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At the East Bay
Community Law Center,
our evolving model of
holistic, collaborative,
and multimodal
services creates
opportunities for clients
and their families.

Education is the doorway to a better future, but Miguel was locked out. After being out of school for over six months, and losing their rental home, Miguel and his mom Cecilia began working with EBCLC's **Education Defense and Justice for Youth** (EDJY) and **Housing** advocates in order to get the resources that Miguel needed in order to succeed. This multidisciplinary group of law student interns and lawyers helped Cecilia and her family get \$7,000 to relocate, as well as the education and in-home supportive services to get Miguel back on track to graduate from high school. (**left to right: Erin Le, Miguel, Carolina Garcia, Cecilia**)



When Bertha's son was wrongly accused of a crime, she risked losing her son to the juvenile system but also her home. A cross-program team of EBCLC's Housing, Education Defense and Justice for Youth, and Health & Welfare advocates fought to keep the family housed, keep her son in school, and got Bertha and her family the benefits needed to stabilize their lives.

(left to right: Kate Weisburd, Bertha, Bren Darrow, Whitney Rubenstein)



Marta and Juan moved to California to build a better future for themselves and their US-born children. When Juan was threatened with deportation, the family sought help from EBCLC. The **Immigration** program successfully defended Juan to keep the family together, while the **Economic Security & Opportunity** program provided business law advice to help the family make their catering business a reality. (**Ieft to right: Mindy Phillips, Linda Tam, Marta, Tania Valdez, Juan, Sushil Jacob**)

Stephen lives to serve his community and to "pay it forward" for the many people who helped him move past his youthful mistakes. Service motivated Stephen to be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and to take on the responsibility of raising his young daughter and his niece. After graduating from an EMT training program, Stephen was denied his ambulance license because of his past contact with law enforcement. However, with help from Sidley & Austin pro bono attorneys and EBCLC's **Economic Security & Opportunity** program, Stephen got his license and can now pursue his dreams of serving as an EMT, becoming a paramedic, and providing for his family.

(left to right: Joshua Hill, Eliza Hersh, Stephen, and Emily Caveness)



For over 20 years, people experiencing homelessness sought refuge on reclaimed landfill in Albany called "the Bulb." But in 2013, the city of Albany aggressively evicted Bulb residents, including Alisa and Vinnie, who were expecting a child. With the help of EBCLC's **Health & Welfare** and Economic Security & **Opportunity** programs and *pro* bono assistance from Kilpatrick Townsend, nearly 30 Bulb residents received the support they needed to be housed and stable. (left to right: Alisa, Mason, Vinnie)



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(EBCLC staff with Dean Sujit Choudhry, center)

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