

The Neighbor

East Bay Community Law Center
Seasonal Newsletter



It's been a busy summer here at East Bay Community Law Center! We can't wait to catch you up on our important updates in policy, research, education, and advocacy.



EBCLC IN THE COMMUNITY

Imagine if you needed just a little extra money for an car repair or medical bill. You might call a loan officer promising quick returns, who could convince you to borrow **twice as much** as you had planned. A few months later, you could easily owe **10 or even 20 times** the original amount you needed to borrow- and have no way to pay it back.

Our Consumer Justice team has counseled many clients caught in the clutches of predatory "pay day" loans. Recognizing the **power of prevention**, they developed new workshops on Scam Prevention, Consumer Rights, and Alternatives to Pay Day Loans.

At left, patrons of the North Berkeley Senior Center learn from attorney Miguel Soto about safe ways to borrow money.

If you would like to schedule a workshop for your group, contact Rachel Swanson [here](#) or by phone at 510-269-6616.

Here's how you can impact change in our community

Click the Donate Now button to help us stop evictions, interrupt deportations, and reroute the school-to-prison pipeline.

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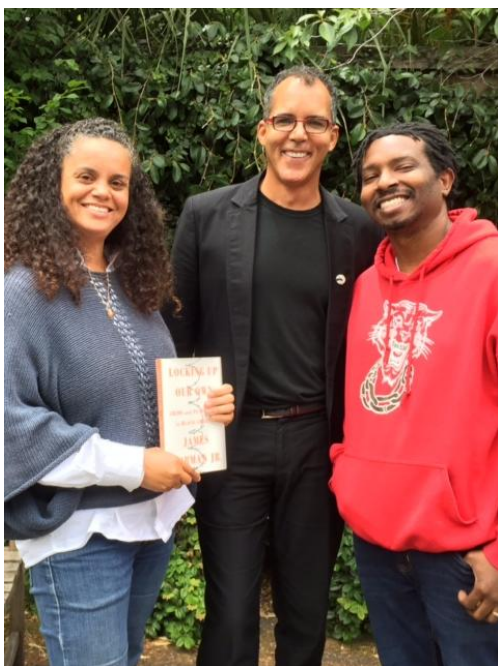


NEW EBCLC RESEARCH: GPS Monitoring for Youth on Probation

Lawmakers who want to keep kids out of jail cells may see **electronic GPS monitoring** as a great alternative. But are the rules around this new technology **fair** to kids? And what kind of burden do they place on **low-income juvenile offenders** and their families?

This summer, EBCLC contributed to a **new report** investigating the GPS monitoring policies in California... and found that the rules for juveniles were “**unrealistically onerous**” and even damaging to social and cognitive development.

Want a **one-minute recap**? You can listen to EBCLC's Youth Defender attorney Kate Weisburd discuss the report in this [super-short podcast](#)! Or, read the full report [here](#)!



EBCLC Welcomes James Forman, Jr!

In July, EBCLC's summer law students enjoyed a visit from **James Forman, Jr.**, who is touring the country discussing his new book, *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America*.

Our Clean Slate practice has invited a series of great speakers to our campus this summer, to educate our interns about the legal issues facing Californians re-entering society after incarceration.

Pictured at left are EBCLC's Executive Director Tirien Steinbach, Author James Forman, Jr., and EBCLC's Clean Slate Practice Staff Attorney Brandon Greene. To read Brandon Greene's own take on on criminal justice reform, click [here](#)!

EBCLC is Hiring!

Tell your friends! EBCLC is searching for a new Director of Development and Communications! For more information, [click here](#).

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