# **Legal Resources for Families Facing Domestic Violence**

YWCA of Silicon Valley

http://ywca-sv.org/

**Sunnyvale Family Justice Center** 

298 S. Sunnyvale Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 (408) 749-0793 (appointment only) Linda Haskell Empowerment Center 375 South Third Street San Jose CA 95112 (408) 295-4011

**Emergencies:** 

24/7 Support Line 1(800) 572-2782

### **Domestic Violence Support Center:**

- Domestic Violence help is for current or past relationships with an abusive partner
- Most services require an appointment, but some walk-ins are available
- All services are confidential
- Therapy services available
- Spanish speaking (inquire about other languages, if needed)
- Free to low cost services

# **Immigration Services:**

- Services for domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking survivors
- Help with forms, and advocates may accompany at hearings
- U-Visa, T-Visa, or VAWA Act Application assistance
- BIA accredited non-attorney advocates
- Spanish speaking
- Costs range from \$100-\$500. Based on income eligibility payment plans are available
- For more information or to see if you are eligible for Visa applications, schedule a consultation by contacting:

Maria Reyes

(408) 295-4011 ext. 381

mreyes@ywca-sv.org

\$25.00 fee for first-time consults.

#### **Programs:**

- Crisis Program
- Counseling & Therapy Program
- Emergency Shelter Program
- Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative

- La Familia Program
- Legal Advocacy Program
- Victim Advocacy Project

# **Family Justice Center**

https://www.sccgov.org

# **Central County/San Jose**

Asian Americans for Community Involvement 749 Story Rd., Suite 50, San Jose, CA 95122 (408) 975-2739 Thursdays: 9 AM-12 PM/ 1 PM-

# North County/Sunnyvale

YWCA Silicon Valley 298 S. Sunnyvale Ave., Suite 105, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 (408) 749-0793 Fridays: 9 AM - 5 PM

# **South County/ Morgan Hill**

Community Solutions 16264 Church St., #103 Morgan Hill, CA 95037 (408) 779-2113 Wednesdays: 9 AM -5 PM

- Counseling and advocacy services available to domestic violence survivors and their children
- Access to law enforcement investigators and detectives
- Legal services include immigration and domestic violence related family court services, such as U-Visa application assistance, restraining orders, spousal support, and child custody
- Contact with attorneys and the Victim Services Unit of the District Attorney's Office
- Contact with Probation Officers
- Referral to 24-hour emergency shelters
- Provides physical and mental health services
- Must have filed a Restraining Order or police report. Must have history of abuse and letter from therapist if there is no police report to qualify

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Toll-free hotline 1 (888) 862-4874 or email maitri@maitri.org

http://maitri.org/

# Focuses on providing services to families from South Asia:

Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka among others

# Live Helpline Hours: 9 am to 1 pm; Monday to Friday 1888 862 4874

#### Language services:

Bengali
Gujarati
Malayalam
Punjabi
Sindhi
Urdu
Hindi
Marwari
Tamil
Tand more

## **Legal Advocacy Program Services:**

- Safety planning
- Assists with restraining order paperwork, preparation for court hearings, and court accompaniment
- Referrals to Organizations and Attorneys

## Immigration services:

- Information/referral
- Representation for eligible individuals (VAWA Self petition, U-Visa/ T-Visa application, removal of conditions on green card, and citizenship application)

## Other services:

- Free Teen Violence Prevention workshops
- Transitional Housing (Must be referred by Emergency Shelter Manager)

**Community Solutions** 

(408) 842-7138

http://www.communitysolutions.org/

Send an email to <a href="mailto:cs@communitysolutions.org">cs@communitysolutions.org</a> or visit one of the following locations:

Gilrov Morgan Hill San Jose Hollister (Headquarters) 16264 Church Street, 5671 Santa Teresa 310 Fourth Street, 9015 Murray Avenue, Blvd., #202 & #203 #103 #105 #100 Morgan Hill, CA San Jose, CA Hollister, CA 95023 Gilroy, CA 95020 95037 95123 Mon-Fri / 9:00 AM to Mon-Fri / 8:30 AM to Mon-Fri / 9:00 AM to Mon-Fri / 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:00 PM 5:00 PM (831) 637-1094 (408) 842-7138 (408) 779-2113 (408) 225-9163

## **Emergencies:**

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Human Trafficking - 24- hour Bilingual Crisis Hotline (South County & San Benito County) 1-877-END-SADV (1-877-363-7238)

#### **Domestic Violence Services:**

# **General Domestic Violence Services**

- Serving Santa Clara (preference is for South County residents) and San Benito County
- Confidential Shelter
- Danger Assessments
- Safety Planning

#### Counseling Services:

- Individual, family therapy and group counseling for any adult, teen, or child affected by domestic violence.
- No fee charged for services provided

#### Legal Advocacy Services:

- Temporary Restraining Orders (TRO)
- Criminal Protective Order Modification Classes
- Court Accompaniment
- Criminal and Civil cases
- Assistance with parole, probation, and criminal referrals

# **Immigration Services:**

- Information/referrals, VAWA, U-Visa and T-Visas
- Does not provide direct immigration services
- Based on low-income
- Collaboration with the Step Forward Foundation to help apply or renew for DACA and representation is provided for free.

#### Other services:

- Rape crisis intervention and prevention
- Human Trafficking intervention and prevention
- Interpretation Spanish & Portuguese Language Bank Line available for other languages

**Pro-Bono Project of Silicon Valley** 

(408) 998-5298

http://www.probonoproject.org/

## Location:

25 North 14th St., Suite 506 San Jose, CA 95112

- Provides representation in Domestic Violence Restraining order hearings
- May provide limited-scope or full representation
- Provides reentry services such as housing and mental health through collaboration with other agencies
- Services available at the San Jose office or through virtual clinics on our website
- Assists responding parties of restraining orders as well
- May also assist with custody/visitation and child support issues
- Services available in 13 languages
- No fee charged for services provided

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(408) 915-8698

http://www.stepfwd.org/

Free consultations available three days a week: 16264 Church Street, Suite 103

**Mondays** (Family Justice Center) 9 AM - 5 PM: Morgan Hill, CA 95037

**General Immigration** 

Wednesdays (Family Justice Center) 9 AM - 5 PM: 16264 Church Street, Suite 103

Family and Immigration issues related to domestic Morgan Hill, CA 95037 violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking

**Fridays** (Family Justice Center) 9 AM - 5 298 S. Sunnyvale Ave., Suite 105

PM:Immigration issues related to domestic Sunnyvale, CA 94086 violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking

- Provides services for Santa Clara, San Benito, and Monterey Counties
- Sliding scale or free limited scope representation in Family Court for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
- Free immigration representation, including deportation defense, DACA, U-Visas, T-Visas, VAWA, family petitions, naturalization, and others.
- Spanish speaking

### **Bay Area Legal Aid**

Toll-free hotline (800) 551-5554

https://baylegal.org/

#### **Hotline hours:**

- Mondays and Thursdays: 9:30 AM 3:00 PM
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 9:30 AM 1:00 PM
- Due to a high volume of calls, call as close to 9:30 AM as possible
- Assist in 15 languages

In-house appointments available in 7 Bay Area Counties. Visit our website to find a location near you.

- Family, immigration, and civil services available to domestic violence survivors
- Full representation for human trafficking and domestic violence cases
- Full representation to assist with the application, certification, and appeals in immigration
- San Jose services available in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean (inquire about other languages, if needed)
- Based on low-income

#### Location:

152 North Third Street, 3rd Floor San Jose, CA 95112

## Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY):

Phone intake line: (408) 280-2416

#### Safe Families Project

- Age specific criteria (can serve if under 18 years of age; if older, may serve on a case by case basis)
- Provides legal services to victims of teen dating violence through a community collaborative. May also represent children in high-conflict custody cases.
- Assists teens and adults facing domestic violence in their relationship seek custody/visitation and support orders for children from those relationships
- No fee charged for services provided and full representation is provided

## Mental Health Advocacy Project (MHAP):

Phone intake line: (408) 294-9730 or (800) 248-6427

- May assist individuals with mental health or developmental disabilities who identify as victims of domestic violence if they are already being helped through MHAP's Economic Rights Unit, Patient's Right's Unit, or Housing Right's Unit.
- No fee charged for services provided and full representation is provided

# Restraining Order Help Center (ROHC)

www.scscourt.org

#### **Family Justice Center Courthouse**

201 North First Street San Jose. CA 95113

Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM (Closed 12:30 PM-1:30 PM)

- Information and help to apply for, respond to, and modify Restraining Orders
- Forms are provided and can be reviewed by court staff
- Assist with Domestic Violence, Elderly Abuse, and Civil Harassment
- Assist with divorce, custody, visitation, and support
- Must bring interpreter
- Please, do not bring children. The Children's Waiting Room next door can help on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact them at (408) 882-2960
- No fee charged for services provided

#### **Courthouse Domestic Violence Advocates:**

Under a grant, Domestic Violence Advocates are available to assist with safety planning and provide referrals to resources. They also help prepare for court hearings and can act as Support Person during hearings.

Contact an Advocate at (408) 491-4791 or (408) 491-4795 (Spanish), or by asking the receptionist at the Self Help Center or Restraining Order Help Center located at the Family Justice Center Courthouse.

Hours: Monday- Friday, 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM

Note: Due to budget issues our services, and when they are offered, may change without notice.