



June 6, 2023

Dear ICAN Partners and Friends,

As the school year is winding down and graduations are upon us, take a moment to reminisce about your earlier years when the whole world was ahead of you, filled with challenges, hopes and dreams. I'm sure many of you were inspired and excited to make a difference in this world, perhaps to serve children and families. Today you're pursuing your inspiration and you are truly making a difference. The world isn't perfect yet by any means, but it's important for you to be proud and remain excited. Our children and families need the very best version of you.

ICAN Children's Poster Art Contest Reception

This year's ICAN Poster Art Contest Reception was held on May 24th at Liberty Plaza in Whittier, CA.

The event was co-hosted by Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Hahn and ICAN Associates. Board Deputy Nick Holden, along with Sheriff, LAPD and County Fire officials participated in the reception. 200 poster art student finalists and their families from all over LA County attended with Board Scrolls, Certificates and scholarship awards presented. Big thanks to ICAN Associates Poster Art contest Chairs Judge Mary House and Beverly Kurtz, and our ICAN Senior Secretary, Sabina Alvarez for organizing this amazing event!





ICAN Spotlight:

ICAN Nexus conference

ICAN's first in-person Nexus conference drew a full house at the California Endowment. Keynote presentations by legendary family advocate Jerry Tello and national powerhouse attorney Paul Mones provided a unique spectrum of reality for families, the community and for victims of abuse. 16 workshops followed greetings by DCFS Director Brandon Nichols, and DPSS Director Jackie Contreras. Dr. Carol Berkowitz and Jerry Tello received ICAN Champion for Children awards, presented by ICAN Associates Lindsay Wagner and Justin Chambers.





Child Abuse Prevention Month

On April 18th, Board of Supervisors Chairperson Janice Hahn and Supervisor Holly Mitchell joined ICAN in declaring Child Abuse Prevention Month. The entire Board unanimously joined the proclamation and directives for support of ICAN's focus on Infant Safe Sleep, the No Hit Campaign and the ICAN Associates Children's Poster Art contest.

April is
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

To report child abuse or consult, please call the
Los Angeles County Child Protection Hotline at
1-800-540-4000

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Child and Adolescent Suicide Review Team

ICAN has a multi-disciplinary team that meets monthly to review child and adolescent suicides, analyzes trends and makes recommendations aimed at the recognition and prevention of suicide and suicidal behaviors. Check our Ican4kids.org website for resources on Talking to Children about Suicide; a Suicide and Social Media Kit; and a Suicide Prevention Kit. For more information regarding the team, contact ICAN Administrator, Tom Fraser at: fraset@dcfs.lacounty.gov

What's Next:

- ICAN Children's Grief Conference - Keep posted for the date by visiting our website at: ican4kids.org
- For a Complete Overview of ICAN's work, join our ICAN Operations Committee. Contact Sabina Alvarez for more information at: alvars@dcfs.lacounty.gov
- Download our public service campaign materials for Safe Sleep, Safe Surrender and No Hit by visiting our website at: ican4kids.org

ICAN News:

Happy Retirement and Congratulations to our ICAN Children Service Administrators, Nancy Urquilla (right photo) who will be retiring after 32years of County Service and Marianne Yamato (left photo) who has been promoted and will continue to serve children and families at DCFS. Thank you for all your important work for ICAN. We will miss you both!



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With respect and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deanne Tilton Durfee".

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