



Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic

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“May is Mental Health Awareness Month” Event:

Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic Honors Local Leaders on Suicide Prevention and Foster Care

Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic launched its National Mental Health Awareness Month efforts by honoring leaders in suicide prevention and foster care: Kita S. Curry, Ph.D. and CASA Los Angeles (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Dr. Curry is President/CEO of Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services, and is a highly regarded leader in stigma reduction and suicide prevention. CASA’s trained volunteers are appointed by local judges to advocate for a foster child under the court’s protection due to abuse or neglect, and ensure each child’s needs are addressed by the court. Both were honored May 1st at the Clinic’s Annual Awards Luncheon.

“Dr. Curry is a shining visionary whose activism and leadership has touched the lives of countless thousands during her distinguished career,” said Betsy Pfromm, President/CEO of Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic. Dr. Curry was awarded the Clinic’s Evis Coda Award for Building Hope for Families. To fight stigma, Dr. Curry encourages “everyone who faces mental illness to be as open about it as they are about asthma.”

CASA of Los Angeles Executive Director David Melendez accepted the Clinic’s Quinton James Award for Making A Difference for his organization’s work. Ms. Pfromm said, “Our Los Angeles County children and youth in foster care are blessed to benefit from the skillful and compassionate work of CASA volunteers.”

The Clinic’s 3rd Annual Awards Luncheon was hosted by NBC4 weekend co-anchor and reporter Ted Chen, and was held at The California Endowment Center for Healthy Communities.

About Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic: The mission of the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic is to provide quality mental health services by ensuring easy access and promoting early intervention. This is achieved by providing family-centered and culturally sensitive mental health services and specialized educational services to seriously emotionally disturbed children.



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Left to Right: CASA Los Angeles Executive Director David Melendez, Kita S. Curry Ph. D., and Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic President/CEO Betsy Pfromm

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