

## Statement of Purpose

**Our mission is to promote positive attitudes and actions that ensure respect, acceptance and equal opportunity for all people.**



In this brochure you will find information regarding our various programs and the services that we offer. If you have further questions, need help, or wish to volunteer to help others please contact us. Our counselors are eager to help.

## History

The Center for Social Advocacy – formerly Heartland Human Relations and Fair Housing Association – is a 501(c)(3) incorporated non-profit organization founded in 1969. We are one of the oldest civil and human rights organizations located in San Diego. We have stood as advocates for fair housing and mediated tenant/landlord disputes, and still do so today. The Center for Social Advocacy also focuses on the following areas: hate crimes, immigrant and civil rights, human trafficking, youth education, and voter education.

The Center for Social Advocacy seeks to become a national leader in human and civil rights advocacy through direct client services, field outreach, public education, regional, state and national policy work, and collaboration with organizations with similar missions.

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## CSA San Diego County



**We are Your Neighbors.  
We are Your Community.  
We are Your Resource.**

# CSA San Diego County Services

## Fair Housing

We ensure protection under fair housing laws that address discrimination and harassment. We can assist in handling a fair housing dispute and completing the forms needed to file a claim with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH).

Services Include:

- Fair housing counseling and dispute mediation
- Educational fair housing seminars for tenants and landlords (English and Spanish)
- Services to tenants, landlords, and apartment managers
- Real estate and rental practice discrimination audits
- Free rental housing handbooks in English, Spanish, and Arabic

## Fair Housing

Fair housing exists in a community when individuals of similar incomes have the same range of housing choices regardless of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, gender, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, source of income, or other arbitrary factor.

A violation of fair housing is defined as any action, omission, or decision that limits housing choices based on the protected classes defined above. If you think you have been a victim of illegal housing discrimination, we can help you file a complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the DFEH.

## Advocacy in Education

We promote social justice for all students as well as provide assistance in case of discrimination based on the protected classes. We also chair the Education Consortium, a non-partisan coalition dedicated to increasing the educational opportunities and achievements of the economically and educationally disadvantaged.

We work with parents of students attending schools in the Grossmont High School District and the El Cajon Valley Union School District, supporting them in their efforts to advocate for their children's best

interests at school. Our main goal is to emphasize and promote the A-G Curriculum, a set of rigorous courses which prepare students with the essential skills for college and a career.



## Hate Crimes

We seek to address hate crimes and hate incidents in East County.

Services Include:

- Support to individuals who have experienced a hate crime or hate incident
- Collaboration with law enforcement to document and prosecute hate crimes
- Prevention strategies to address hate crimes and hate incidents

We also chair United for a Hate Free San Diego, an organization striving to educate and model acceptance and respect for difference in the County of San Diego. To obtain more information, please visit our website at [www.hatefreesandiego.org](http://www.hatefreesandiego.org).

## Immigration Rights and Education

We provide assistance and information about rights and resources available to the immigrant community of San Diego:

Services Include:

- Support to victims of immigration (ICE) raids
- Citizenship and voter's education

We are also an active participant of the San Diego Immigration Rights Consortium, which provides legal assistance and resources to immigrants. For more information, please visit the website [www.immigrantssandiego.org](http://www.immigrantssandiego.org).

## Human Trafficking and Labor

We provide support and assistance for victims of human trafficking and labor exploitation.

Services Include:

- Counseling/crisis intervention
- Network of services that provide:
  - Compensation for damages
  - Immigration assistance
  - Eligibility for social services
  - Legal representation

## We service the following areas:

Carlsbad	La Mesa
El Cajon	Santee
Spring Valley	East County

