

Jacqueline Jacobs Caster has served on the Los Angeles County Probation Commission since January 2015. She was appointed by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl to represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

In 2000, she founded the Everychild Foundation, which she has headed since its formation on a completely volunteer basis. \* The grantmaking organization's mission is to ease suffering of Los Angeles-area children, whether due to disease, disability, abuse, neglect or poverty. This experience led to Ms. Caster's passion for making sure that Los Angeles County takes a restorative justice approach for system-involved juveniles and their victims, with genuine rehabilitation and restitution.

Jacqueline has been heard on National Public Radio's Marketplace and Australian Public Radio and as a blogger on Huffington Post. She was very involved in the passage of California AB 12, allowing foster youth to remain in care up until age 21 and in two recent bills that reformed sentencing for youth serving life without parole or extraordinarily long sentences. She has also been integrally involved in convincing Los Angeles County officials to bring the Missouri Model approach of restorative juvenile justice to our County which has been applied in the rebuild of Camp Kilpatrick and creation of the new "L.A. Model". She also helped convince the Los Angeles Police Department to partner with Centinela Youth Services to launch a new youth diversion program providing therapeutic options and a fresh start for eligible youth offenders in lieu of adjudication. The program is now also being implemented in numerous other County police departments as well as by the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Caster earned her B.A. from Pomona College, her Masters in City and Regional Planning from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and her J.D. from Boston University School of Law. After practicing real estate law with Loeb and Loeb in Los Angeles in the mid-80s, she moved into the field of urban redevelopment, spending several years with Disney Development Company. She later headed her own consulting firm for over a decade performing economic feasibility studies for clients including Fortune 500 companies, municipalities and cultural institutions.

Jacqueline currently serves on the board of The Campaign for Youth Justice in Washington, D.C., as well as on the Advisory Boards of Safe Place for Youth, The Blue Heron Foundation, The Westside Food Bank, Team Prime Time and The Women's Foundation in the United Kingdom.

Recent recognitions include 2017 Woman of the Year for California's 26<sup>th</sup> State Senatorial District, the inaugural Sister Janet Harris Award from Loyola Law School for her juvenile justice advocacy, the Momentum Award from the Women's Foundation of California, as well as the Nancy M. Daly Advocacy Award from the National Child Labor Committee, the Nancy M. Daly Founder's Award from United Friends of the Children for her commitment to children's causes and the Silver Shingle Award from Boston University School of Law for her service to the community.

She and her husband, Andrew, are the proud parents of two adult children.

\*More on the Everychild Foundation:

The group is comprised of over 200 Los Angeles women who each donate \$5,000 in dues annually. The dollars are pooled, and the organization makes a single \$1 million grant in the community each year for an innovative project serving a critical unmet need of local children which can inspire replication, thereby leveraging the donations. There are no galas or other fundraising events. Everychild has a 95% member retention rate year after year.

Every woman has an equal vote in the final grant selection each year. Expenses are kept to a minimum as the organization pays no salaries and has no rent, and all grants are carefully monitored in order to provide donors with the satisfaction of knowing what their dollars are accomplishing. The model was created for busy women to give back in a meaningful way, maximizing the impact of their contributions and utilizing their intellect and professional skills without a large time commitment.

In 17 years, the group has made grants totaling over \$15 million and directly served over a million children. Additionally, Everychild has inspired the creation of at least twelve other new foundations - two as far away as London. Ten years ago, the organization ventured into legislative advocacy with a focus upon youth aging out of foster care, incarcerated minors, homeless youth and public investment in children aged zero to five.

Examples of projects funded by Everychild's annual grant include an emergency shelter and drop-in center for abused and sexually trafficked youth, a college prep program for low-income teens, a program to assist families who have recently adopted youth from foster care gain access to needed therapeutic services, and a new system to screen for and eliminate causes of toxic stress in pregnant mothers and young low-income children as part of normal maternity and pediatric visits.