations for this event!

As most of you know, our KidZone Coordinator, **Bilkese**, resigned her position as of December 22nd. Until a replacement is found please continue using KidZone in After Hours Mode which means each partner takes responsibility for the space by including an adult, age 18 or over, to remain with the children at all times. The ACFJC is using trained volunteers whenever possible to fill the gaps.

Nola Brantley Wins Jefferson Award

Congratulations **Nola Brantley**, Executive Director of MISSEY, for winning the first Jefferson Award for 2011! Nola was nominated for her work with commercially sexually exploited children. Nola has been recently featured in Essence magazine, NPR-The Forum, NPR-All Things Considered, KCBS and CNN Headline News-Issues.