MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD CHAIR

For 19 years, the Labor Project for Working Families has stood on the frontlines with unions, advocates and community groups across the nation to win and advance family-friendly workplace policies such as affordable family leave, paid sick days and worker-controlled flexibility. Together, we have braved hard times, especially the brazen assault on working families and the labor movement over the past year. The stakes are high for all workers. Yes, we need good jobs – where workers have dignity, the right to collectively bargain, a healthy and safe work environment, good wages and benefits. But it’s time we set the bar higher. We also need good jobs that do not force us to choose between a paycheck and a new baby, a sick child, a disabled sibling, or a parent who has Alzheimer’s. We need good jobs that allow us to take the time to care for ourselves and those important to our lives. These are not personal issues. These are core labor issues. And these are not issues that can wait.

As a national organization housed in the pioneering state of California, the Labor Project has nurtured and successfully cultivated a fertile ground of family-friendly workplace policies. We are now casting our net wider. Thanks to your constant support and encouragement, we are forging ahead with a renewed strategic vision to widen the reach and scope of our efforts. We have hired staff and opened an office in Washington DC. In the coming years, we will diligently persist to ensure that all workers have access to family-friendly workplace policies, that workers’ rights are expanded and enforced, and that work family rights are in the national spotlight.

We will keep fighting for bread, and for roses too. Onward!

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Honored at an AFL-CIO Executive Council reception. Speakers included AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Liz Shuler and American Federation of Teachers (AFT) President Randi Weingarten.

- Co-hosted “Strategies for a Family Friendly Economy: A Conversation with New Union Leaders” with Georgetown University’s Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor. Speakers included Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) International President Larry Hanley; Service Employees International Union (SEIU) President Mary Kay Henry; Association of Flight Attendants (AFA-CWA) International President Veda Shook; and AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Liz Shuler.

- Sponsored forums on “Unions and Workplace Flexibility at the Crossroads” to highlight new research on strengthening union-negotiated workplace flexibility. Hosted at the AFL-CIO and Georgetown University, the forums featured Elizabeth Bunn, AFL-CIO; Kris Rondeau, AFSCME New England Organizing Projects; Armeta Dixon, 1199 SEIU; and Dr. Peter Berg, Michigan State University.

- Led the California Work & Family Coalition which passed a bill to protect health coverage for women on pregnancy leave and advanced statewide policies on family leave and paid sick days.

- Coordinated labor participation in national forums on workplace flexibility sponsored by the US Department of Labor.

- Co-sponsored two events in Los Angeles (with the UCLA Labor Center) and Berkeley (with Berkeley Center for Health, Economic & Family Security) on “Leaves that Pay”, a new study on employer and worker experiences with Paid Family Leave in California. The events featured study authors Ruth Milkman (CUNY) and Eileen Appelbaum (CEPR).

- Released new reports with Berkeley Center for Health, Economic & Family Security:
  - Guide to Implementing Paid Family Leave: Lessons from California
  - Reforming Family and Medical Leave Laws: Promoting Health and Economic Security for California’s Working Families

- Developed a new website for the California Work & Family Coalition – www.workfamilyCA.org. The website integrates social and new media strategies to engage Californians in the movement for work family rights.
We Were Here in Your Words

- 2010 Western Regional Summer Institute for Union Women
- 2010 Women of Labor Conference – California Labor Federation & UFCW Women’s Network
- 2011 United Association for Labor Education Conference
- 2011 California Working Families Policy Summit hosted by the California Center for Research on Women and Families
- Combating Pay Secrecy for Paycheck Fairness – Congressional Staff Briefing
- Coalition of Labor Union Women National Leadership Meeting
- National Dialogue on Workplace Flexibility – Department of Labor
- Focus on Workplace Flexibility – An Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Conference
- Leaves that Pay: Employer and Worker Experiences with Paid Family Leave in California – Center for American Progress Panel Discussion
- Making it Work: Advancing Workplace Policies for Today’s Families – National Summit of the Values @ Work and the National Partnership for Women and Families
- National trainings for unions on family-friendly workplace policies
- Trainings for California unions on family leave laws

IN YOUR WORDS

“Working people need to know about the Labor Project for Working Families. The Labor Project has been a voice for the rights of working men and women all across the country. This national organization is doing the difficult work that we all strive to do each day – put the needs of working families at the forefront of the debates in this country. I believe in the initiatives of the Labor Project. Labor’s values are their values, and labor’s work is their work. By strengthening our relationship with them, all working people in this country will benefit.”

Liz Shuler
Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO

“It’s time to get serious about good jobs. And it’s time to not only create good jobs but to support workers rights and a voice on the job through collective bargaining. We need more good union jobs that give parents a real voice in negotiating the benefits they need for their families. The Labor Project for Working Families has made great strides in educating and engaging unions in the movement to build family friendly workplaces. We value their expertise and partnership in building a better American workplace.”

Larry Cohen
President, Communications Workers of America

“The Labor Project for Working Families has been a leader in the movement to provide all workers with access to paid time off when they need to provide necessary care for their families. Their leadership helped make paid family leave a reality for California’s working families – a program that has served as a model and an inspiration for state and national efforts to win this for all families. Their work with community groups doing outreach and education about the California program has been crucial to efforts to inform those most in need of paid family leave about the program. At the national level, the Labor Project plays a critical role in coalitions to win paid sick days and paid family leave, bringing dedication and experience to these efforts.”

Eileen Appelbaum
Senior Economist, Center for Economic and Policy Research
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To win and advance work family rights through the collective power of working people.

VISION
We envision an American workplace that places equal value on doing our jobs and caring for our families. We envision an active and engaged movement that collectively ensures our rights as workers, family members and caregivers.

VALUES
Building Union Power
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’ rights to organize and collectively bargain as essential strategies for improving workplace standards.

Fostering Strategic Collaborations
We believe that strategic partnerships are essential to win and advance work family rights. We build solidarity between unions, advocacy and community groups in our work.

Respecting Family Diversity
We advocate for workplace rights that reflect the diverse nature of American families and their caregiving roles.

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Netsy Firestein, Executive Director, has received a “practitioner’s fellowship” from the Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. The fellowship will last for three months in fall 2011 and will allow Netsy to take time away from her regular work to conduct research on a national paid family leave campaign.

We have hired a new staff member for our Washington DC office. Carol Joyner, National Policy Director, will engage labor unions in efforts to win and advance federal and state work family policies.

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