



2019 Santa Clara Domestic Violence Conference

Building Bridges: Transforming Crisis to Empowerment

Speaker Bios

Geri Archibald

The Forgotten Years: IPV/Sexual Assault and Youth Age 13-23

Geri Archibald, MSN, FNP, SANE-A, SANE-P is the Clinical Coordinator at The Keller Center for Family Violence Intervention at San Mateo Medical Center. Geri completed her MSN in the Family Nurse Practitioner program at UCSF. She worked at various positions in family practice and women's health, and has been a Family Nurse Practitioner at San Mateo Medical Center for over 20 years. She has been a sexual assault nurse examiner since 2004, and has been at The Keller Center since 2009, where she coordinates the SANE team and performs forensic medical exams for adult and pediatric victims of sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse. She is also a Forensic Interview Specialist, and interviews minors and adults regarding sexual and physical abuse. She provides education on abuse and mandated reporting for hospital staff, and provides court testimony as a strangulation expert.

Ken Borelli

The Greenbook 20 Years Later

Retired Deputy Director of the Department of Family and Children Services, Santa Clara County. He is also an emeritus member of the SCC Child Abuse Council, currently dealing with youth homeless issues. He has over 40 years' experience as a Child Welfare Worker and Administrator. His immigration experience includes refugee resettlement, unaccompanied minors, child welfare work with families with immigration problems, developing a county wide immigration service unit and regional task force, along with immigration issues related to the concurrence of Child Welfare and Domestic Violence (National Greenbook Project). He has served on many local, state and national task forces, and in 1988 co-authored federal child welfare immigration relief entitled "Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)". He recently worked on a California piece of legislation carried by State Senator Kevin de Leon, the "Reuniting Immigrant Families Act", providing for an additional six more months of family reunification when an immigrant parent was unable to complete a service plan due to immigration issues. He has also provided training for NASW, National CASA, and several nonprofit foundations. Ken was a founding member of the Migration and Child Welfare National Network, now called the Center for Immigration and Child Welfare, and national BRYCS, and Annie E Casey Foundation on child welfare issues.

Angela Bymaster

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Angela Bymaster is a family medicine physician who practices in a small community clinic in a low income neighborhood in San Jose. She previously worked for Valley Homeless Healthcare Program, the county homeless clinic, for 6 years. She is also a wife and mother of 5 kids and one grandchild. She enjoys caring for patients, being with her family, playing volleyball, sewing, and mystery stories.

Amy Caffrey

LGBTQ+ Intimate Partner Violence: Unique Stressor, Unique Trauma, Unique Resilience

- Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist in Private Practice (1996 – present)
- Part-Time Professor at San Jose State University in the Psychology Dept (2011 – present)
- Currently provides training, workshops and written materials to DV agencies, University classes and Counseling agencies throughout the County on a variety of LGBTQ+ topics
- Has provided Training on LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence since 1995
- Currently also provides Agency Audits to help Agencies become more LGBTQ welcoming
- Former Commissioner on the Santa Clara Co. Domestic Violence Council (2011- 2018) (7 years) as the only LGBTQ seat on the Council
- 2015 Recipient of the Judge Len Edwards Champion of Peace Award
- 1996-2001 she ran Santa Clara County's only LGBTQ domestic violence program at Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence in San Jose

Roxana Damas

From Surviving to Thriving

Roxana Damas, with over 15 years of consulting locally, nationally and internationally, is the founder and CEO of RGD Enterprises Inc., the parent corporation for three businesses: RD Consulting & Translations (RDCT), Diversity RD Global, and Roxana Damas Music & Productions.

RD Consulting & Translations connects technology and business to Latino and other underserved communities. Diversity RD Global specializes in all forms of diversity work, public affairs, strategic development and corporate social responsibility projects. Roxana Damas Music & Productions, the original business that she began at 17, is now a family business that includes music, entertainment, publishing, event productions and as a singer, a platform/instrument for her message.

Damas unique blend of training and work experience in the fields of business administration, public and international relations, immigration, public policy, human rights, social services, gender issues, educational programs and violence prevention are assets in creating business innovation, start-ups, and uniquely designed new projects. As a graduate of UC Davis in Women's Studies and her MBA in Transglobal Management from St. Mary's, Roxana is able to apply her academic studies as well as awareness and exposure to these topics being raised in both El Salvador and San Francisco.

Roxana's vision is that her business and civic efforts will support individual and community transformations. As a result of years of investing in socially responsible work, she has started the non-profit Alquimia Global to help those most in need through a non-profit humanitarian model.

Ruth Darlene*The Intersection between Mass Shootings and Domestic Violence*

Ruth Darlene is the Founder and Director of Women SV, which has been serving survivors of domestic abuse in professional and affluent communities since 2011. Ruth's educational background includes a Master's in English Literature, teaching credential and state certification in domestic violence advocacy. She worked at Stanford's Center for Research in Disease Prevention and while there, she developed a research model that she used to create her own non-profit in 2011.

Leonard Edwards*The Greenbook 20 Years Later*

Judge Leonard Edwards is a retired Judge who served for 26 years on the Santa Clara County Superior Court. During his tenure Judge Edwards founded the Domestic Violence Council and was the leader of the Greenbook Project. Currently, Judge Edwards is a consultant and teacher working out of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts at the Judicial Council in San Francisco. His writings and videos can be found at judgeleonardedwards.com.

Frank Del Fiugo*Engaging Men and Boys to End Gender Based-Violence*

Frank Del Fiugo is the founder of Del Fiugo Consulting, an executive coaching firm that helps today's leaders acquire a psychological understanding of individuals to help drive organizational and personal performance.

Frank has decades of experience working with emotionally charged situations, addressing and resolving personal and professional conflict, resolving peer disputes, addressing communication deficiencies, and fostering leadership development. Frank works with public and private companies in Silicon Valley, southern California, and nationally. Frank is also available to work with any governmental agency requiring GSA certification.

Frank is a professional speaker and provides training on leadership, stress management, dealing with difficult people, and high impact communication. He is also the author of a book focused upon aggression and anger management.

Frank earned his BA in psychology from University of Southern California and his Master's degree in psychology from JFK University.

Perla Flores, MPA, JD*A Collaborative, Survivor-Centered Approach to Safety Planning*

Perla Flores directs the domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking programs at Community Solutions, a non-profit human services agency serving South Santa Clara County and San Benito County. She is a commissioner on the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council and also chairs the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking. As a program director at Community Solutions, she oversees development, implementation, and evaluation of the organization's domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking prevention and intervention services. Her tireless leadership contributed to the development of the South County Family Justice Center.

Ms. Flores is a recipient of the prestigious 2010 California Peace Prize from The California Wellness Foundation and was named Advocate of the Year by the Domestic Violence Council in 2015.

Suzanne Frank

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Suzanne Frank, MD, FAAP is a retired pediatrician at Kaiser San Jose. She was the CASP(Child Abuse Services and Prevention) Champion and ADHD CO-Champion. Suzanne received her BS from the University of Michigan and her medical degree from Northwestern University .She did her internship at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles In the early 90's she worked at the Children Shelter and Juvenile hall. Subsequently ,she continued to work as a Pediatric SART examiner in Santa Clara County for 20 years. Currently she serves on the Domestic Violence Medical Committee and the Child Abuse Council's Interagency Collaboration committee. Suzanne served on the Board of Directors of Parents Helping Parents for ten years. In November,2017 she helped launch an ACES program in the Kaiser San Jose Pediatrics Department. Suzanne currently works for School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County.

James Gibbons-Shapiro

Domestic Violence Death Review – Lessons Learned from the Last 25 Years

James Gibbons-Shapiro grew up in San Jose, attended Gunderson High School, Yale University, and UCLA Law School. He worked at the law firm of Fenwick & West for 2 ½ years before joining the Santa Clara County DA's Office, where he has worked for 22 years. He has prosecuted every kind of case from murder to misappropriation of public funds. Currently he is one of the six Assistant DA's that manage the trial and other teams in the DA's Office. He supervises the Family Violence Team, The Crime Strategies Unit (using data analytics and information sharing to solve more crimes and prosecute them better), the Victim Services Unit, the High Tech Crimes Team, and the Regional Auto Theft Task Force prosecutors. He chairs the County's Domestic Violence Death Review Team, and also chairs the annual effort to update and revise the County's Domestic Violence Protocol for Law Enforcement.

Denise Henderson

Moving From Post-Traumatic Stress to Post-Traumatic Growth: A Focus on Resilience

Denise Henderson is the Director of Clinical Services for the YWCA Silicon Valley where she designed and fostered the Healing Center. Current programs include San Jose District School based counseling, clinical work with adults, minors and families who have experienced trauma including domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.

She has worked with survivors of violence for 19 years. For the first nine years of her career, she worked for Support Network for Battered Women, which then merged and continued with the YWCA Silicon Valley. She has provided mental health services and support to folks in shelter, court, schools and clinics. She has worked with children through Play therapy, adults with varying types of trauma related symptoms, and is an adjunct Professor for USF Graduate Counseling Program.

She is a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, certified in EMDR and has been trained in and provide training on Trauma Informed Care, Clinical Supervision, Sexual assault, Suicidal clients, Adults abused as children, Torture, Play Therapy.

Katherine Lucero

The Greenbook 20 Years Later

Judge Lucero is the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division for Santa Clara County Superior Court. She currently supervises the Juvenile Justice Court. As well as deciding cases on the general docket, she presides over the Juvenile Justice Dual Diagnosis Court which she founded in October of 2014. From May 2006 until January of 2012 Judge Lucero was the Supervising Judge in Juvenile Dependency Court where she oversaw hundreds of cases involving abused and neglected children. In 2011 she was assigned as an Appellate Justice Pro Tem on the 6th District California Court of Appeals. She was also previously assigned to the Santa Clara County Superior Court Appellate Bench, the Family Court and the Adult Criminal Court.

Judge Lucero has focused on justice for children and families with her leadership by initiating a variety of court innovations which required her to pull together a variety of government and community stakeholders and to locate funding.

In 2002 she started a Family Treatment Court in Dissolution Court to assist parents with substance abuse problems that had interfered with custody or visitation of their children. In Dependency Court she initiated the Family Wellness Court for drug exposed infants and toddlers and established the innovative Girls Court which expanded into a Teen Court to include high risk teen boys. She also helped to start the Santa Clara County Middle School Education Court in 2010. In 2014 she initiated the Juvenile Justice PATH2s (Progress Achieved through Hope & Holistic Services) Court for dual diagnosed youth struggling to get back on track and get off probation. She also brought the Educational Champion concept to Juvenile Justice.

Judge Lucero has served for the last twenty-five years on numerous committees, panels, boards, councils and projects on behalf of the community. She has previously served as a member of the Santa Clara Child Abuse Council. She served as a member and Chairperson for the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council from 2000 to 2013. She served on the Santa Clara County Child Death Review Team for three years prior to taking the Bench. She has also served as the President, vice-president and treasurer for the Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association.

She is a former Board of Trustee for the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges (NCJFCJ). She was the former co-chair of the Santa Clara County Greenbook's Cultural Competency Initiative with an emphasis on community engagement and served on the Project Oversight Committee of the Santa Clara County Greenbook Project from January 2000 to September of 2006. The Santa Clara County Greenbook Project implemented policy and procedural changes for how Law Enforcement, Social Services, Judges and Domestic Violence Advocates respond to families where there is a cooccurrence of Domestic Violence and Child abuse. She was a steering committee member of the Courts Catalyzing Change Disproportionality Initiative for NCJFCJ. She also previously co-chaired the Santa Clara County Blue Ribbon Committee on Foster Children and Youth.

Judge Lucero has trained other judges and child welfare professionals at local, state and national conferences on issues involving the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children, on Family Drug Courts, Immigration Issues in Dependency Court and on the Disproportionate Impact of the Child welfare System on Children of Color.

Nancy Marshall

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Ms. Nancy Marshall, MFT, is the co-founder and Executive Director of Domestic Violence Intervention Collaborative, a non-profit agency established in 2005 to fill gaps in court based and court ordered domestic services. Ms. Marshall has over 20 years of experience working in the arenas of domestic violence and trauma. In addition to providing individual and group therapy, conducting court ordered domestic violence assessments, consulting with Criminal, Dependency and Family Court Systems, she has been instrumental in developing unique court based domestic violence services in Dependency and Family Courts. Over the past 20 years, Ms. Marshall has been an active member of various committees of the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council. She participated in the California Leadership Group on Domestic Violence and Child Well-Being, representing Santa Clara County. She has participated in trainings for Santa Clara County's Superior Court, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Juvenile Law Institute, provided trainings for various community agencies, and co-facilitated workshops at conferences on topics related to domestic violence/intimate partner violence. She has been the recipient of the Judge Len Edwards Champion of Peace Award, the Pro Bono Project's DVLSR Vision Award, the Santa Clara County Bar Association Minority Access Committee's Unsung Heroes award, and the Victim Support Network Unsung Hero award.

Esther Peralez-Dieckmann

Engaging Men and Boys to End Gender Based-Violence

Esther Peralez-Dieckmann is the Executive Director of Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, the oldest and largest provider of domestic violence services in Santa Clara County. Over a span of 25 years, her career has included work in the public, private and non-governmental sectors throughout the Southwestern U.S. She has led workforce and community development efforts, with a focus on women transitioning off welfare and youth in the juvenile justice system to address barriers to greater well-being and economic security. She has coordinated research studies to address violence against women with justice involved girls and has co-authored several publications on this work in under-served communities.

For 12 years, she served as the Director of the County Office of Women's Policy and led efforts for the first gender analysis of women in a jail system documented in the award-winning report "Breaking Cycles, Rebuilding Lives". Esther has been an effective advocate for women and families within County Government focusing on addressing violence against women, equal pay and worker's rights and serving in a leadership role to ensure local government provided funding and policies for this work. She was a Co-Convener of the County's Intimate Partner Blue Ribbon Task Force and successfully advocated for an increased focus and new resources for domestic violence at the local and state levels.

Esther has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2009 Rosa Parks Award from the MLK Association of Santa Clara Valley, 2013 East Side United Civic Leadership Award and Assembly District 27 Women of the Year for District 14.

Mia Perez

From Surviving to Thriving

SAG Actress, Model, Producer, TV/Radio Host, Author, Entrepreneur, and most importantly, single Mother to an 11 year old daughter, Mia Perez, works tirelessly in her mission to improve her community for today and tomorrow's generations. Daily, her time and resources are spent building up and encouraging the public to make positive change. Leading by example, Mia has faced many hurdles in her

life, but has refused to let any of them stop her. Not only has she risen above sexual abuse, domestic violence and divorce, but she has done so while achieving the title of Entrepreneur and using her voice to live her purpose and help others do the same. Using that voice, Mia serves as the Founder of VIVA Women's Empowerment Community. Here, she helps others to overcome barriers by offering best practices and resources to those facing similar situations.

Rolanda Pierre Dixon

Domestic Violence Death Review – Lessons Learned from the Last 25 Years

Rolanda Pierre Dixon is the retired Assistant District Attorney for Santa Clara County. She also served as the county's expert on domestic violence and as Human Trafficking liaison for the District Attorney's office.

Ms. Pierre Dixon is a graduate of San Jose State University with a BA degree in Political Science. She received her JD from the University of Santa Clara in 1980. She has handled all types of criminal prosecutions; including drunk driving, assault and battery, child abuse, robbery, juvenile, narcotics and domestic violence.

She established the first domestic violence unit in Santa Clara County in 1991 and was the supervisor of the unit until January 2006 when she was promoted to Assistant District Attorney. She also supervised the Family Violence Unit which includes domestic violence, child abuse, physical elder abuse and child abduction. In this capacity the unit members prosecuted over 5,000 domestic violence cases per year and were considered to be one of the premiere units in California.

She also supervised the Dependency Unit, Burglary Assault Unit and Narcotics Team, as well as the Narcotics, Burglary/Assault, Victim Restitution, Victim Witness and Dependency Units. She chaired the Domestic Violence Death Review Team beginning with its inception in 1994.

Marilyn Randolph

From Surviving to Thriving

Marilyn Randolph earned her BS degree in Human Services and AA Early Childhood Education along with permits through the state of California. She is the owner of A Family Day Care that has been operating since 1984 and established under the directorship of her late grandmother, Ms. Betty A. Howard, Marilyn has impeccable professional credentials.

Founder of the Betty Howard Memorial scholarship fund, a fund that was started in honor of her grandmother in March 2011, a scholarship that was created to help students in Early Childhood Education. A merit award of 250.00 is annually bestowed to the winner of the scholarship. Along with these efforts, she oversees the distribution of gifts to over 100 children in the community every Christmas and has been delivering such joy over the past 15 plus years.

Marilyn is also the Executive Director and Founder of Women Rising Above Abuse, an organization that was established in 2016. Women Rising Above Abuse (WRAA) is a nonprofit organization that is set out to empower, strength and uplift those that have suffered from abuse. Helping women and youth that were victims of sexual, emotional, and physical abuse.

Family is at the core of her beliefs and values, what she holds most sacred. Married with six children, three who are adopted and a granddaughter. Marilyn is a noted author, having written "Be Still" and "Brighter Beginnings Family Child Care Guide" volumes that are now available. She is a Licenses

Missionary/Evangelist, Inspirational public Speaker, and a successful Publishing Coach, guiding those that want to self-publish or use her publishing services Amari Rise to publish their books.

Shareen Rivera

From Surviving to Thriving

Shareen Rivera is a motivational speaker who uses her personal experience to uplift vulnerable populations, including survivors of violence. She believes that sharing is an integral part of healing and started her own business, Rising Above Writing Services, to help women and men share their stories of struggle and perseverance with the goal of becoming an inspirational author themselves while creating change one survivor at a time.

Rivera is also a board member for Bee Daring Foundation and Sabor del Valle. She received her Bachelor Of Science In Criminal Justice from Liberty University and her Associate Of Arts In English from De Anza College.

Laurice Ruvalcaba

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Laurice Rubalcava is the Regional Director of Education at Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. She has over 18 years of experience in the field of sexual health and youth programming. Laurice received her BS from San Jose State University in Behavioral Science with an emphasis on Sociology. As a Health Educator, Laurice has provided comprehensive sex education with a wide array of populations including some of the most vulnerable populations such as middle school and high school aged youth, incarcerated youth and adults, foster youth, pregnant & parenting teens, and homeless individuals. In her current role, Laurice manages the implementation of sexual health programming in six counties throughout the Bay Area. Laurice has served as the Chairperson on the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Network (APPN) in Santa Clara County for 5 years, where she works with other service providers in the community to collaborate on strategies for impacting the health outcomes of youth.

Poonam Singh

Theater of the Oppressed: Using Embodied & Holistic Ways of Learning To Identify How We Can Transform Violence Into Love & Empowerment

Poonam Singh is a bay-area based trainer, educator, facilitator & leadership coach for both adults and youth. She is the founder of a youth leadership organization Soulforce Leadership. Poonam coaches leaders, provides experiential workshops, advises on strategy, and develops content in the areas of restorative justice, mindfulness, and using techniques of Theater of the Oppressed and Playback Theater to create social change. She has studied with Jiwon Chung based in Berkeley for the past 5 years. Poonam works primarily with nonprofit organizations, but also partners with individuals, companies & schools. You can learn more about her work at www.poonamrajsingh.com

Karina Tamayo

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Karina Tamayo is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Director of Clinical Services at Talk-a-While, Child & Family Therapy Center in San Jose, CA. Karina is responsible for the direct clinical management and oversight of Talk-a-While's clinical team, and program development. Prior to her time

at Talk-a-While, she worked for approximately 8 years at Kaiser Permanente's Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Department in San Jose where she served as the clinic's ASD Champion, Triage/On-Call team member, and Spanish-speaking clinical team.

Karina received her Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Psychology from Pepperdine University and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Yale University. Her passion for working with young children, adolescents, and their families stems from her upbringing in the inner city of East Los Angeles, CA and her awareness as a young child of the positive impact early intervention services, strong mentorship, and mental health support can have for families.

Erica Villa

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Erica Villa is the Manager of Community Partnerships and serves as the Program Coordinator for the Coaching Boys into Men Initiative (CBIM). A native of San Jose who attended one of the high schools in the East Side, Erica is excited to bring this program to her community and to leverage her deep knowledge of the East Side community to focus on improving health outcomes and preventing gender-based violence. She participated in sports during her high school years, played intercollegiate Soccer, and has assisted in coaching young women and children. Currently Erica supports and supervises a team of advocates working directly with community partners towards a joint goal of promoting healthy relationships in the context of youth violence prevention. In 2016, she spearheaded a pilot initiative to develop a "DV and Healthcare Partnerships Toolkit" designed to help health care providers develop or improve their internal processes to better screen and provide universal education on the effects of violence on health and on children so that individuals and families who are in an abusive situation can connect with help available through a domestic violence agency. She continues to provide technical assistance to health care providers in the public, private and non-governmental sectors. Erica holds a Bachelors in Biology and is currently completing a Master's in Health Promotion.

Jennafer Wagner

California's Custody Statutes Protecting Survivors of Domestic Violence and Their Children in Family Court, and the Science Behind Them

Jennafer Dorfman Wagner is the Director of Programs at Family Violence Appellate Project (FVAP). She has been a legal services attorney since 1997, including 16 years in a supervisory or managerial role. She has practiced in diverse geographic regions and in multiple subject areas in previous positions at Mental Health Advocacy Project (a project of Law Foundation of Silicon Valley) in San Jose, California; Legal Action of Wisconsin; Washington (DC) Legal Clinic for the Homeless; and Nevada Legal Services. Since February 2013, her practice has focused exclusively on domestic violence appeals and includes supervising pro bono co-counsel, paid and volunteer FVAP attorneys, and fellows. Ms. Wagner has been intimately involved in identifying the legal issues facing survivors across the state and developing the appellate legal strategy to address those issues, including the on-the-ground training and technical assistance necessary to preserve the issues for appeal. She was honored for her work in 2018 with a CLAY award (California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year, selected by the Daily Journal) for family law. Along with her colleagues at FVAP, her work has resulted in 39 published appellate opinions interpreting California's domestic violence laws. She also co-authored an article for Family Law News, summarizing FVAP's 2016 statewide survey of domestic violence advocates. Ms. Wagner has a Juris Doctorate from Columbia University, and graduated from Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles.

Kim Walker

The Domestic Violence Forensic Exam

Kim is the Medical SART Coordinator for Santa Clara County. She has partnered with the YWCA of Silicon Valley to establish the Santa Clara County Sexual Assault Committee in 2016 and is currently a Committee co-chair. To date, this committee has developed several tools for first responders, including a county-wide sexual assault protocol that defines both the individual and mutual responses of the partner agencies regarding victims of sexual assault. It is the goal of this committee to act as the primary resource to the community partners regarding best practice in sexual assault response, data tracking and training. She is also a member of the Santa Cruz County and South Santa Clara/San Benito County SART Committees. As the SAFE Program Coordinator, Kim has provided training to local law enforcement agencies and academies, rape crisis advocates, Emergency Department staff, medical clinics, County Emergency Medical Service providers, and University programs. Primary topics include best practice for first responders, human trafficking, victimology, strangulation, and neurobiology of trauma.

Kim is also an inaugural member on the Leadership Council of the Association of California Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (Cal SAFE). This agency works closely with SART partners at the state level, including the California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center (CCFMTC).