



**Q&A with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)**  
**Resource Highlight**

1. **Please name your organization and describe the area/location where you provide services.**
  - San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc.
  - San Diego County – all regions
  
2. **More pediatric providers are starting to screen children for ACEs at their well-child visit (from early childhood to young adult). We are interested in hearing about programs and services you offer that may be helpful in addressing the impact of trauma, or in helping to build family protective factors.**
  - Focusing on our North County services, the following SDVLP programs are helpful in addressing the impact of trauma, or in helping to build family protective factors:
    - A. **North County Restraining Order Clinic**
      - i. Staff and volunteer attorneys provide legal advice and assistance with preparing requests for restraining orders for victims of:
        - Domestic Abuse,
        - Elder Abuse, and
        - Civil Harassment.
      - ii. Staff provides safety-planning resources.
      - iii. Volunteer attorneys represent many of our low-income clients in their restraining order hearings.
      - iv. Volunteer attorneys present weekly webinars in English and Spanish on how to prepare victims for their restraining order hearings.
    - B. **North County Unlawful Detainer Clinic**
      - i. Staff and volunteer attorneys provide free legal information, court forms assistance and resources for all tenants and landlords in evictions (unlawful detainer actions) and other housing disputes.
    - C. **Tenants' Rights Program**
      - i. Staff and volunteer attorneys provide legal advice and assistance with completing answers for low-income tenants who are facing evictions (unlawful detainer actions).
      - ii. In select cases, provides legal advice or representation for low-income tenants with other housing issues.
    - D. **Guardianship Program**
      - i. SDVLP provides comprehensive legal services to caregivers or parents in probate guardianship-of-the-person matters who meet certain income requirements.
      - ii. Staff and volunteer attorneys provide assistance in a variety of areas, including:
        - Preparing court forms to seek guardianship of child,
        - Preparing court forms to object to a guardianship,

- Preparing court forms to terminate a guardianship, modify visitation or to move outside of the state,
- Advising clients on alternatives to guardianship,
- Providing kinship care community resources,
- Advising on family preparedness planning for undocumented immigrants,
- Representing most clients in their probate guardianship court proceedings.

**E. HIV/AIDS Legal Program**

- i. SDVLP provides comprehensive legal services to HIV positive individuals who meet certain income requirements. SDVLP does not handle criminal matters or fee-generating cases, such as personal injury actions.
- ii. Staff and volunteer attorneys provide legal assistance in a variety of areas, including:
  - Public Benefits
  - Estate Planning
  - Employment Discrimination
  - Debtor Relief
  - Housing
  - Other legal issues affecting individuals' eligibility or ability to access HIV/AIDS services.

**3. How can pediatric providers refer families to you? Briefly describe your referral and intake process. Where can updated information be accessed?**

- Visit [www.sdvlp.org](http://www.sdvlp.org) to apply online for services.
- SDVLP can only assist individuals who reside in San Diego County and who do not already have an attorney.
- For most of our programs, individuals must meet certain income requirements. Please feel free to refer people to our programs, and if they do not qualify, we will connect them with other legal services providers.

SDVLP Restraining Order Clinic and Unlawful Detainer Clinic  
 In Person Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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 North County Regional Center  
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