Year in Review
July 2009-June 2010

Organizing and Bargaining

- Collaborated with Wake Up Walmart on national actions to protest Walmart’s negative sick days policy.

- Brought 250 labor and community activists together with Family Values@Work and the National Partnership for Women and Families to build skills and lobby for work and family policies.

- Recruited national unions to bring a labor perspective to legislative efforts, federal contracting and national events, including upcoming Department of Labor Forums.

- Organized a successful statewide campaign to protect the California State Disability Insurance program – which funds paid family leave and disability leave.

- Played a leading role in coordinating and expanding Family Values @ Work, now a consortium of 14 states advocating for paid sick days and family leave policies.

- Co-hosted California Working Families Summit with Labor Secretary Hilda Solis.

Advocacy

- New Approaches to Organizing Women and Young Workers: Social Media & Work Family Issues, co-authored with Berkeley Labor Center and Cornell ILR Programs, on using social media tools and work family issues in organizing campaigns. www.working-families.org

- Know Your Rights! Family Leave Laws in California, a Labor Project guide for unions to get the facts about California’s family leave laws. Click on “Learn More” at www.working-families.org

- Workplace Solutions for Childcare, ILO, focuses on workplace childcare examples around the world. Featured in the chapter on the US, highlighting union examples. www.ilo.org

- Custom-Fit Workplace, by Joan Blades & Nanette Fondas. Featured in the chapter on unions and flexible work options.

MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR AND DIRECTOR

The Labor Project for Working Families took a huge step forward in our work this year. With a new administration in the White House, we have been able to play a larger national role in advocating with unions for work family balance for all workers. Following the first ever White House Forum on Workplace Flexibility, the Department of Labor invited us to help bring the union voice to 10 follow up forums across the country. We produced some excellent resources and have built up our online presence. And we’ve expanded our work with labor-community coalitions in the states advocating for family leave and paid sick days for all workers. We highlight some of these exciting activities from the past year in this Year in Review.

Work family balance means economic security for working families. In these tough economic times, it is more important than ever to stand together to defend these important rights. As always, we could not do this work without you – whether you are a local or national union, a foundation, an advocacy organization or an individual donor, your support is critical to our work on behalf of working families and we thank you.

Netsy Firestein, Executive Director      Art Pulaski, Chair, Board of Directors/ Executive Secretary-Treasurer, California Labor Federation
FINANCIALS

Revenue $486,912
- GRANTS $387,313 (72.6%)
- INDIVIDUAL & UNION DONORS $91,180 (18.7%)
- CONTRACTS/TRAININGS/CONSULTATION $39,051 (8%)
- PUBLICATION SALES $1,268 (.3%)
- INTEREST INCOME $1,783 (.4%)

*Gap covered by reserves from previous year.

Expenses $491,751
- PROGRAMS $383,565 (78%)
- ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT $59,010 (12%)
- FUNDRAISING $49,175 (10%)

WE WERE HERE

We presented keynotes and trainings at regional and national events including:
- Teamster Women’s Conference
- Laborers Regional and National Conferences
- CLUW National Convention
- UFCW Women’s Network Convention
- Empire State College, Community Forum
- UC Berkeley Reproductive Justice Conference
- CWA District 9 Annual Conference
- California Working Families Policy Summit
- Berger-Marks Foundation: Women Activists Talk Union
- NUPGE Women’s Conference (Canada)
- AFSCME District Council 57 Leadership Conference
- Summer Institute for Union Women
- Trainings for California unions on family leave laws

FIND US ONLINE

- Interactive website at www.working-families.org
- Online bargaining resource at www.learnworkfamily.org
- Downloadable newsletter, Labor Family News
- Blogs at the Huffington Post, AFL-CIO NOW, Momsrising, CA Labor Federation Labor’s Edge, Sloan Network Work and Family Blog, Drum Major Institute
- Podcasts with KQED Radio and the New America Foundation

To read our blogs and listen to our podcasts, visit our Press Room at www.working-families.org.

“As our country works to rebuild our economy, we should focus on creating good jobs. But good jobs include the flexibility to balance demands outside work – such as paid time off to care for a sick child, an elderly parent or a new baby and flexible work hours to attend a parent–teacher conference or a child’s doctor’s appointment. We rely on our partnership with the Labor Project to help unions lead the movement for family friendly workplaces. The unique expertise and commitment of the Labor Project is an asset to unions and to working families across the country. It’s good for kids, for families and for our economy.”

Randi Weingarten
President
American Federation of Teachers

“We need to build a strong movement that allows us to put our families first. These are core issues in organizing campaigns - workers are struggling with time off for sick kids, scheduling that changes every week and caring for elderly parents. The Labor Project for Working Families lends expertise in organizing, bargaining and advocating for family friendly workplaces. The Labor Project, and our unions, lead the fight for better policies, at the workplace and through legislation. Together we can bring real change to the work site and real relief for workers and their families.”

Esther Lopez
Director
Civil Rights and Community Action Department,
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union

“The Labor Project for Working Families has been at the forefront of the struggle to win work-family policies to bolster women and men’s economic security. With their expertise and leadership they have led the way and served as a model and inspiration for advocates around the country. They’ve played a critical role in national coalitions advocating for paid sick days and paid leave. We couldn’t ask for a more dedicated or experienced partner in this fight!”

Portia Wu
Vice President
National Partnership for Women and Families
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International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Labors International Union of North America
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United Food & Commercial Workers International Union

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AFL-CIO
Association of Flight Attendants - CWA
California Nurses Association
SEIU Local 1000, CSEA
Office & Professional Employees International Union
SEIU Local 1021

ORGANIZERS ($1,000-$1,999)
AFT Guild Local 1931
California Faculty Association
California Federation of Teachers
California Labor Federation
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
UAW Local 2865
1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers - East
United Steelworkers

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ATU Local 192
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California School Employees Association
Contra Costa County Central Labor Council
Florida Professional Firefighters
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North Bay Labor Council
OPEIU Local 29
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 159
Sacramento Central Labor Council
San Bernardino-Riverside Counties CLC
San Francisco Central Labor Council
San Mateo County Central Labor Council
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Teamsters Joint Council 7
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Teamsters Local 315
Teamsters Local 350
Teamsters Local 853
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UFCW Local 1428
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OUR MISSION
The Labor Project for Working Families partners with unions to advocate for family friendly workplaces because no one should have to choose between work and family.

OUR VISION
We envision a world in which all workers have time and resources to care for themselves and their families.

OUR WORK
Founded in 1992, the Labor Project is a national non-profit organization that educates and empowers unions to organize, bargain and advocate for family friendly workplaces. We build broad based coalitions that unite labor, community and advocacy groups to advance policies that put families first.

OUR VALUES

• Respecting Caregiver Diversity
We believe that a family friendly workplace is one that values caregivers - both paid and unpaid - and respects their diverse needs to promote a healthy and viable balance between work and home life. We recognize a broad definition of family that includes an array of relationships and living situations.

• Building Solidarity
We believe that unions play a pivotal role in advancing family friendly policies as part of a broader effort to promote the health and economic security of working families. We support workers’ right to organize and collectively bargain as an essential strategy for improving workplace standards. We strive to build solidarity between unions, advocacy and community groups in all our work.

• Valuing Innovation
We believe in thinking big and breaking new ground. We are in it for the long haul and we are committed to growth and change as the workforce evolves. We seek and heed a diversity of opinions from our colleagues, partners and all those with whom we interact to build innovative solutions for complex problems.

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• 2009 Caregiver Recognition Award from the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center in recognition of our advocacy for family caregivers.

• Awards for General Excellence and Best Content 2010 by the International Labor Communications Association (ILCA) for our LEARNWorkFamily website, an online resource on bargaining for work family issues. www.learnworkfamily.org

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