

# LEGAL & ADVOCACY

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***One way of helping people is through advocacy. Being an advocate involves speaking out against or for an issue in your community. Frustrated by the budget cuts for children's services? Volunteer with an organization that advocates for increased after school programs, child care centers and youth employment programs. Be a part of the solution and let your voice be heard!***

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## American Civil Liberties Union

1663 Mission Street, Suite 460, San Francisco  
415-621-2493

**Email:** [www.ACLUNC.org](http://www.ACLUNC.org)  
**Minimum age:** 16  
**Bus lines:** 14 Mission, 49 Van

**Web:** [www.ACLUNC.org](http://www.ACLUNC.org)  
**W/parental supervision:** 16  
**BART:** Van Ness station

Your rights are your power ... know them ... use them. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)'s Student Advisors work in the office after school or come to monthly meetings to plan conferences and programs, discuss problems, suggest solutions, and learn about civil liberties. All high school and college students are welcome.

## Arc Ecology

833 Market Street, #1107, San Francisco  
415-495-1786

**Email:** [arc@igc.org](mailto:arc@igc.org)  
**Minimum age:** 18  
**Bus lines:** 27, Market/Mission

**Web:**  
**W/parental supervision:** 15  
**BART:** Powell St.

Arms Control Research Center (ARC) researches and publicizes the impact of the military on the environment, economy, and society, through Projects addressing social injustice, environmental racism, and toxic contamination as related to militarism. General office assistance is needed answering phones, word processing, and doing bulk mailings.

## ASSERT (F,G)

, San Francisco  
415-831-8028

**Email:**  
**Minimum age:** 16  
**Bus lines:** 5, 31, 38

**Web:**  
**W/parental supervision:** 8  
**BART:**

At Asian Society For Education, Research 'n Technology, we welcome policy critics, freelance writers, local campaign and elections volunteers, tutors, community activities volunteers, tutors, survey conductors, project researchers student advocate, and computer whiz. Home-school-field based volunteer work.

## CA Advocates For Nursing Home Reform

1610 Bush Street, San Francisco  
415-474-5171

**Email:** [info@canhr.org](mailto:info@canhr.org)  
**Minimum age:** 15  
**Bus lines:** 2, 3, 4, 19, 38, 42, 47,

**Web:** [www.canhr.org](http://www.canhr.org)  
**W/parental supervision:** 15  
**BART:** Van Ness and California

The mission of the CA Advocates For Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) is to improve the quality of care and life for California's long-term care residents. Work for the rights of long term care residents by helping out in the office. Summer positions are filled, openings will be available in the Fall of 2003.

## Central American Resource Center (G)

1245 Alabama Street, San Francisco  
415-642-4420

**Email:** [RosaPascual@aol.com](mailto:RosaPascual@aol.com)  
**Minimum age:** 18  
**Bus lines:** 48, 14, 33

**Web:** [www.carecensf.org](http://www.carecensf.org)  
**W/parental supervision:** 16  
**BART:** 24th/Mission

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) is a multiservice community agency that serves Latino immigrant communities. CARECEN's services address the immediate legal, health, educational, social, and economic needs and rights of this population. We work to empower the population to advocate for and affect permanent political and social justice. Volunteers can help with special events, data entry, client intake, translation, tutoring, and educational forums.

## Chinese for Affirmative Action

17 Walter U. Lum Place, San Francisco  
415-274-6760 x308

**Email:** [cwong@caasf.org](mailto:cwong@caasf.org)  
**Minimum age:** 16  
**Bus lines:** 1, 5, 15, 30, 45, 83

**Web:** [www.caasf.org](http://www.caasf.org)  
**W/parental supervision:** 16  
**BART:** Montgomery

Chinese for Affirmative Action is a civil rights organization that provides employment placement and policy advocacy on behalf of Asian Americans. We welcome youth volunteers to learn more about the civil rights issues that we work on daily. Volunteers will also have many opportunities to gain office experience such as receptioning, filing and data entry. Because of the monlingual Chinese clientele that we serve, bilingual Chinese and English skills

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## Coleman Advocates for Children and

459 Vienna Street, San Francisco  
415-239-0161 x810

**Email:** info@colemanadvocates.o **Web:** www.colemanadvocates.org  
**Minimum age:** Any **W/parental supervision:** Any  
**Bus lines:** 29, 44, 52, 54 **BART:** Glen Park, Balboa Park

Youth can learn how to make a difference in their community by educating themselves and others, organizing citizens of San Francisco, and speaking out on issues that concern them.

## Communities for a Better Environment

1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 450, Oakland  
510-302-0430 x214

**Email:** cbesf@yahoo.com **Web:** www.cbecal.org  
**Minimum age:** 15 **W/parental supervision:** 14  
**Bus lines:** **BART:** 12th St / Downtown Oakland

Looking for a fight? Why not fight for laws that will provide clean air and water and toxin-free communities? Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) works with urban communities and grassroots organizations to fight environmental injustices and improve the health of the people of California. Volunteers can help with outreach efforts in different communities or help in the main office.

## Community United Against Violence (G)

160-14th Street, San Francisco  
415-777-5500 x323

**Email:** garcia@cuav.org **Web:** www.cuav.org  
**Minimum age:** 14 **W/parental supervision:** 13  
**Bus lines:** 8, 31, 5, 71, 7, 6 **BART:** Powell St.

We are dedicated to ending violence against and within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities. We provide counseling and advocacy to victims of hate crimes and same sex domestic violence. We also have a speakers bureau that goes out to stop hate at its roots -- ignorance. We are seeking volunteers to help answer phones, assist with office duties and do outreach. We are also in need of LGBTQ youth who want to become speakers.

## Earth Justice Legal Defense Fund

426 17th Street, 5th Floor, Oakland  
510-550-6725

**Email:** eajusca@earthjustice.org **Web:** www.earthjustice.org  
**Minimum age:** 16 **W/parental supervision:** 14  
**Bus lines:** 2, 3, 4, 15, Market St. **BART:** Montgomery

Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund is a nonprofit environmental law firm which represents a variety of nonprofits and individuals in legal actions designed to protect and restore environmental quality. Opportunities exist in the development of administrative work. Come help a great cause.

## Instituto Laboral De La Raza (G)

2947 16th Street, San Francisco  
415-431-7522

**Email:** ilaboral@aol.com **Web:** www.ilaboral.org  
**Minimum age:** 16 **W/parental supervision:** 14  
**Bus lines:** 22, 53, 14, 26 **BART:** 16th Street

The mission of Instituto Laboral de la Raza is to counsel, serve, and represent low-income workers in the Bay Area. Instituto Laboral helps with wage claims, workers' rights issues, union and minority issues, unemployment compensation forms, etc., and provides assistance in emergencies. Please call for more information on volunteer opportunities.

## La Raza Community Resource Center (G)

474 Valencia Street, Ste. 100, San Francisco  
415-863-0764 x17

**Email:** larazainf@aol.com **Web:**  
**Minimum age:** 16 **W/parental supervision:** 16  
**Bus lines:** 14, 26 **BART:** 16th St.

La Raza Centro Legal provides legal services in the areas of immigration, housing, employment, youth, and senior law. The agency also conducts a citizenship and voter registration campaign. Please call for more information on volunteer opportunities.

## People Organizing to Demand

474 Valencia Street, Ste. 125, San Francisco  
415-431-4210

**Email:** poder@igc.org **Web:**  
**Minimum age:** 15 **W/parental supervision:** 15  
**Bus lines:** 14, 22, 26, 33, 49 **BART:** 16th Street

PODER (People Organizing to Demand Environmental Rights) does grassroots community organizing with Mission, Excelsior, and Bernal Heights residents to address environmental and social change issues that affect low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. Volunteers will outreach to current and new members, coordinate and attend house meetings, membership meetings, and public actions.

## SF Bicycle Coalition

1095 Market Street #215, San Francisco  
415-431-BIKE x1

**Email:** calfee@sfbike.org **Web:** www.sfbike.org  
**Minimum age:** 10 **W/parental supervision:** 10  
**Bus lines:** many **BART:** Civic Center BART

The SFBC is a grassroots, membership-based advocacy group promoting the bicycle for everyday transportation. We offer a broad range of volunteer opportunities that includes: mapping areas around your school, interviewing the public about transportation issues, newsletter writing and production, installing bike racks, office support, special event assistance and bike valet. Become a bicycle advocate today- call for even more fun and exciting volunteer

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## SF Department of Elections

1 dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, #48 , San Francisco  
415-554-4308

**Email:** Linda\_Crawford@ci.sf.ca.

**Web:**

**Minimum age:** 16

**W/parental supervision:** 16

**Bus lines:**

**BART:**

Every year, student volunteers are needed to assist San Francisco citizens with voting in the various elections. We need enthursiastic students, ages 16-17 to help voters at polling locations, and city officials at City Hall. Each volunteer is part of the important process by which we Americans have a voice in governement. A stipend is provided. Contact us for an application and upcoming election dates.