



## FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE, CHANGING LIVES

### OUR MISSION

To provide high-quality legal services that improve the quality of life for low-income individuals and their rural communities.

### WHO WE SERVE

CRLA serves low-income individuals residing in over 22 California counties. As rural areas and small cities of California continue to change, so does our outreach and service to diverse communities. In 2008, CRLA served 7,094 women, 342 teenagers and children on an individual client basis.

### HOW WE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

CRLA reaches over 39,000 individuals a year through a combination of advocacy strategies that: 1) increase access to high-quality, no-cost legal services; 2) ensure the equitable and fair distribution of resources in rural communities; and 3) protect the rights of low-income individuals to seek justice under the law.

### OUR WORK

CRLA has expanded our efforts to provide legal services to women and families. Over fifteen CRLA offices presently conduct affirmative litigation, outreach and legal education on women's health needs, sexual harassment in the workplace, domestic violence, divorce, child custody and guardianships. CRLA offices work to improve family well-being through the issuance of temporary restraining orders to protect women from domestic violence, through assistance with guardianship requests, and through local advocacy to ensure fair distribution of public benefits like

food stamps, and the provision of health care for immigrant women and children. CRLA currently has two special initiatives focused on women and families. The Health Consumer Center of the Imperial Valley increases access to health care services for immigrant women and families. The Sexual Violence Technical Assistance Project provides civil, criminal and immigrant legal service providers with training, support and guidance on serving farm-worker women who have been victims of intimate partner violence or sexual assault.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CRLA has utilized litigation and strategic programming to help thousands of women and families seek justice. Here are just some of the highlights from our 44 years of advocacy:

- 2010** – Three separate guidebooks will be published: *Sexual Violence Against Farmworkers: A Guidebook for Criminal Justice Professionals*; *A Guidebook for Social Service Providers*; and *A Guidebook for Legal Providers*.
- 2004** – Establishing the Health Consumer Center of Imperial Valley (HCCIV), a program aimed to increase access to health care services for low-income families, individuals, vulnerable seniors, and people with disabilities.
- 1998** – Partnering with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to negotiate a \$1.9 million settlement (the largest consent decree to date) in a sexual harassment case against an agricultural employer.
- 1990** – Restoring \$20 million in cuts to funding for family planning and health care services for poor women.

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Join us in the fight for justice

- **Tell** your friends and family about CRLA
- **Visit** [www.crla.org](http://www.crla.org)
- **Sign-up** for our Rural Justice Updates
- **Donate** online or send financial contributions to:  
CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
631 Howard Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Get involved

- **Host** a CRLA house party or office luncheon
- **Sponsor** a local CRLA fundraising event
- **Volunteer** at one of our local offices
- **Provide** pro bono counsel
- **Underwrite** a CRLA fellowship
- **Contact** [development@crla.org](mailto:development@crla.org) to learn more

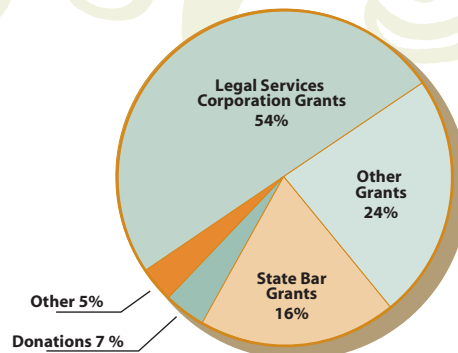
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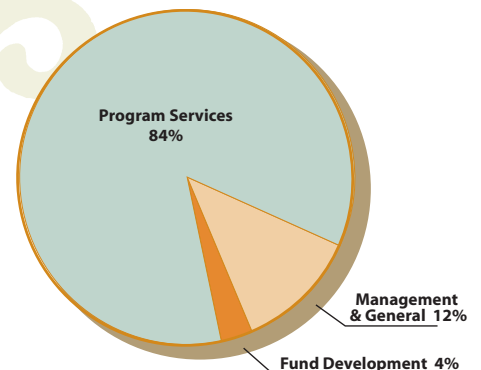
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