



CHILDREN
SHOULD BE
**SEEN &
HEARD™**

2020
ANNUAL REPORT





OUR VALUES

We inspire each other and the community we serve through our core values—



ADVOCACY

We constantly examine our priorities to ensure our clients come first.



INTEGRITY

We strive to achieve authentic and trusting relationships with our clients and their families, the court, the community and each other.



EQUITY

We support the protection, development and safety of the next generation and will stop at nothing to do the hard work necessary to dismantle oppression.

2020 has been a year like no other for all of us.

This year has put each one of us to the test and challenged us to become better versions of our former selves. Met with a pandemic that upended the practice of child welfare law and a racial justice movement which urged us to reevaluate how we serve children of color, 2020 has deepened our collective perspective, our allyship for others and our resolve to prioritize equity and inclusion.

At EBCLO, we have remained steadfast and determined to continue to do right by our young clients, whatever the physical limitations might be. And we have thoughtfully asked ourselves and each other the tough questions required to ensure that we treat each other inclusively and our clients equitably.

Despite not being able to hold our infant clients while we interview their caregivers and not being able to shake hands with a youth who successfully completed probation, I wouldn't be surprised if now is truly the moment in which we are doing the absolute best work of our lives. As we look ahead into the new year, we will continue to keep our clients first to ensure they are seen and heard.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kristin Matus".

This year we experienced the joys and challenges of having virtual visits with our clients. We tracked COVID-19 numbers not only in our county but in the many other counties where our clients live to know when we could start seeing our clients in person for outdoor, physically distanced visits with masks. And then there were weeks we couldn't even do that because the air quality from local fires was too dangerous.



Thanks to grant funding, we were able to purchase 70 Chromebooks, 25 kid friendly tablets, and 25 prepaid hotspots to help kids connect with us and with their virtual court hearings. With the grant, we also purchased 138 gift cards, over 800 reusable cloth masks for clients and PPE for our staff.

124
young adult clients
benefit from Executive
Order extending
benefits

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

2,008

children served
in all programs
in 2019

11

Open House
at new office at
80 Sway Way

Last day we appeared
in court in person
at the Juvenile
Justice Center

16

California issues
shelter-in-place order
due to COVID-19

17

20

First detention
hearings by
telephone followed
by video hearings
in early April

13

Gov. Newsom issues
executive order
providing financial
support to families
in crisis and allowing
emancipating youth
to continue to receive
support until age 22

SHOULD BE SEEN



Long Story Short

Brick & Jessicalyn became our clients in 2017 when they were 1 and nearly 3 years old and were placed in an emergency foster home. As time went on, they were not able to reunify with their parents or any relatives, and their special needs began to surface. Ultimately, both siblings were diagnosed with autism. EBCLO ensured they both became eligible for early developmental services and, later, special education services to meet their unique needs. Their emergency foster parents, Mr. & Mrs. Short, had never intended to adopt them, but efforts to locate a home that could celebrate their individual strengths and tend to their special needs continued to prove fruitless. Long story short...Brick and Jessicalyn stayed right where they had been for so long and officially became Shorts!

MAY

26

Four law student interns begin EBCLO's first ever virtual internship

JUN

50 kindergarten backpacks packed & ready for porch drops!

29

JUL

20

The court returned to its normal 5 day/week schedule, including remote trials. Our attorneys are now "in court" virtually every day!

AUG

24

Brick & Jessicalyn were adopted!

115

kids adopted in 2019



AND HEARD

Playing on Kenny's Team



With a lot of hard work both on and off the field, Kenny graduated from high school with A's and B's this spring and started college this fall.

With EBCLO's help, Kenny successfully defended three expulsions and some pretty serious charges in the juvenile justice system. Instead of being expelled or receiving a harsh punishment, Kenny received the support to help him begin a new journey. After completing high school, Kenny enrolled at Laney College where he is pursuing both his football and academic goals. And as if it couldn't get any better, his high school football coach and his wife want to adopt him. It's been a privilege to play on Kenny's team for sure.

100%
of expulsions
prevented

Home Sweet Home

Layla* was born with opiates in her system in the summer of 2019. She's a fighter, and she persevered through withdrawal symptoms including respiratory distress, vomiting, and hypoglycemia. Layla's mother persevered too—she checked herself into a residential drug treatment facility and began participating in Family Treatment Court. When the Shelter in Place orders took effect, Layla's team rallied to protect her foster parents who had underlying risk factors but to also make sure 7 month old Layla would continue to see her mother's face and hear her voice through FaceTime everyday, even if just for a few minutes. At the beginning of May, Layla officially returned to her mother's care. Today, her mom remains clean and sober, and Layla is a thriving one year old.

*not her real name



SEP

10

Kenny's first semester of college at Laney College

Air Quality Index reaches hazardous levels preventing outdoor visits with clients for over a week

OCT

26

Construction completed on EBCLO's new interview room where youth can participate in virtual hearings with their attorneys

NOV

12

Layla's* case will be considered for dismissal

DEC

290

children
returned home
in 2019



Dependency Advocacy Program

EBCLO is the primary provider of court appointed legal representation for Alameda County's foster youth. When a family is brought into juvenile court with allegations of abuse, neglect or abandonment, EBCLO is appointed. We help children navigate the juvenile court system and relentlessly advocate on their behalf. Our goal is to support children in safely returning to their homes.

Probate Guardianship Counsel for Children Program

When someone who is not a parent seeks custody of a child, an extensive process through the Probate Court ensues. EBCLO is appointed by the court in the most complicated probate guardianship cases for its expertise in providing vigorous and holistic representation to children and connecting children and their caregivers to community resources.

Community-based Advocacy for Resources and Education (CARE)

Children and youth who become involved in the court system often have a wide variety of needs, including outside of court. CARE encapsulates EBCLO's specialty legal services as well as its advocacy beyond the courtroom including education advocacy, early childhood advocacy, cross-over youth advocacy and mental health advocacy.



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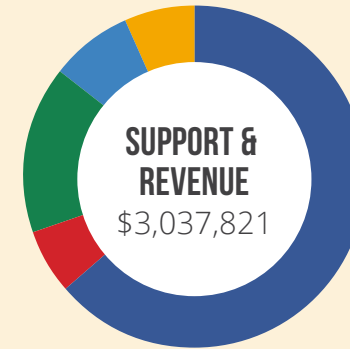
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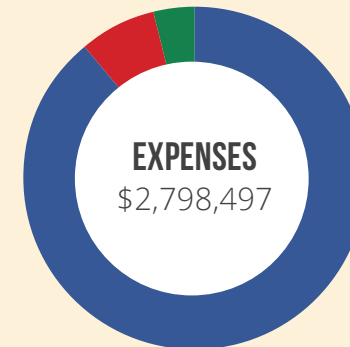
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- In-Kind & Miscellaneous Income: \$198,976



- Program Expenses: \$2,490,191
- General & Administrative Expenses: \$206,753
- Fundraising: \$101,553



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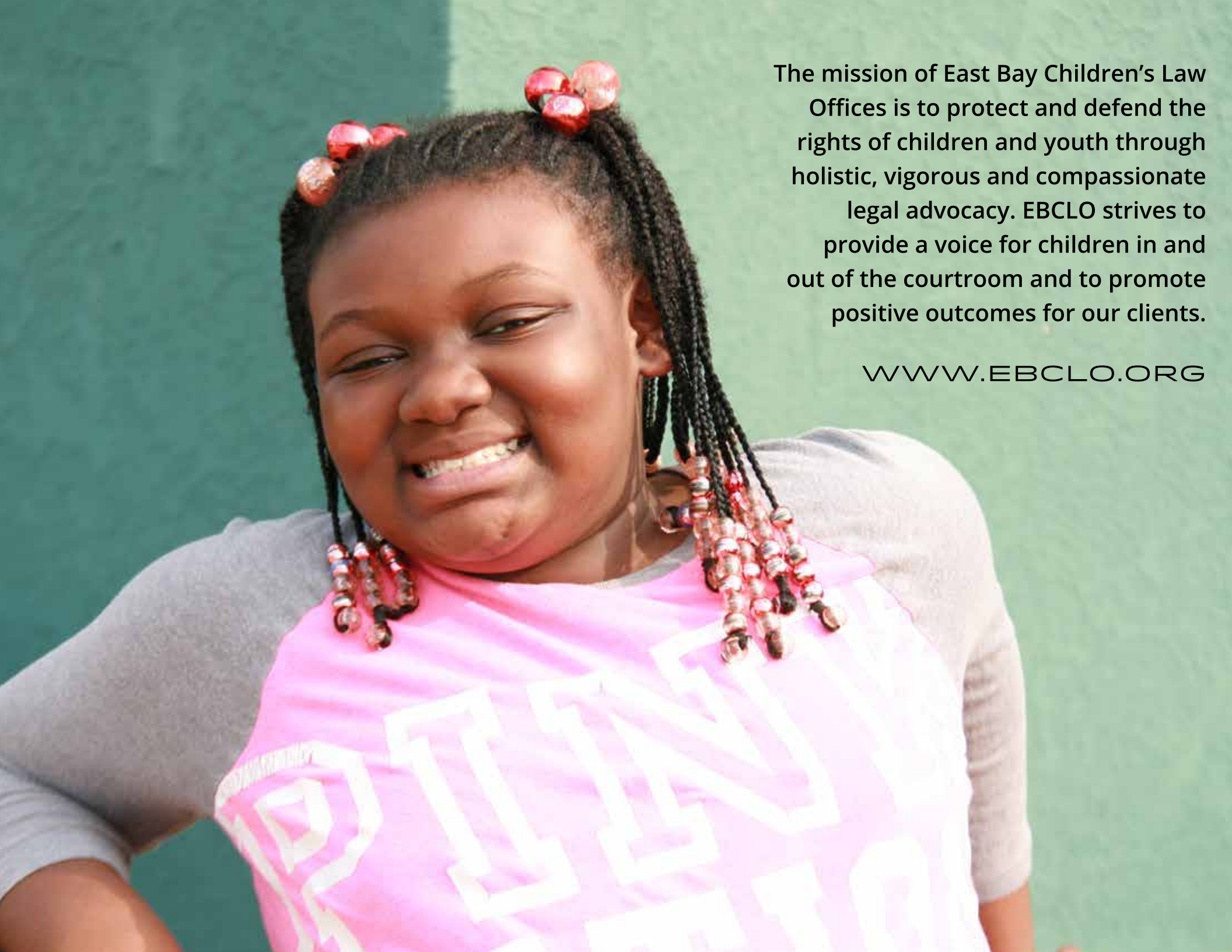
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