

Justice Plus at LACLJ

Volunteer Opportunities to Empower Survivors

Overview of LACLJ's *Justice Plus* Program

The mission of the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice (LACLJ) is to secure justice for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and empower them to create their own future.

LACLJ's *Justice Plus* volunteer initiative is an innovative program that leverages corporate partnerships to provide critical services, information, and goods to LACLJ clients. Through this program, corporate volunteers serve one of the most disadvantaged populations in Los Angeles – low income and immigrant women who are experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault. LACLJ trains volunteers who in turn provide essential instruction and materials to survivors through short workshops.

Menu of *Justice Plus* Opportunities

- **Financial Literacy Training** — 99% of all domestic violence cases include financial abuse. Volunteers can help empower survivors financially by teaching survivors how to recognize the signs of financial abuse and how to move towards personal and financial security. LACLJ provides a comprehensive lesson plan designed to empower survivors to become financially self-sufficient.
- **Education and Outreach** — In 2017, LACLJ launched the Education and Outreach Volunteer Corps (EOVC) to address the increased challenges undocumented individuals face under the current administration. LACLJ's EOVC coordinates and conducts *Know Your Rights & Family Preparedness* trainings on behalf of LACLJ in the community – at schools, churches, organizations, and community centers. LACLJ trains volunteers and equips them with a PowerPoint presentation and other materials to be able to provide this critical information to members of the community.
- **Survival Kits** — Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous moment for a domestic violence survivor because the abuser suddenly faces a loss of control and may lash out. Volunteers assemble survival kits that LACLJ distributes to clients for whom it is not safe to return home and who are seeking emergency shelter and/or new housing. These kits include daily necessities such as food, water, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, deoderent, soap, hair ties, and supportive notes.

Contact

If your company is interested in volunteering with LACLJ's *Justice Plus* program, please contact LACLJ's Assistant Director of Development, Marissa Marasigan, at marissam@lajl.org or at (323) 980-3500, x140.