

About FVLC

Family Violence Law Center (FVLC) helps diverse communities in Alameda County heal from domestic violence and sexual assault, advocating for justice and healthy relationships. We provide survivor-center legal and crisis intervention services, offer prevention education for youth and other community members, and engage in policy work to create systemic change.



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Family Violence Intervention Unit

FVLC's Core Programs



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Mobile Response Team

Legal Department



Policy and Youth Department

Direct Services

- Direct legal (family & housing) and crisis services for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in San Leandro
- In FY 24-25, served 916 legal clients and 2,027 clients overall.



Crisis Services – FVIU and MRT

FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION UNIT

- Offers crisis intervention and counseling <u>during</u> business hours, 800-947-8301
- Safety Planning
- Shelter Placement & Emergency Relocation
- Case Management
- Referrals
- Legal Intake and Information

MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM

- Offers crisis intervention and counseling <u>after</u> business hours, 800-947-8301
- Safety Planning
- Shelter Placement



- Emergency Relocation & assistance (food, clothing, toiletries)
- DV police onsite response within Alameda County (if victim requests & abuser arrested)



LEGAL TEAM – Family & Housing

- Legal representation, paperwork preparation, advice & consultation, and litigation support for pro per litigants in restraining order and/or limited family law matters for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking in San Leandro.
- Housing legal representation and advocacy (landlord negotiations, lease bifurcations and transfers, etc.) for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking in San Leandro.
- Legal advocacy in **Title IX** matters for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking at UC Berkeley.

Family Violence & Homelessness Prevention Project

FVLC currently has two contracts with the City of San Leandro. The Family Violence & Homelessness Prevention Project reduces homelessness brought by on family violence for San Leandro survivors by **providing free family and housing law services combined with crisis intervention and advocacy** to achieve:

- (1) Increased safety through legal protections in civil protective orders, family law and housing;
- (2) Reduction in threats to physical and emotional health;
- (3) Meaningful access to the justice system;
- (4) Decreased likelihood of family disintegration;
- (5) Direct linkage to community services to address other critical needs (including immigration, employment, childcare, and financial assistance) through FVLC referrals and connections.

San Leandro FVHP Services FY 24-25

- In FY 24-25, FVLC provided emergency relocation, crisis counseling and safety planning, direct legal assistance and legal representation to **118** unduplicated San Leandro survivors of domestic violence.
- FVLC provided 52 San Leandro survivors with direct legal assistance and/or legal representation, including advice and counsel for 39 survivors and paperwork preparation for 20 survivors, leading to 43 court orders. These services protect survivors from the loss of residence, the return of the batterer, and family disintegration.
- FVLC provided 22 San Leandro residents with housing services including hotel relocation and shelter
 placement and legal support with move-out orders, eviction defense, landlord/tenant negotiations and
 disputes, and public housing transfers and advocacy; FVLC has fully integrated expanded housing services
 into our service model and we have found these services to be some of the most impactful services we offer.
- FVLC provided housing services (such as obtaining move-out orders as part of restraining orders, obtaining funds to relocate, and emergency housing and relocation assistance) to 15 CAP-funded San Leandro residents experiencing domestic violence. These services enable survivors to permanently leave abusive relationships without becoming homeless.
- FVLC also provided in-kind crisis counseling, safety planning, assistance with Victims of Crime applications, and/or service referrals to 75 CAP-funded San Leandro victims of domestic violence. These services help survivors remain safe and help connect them with FVLC's longer-term legal, counseling and case management services.

San Leandro DV Outreach & Mobile Unit

FVLC leads a collaboration with Building Futures (BF) and SAVE to implement a community outreach plan in coordination with San Leandro city and community-based organization leaders, including youth leaders. This project involves meetings and outreach with Project partners, SLPD and health providers; direct crisis intervention and emergency relocation services via FVLC's Mobile Response Team; intensive case management to **60** survivors annually by FVLC and BF; and education via FVLC's youth-focused Relationship Abuse Prevention Project (RAPP) and via SAVE's Community Education team.

To date partners have provided **79** survivors with Case Management.



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