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## **KYCC, MHAS Offer Free Special Education Legal Clinic in May**

LOS ANGELES (April 25, 2014) – KYCC (Koreatown Youth and Community Center) and Mental Health Advocacy Services (MHAS) will be offering a free special education legal clinic on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Menlo Family Center (1230 S. Menlo Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90006) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At this free clinic, law students and attorney volunteers with Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. will provide consultation and information on education law and student rights for educational success.

“It is difficult for many monolingual families to advocate for their child with schools or other institutions,” says Sam Joo, KYCC Director of Children and Family Services. “This partnership will provide a legal advocate who can work with the families to access necessary services for children in Koreatown and neighboring communities.”

Topics include: bullying, student behavior and discipline, education rights, special education law and services, student success team meetings, 504 accommodation plans and mental health services.

Federal law provides for educational services for children with learning problems from the time children are born throughout their educational years. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to make an appointment through Pam Marx, MHAS at (213) 389-2077 or [pmarx@mhas-la.org](mailto:pmarx@mhas-la.org). Walk-ins are also welcome.

### **About KYCC**

KYCC (Koreatown Youth and Community Center) was established in 1975 to support a growing population of at-risk Korean American youth in Los Angeles. Today, KYCC is one of the largest multiservice organizations in Koreatown. With over 75 employees, most of whom are bilingual in Spanish or Korean, KYCC serves thousands of clients at our six locations and across Los Angeles County.

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The mission of KYCC is to serve the evolving needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles Area, as well as the multiethnic population of Koreatown. KYCC's programs and services are directed toward recently immigrated, economically disadvantaged youth and families, and promote community socioeconomic empowerment.

### **About MHAS**

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. (MHAS) is a private, non-profit organization established in 1977 to provide free legal services to people with mental and developmental disabilities. MHAS is sponsored by the Los Angeles County and Beverly Hills Bar Associations and the Mental Health Association in California. MHAS assists both children and adults, with an emphasis on obtaining government benefits and services, protecting rights, and fighting discrimination. MHAS also serves as a resource to the community by providing training and technical assistance to attorneys, mental health professionals, consumer and family member groups, and other advocates. In addition, MHAS participates in impact litigation in an effort to improve the lives of people with mental and developmental disabilities.

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