



Organization Timeline

- 1981 Human Options founded in Laguna Beach by Vivian Clecak, Carolyn Churm, Margaret Thoreau and Anne Wright with a domestic violence emergency hotline.
- 1982 Emergency shelter opens to provide safe haven for abused women and their children.
- 1984 First domestic violence prevention program for teens launched in Orange County high schools.
- 1988 Cal State Long Beach professor undertakes first independent research study showing client success and identifying need for ongoing services including transitional housing.
- 1993 *Second Step* 16-unit transitional housing program opens in Costa Mesa with \$1.3M grant from HUD; Orange County's first transitional housing program.
- 1996 *Emergency Shelter and Family Healing Center* opens with support from Home Aid and the Irvine Company, replacing Laguna Beach facility.
- 1997 Community Resource Walk-in Center (renamed *Center for Children and Families*) opens in Costa Mesa.
- 2000 *Safe Options for Seniors* pilot program launched for adults, aged 50+.
- 2004 Human Options Men's Task Force (now called *Men in Motion*) launched with "100 Men, 1 Voice, 1 Campaign," raising almost \$500K to date.
- 2008 *Third Step* affordable housing project opens on site of former Tustin Marine Base.
- Fourth independent academic research study continues to verify 90% of clients remain violence-free one year or more after graduating from Human Options residential programs.
- 2009 CEO Vivian Clecak receives *Lifetime Achievement in Advocacy Award* from the Institute of Violence, Abuse and Trauma.
- 2011 *Men in Motion* Task Force wins *Ambassador of Peace Award* from OC Violence Prevention Council.
- Human Options celebrates 30th anniversary.
- 2012 *Guardian de Justicia* Award, Hispanic Bar Association.
- 2013 Sisterhood support group launched.
- 2014 Vivian Clecak receives first *Ernst and Young Entrepreneur Award* for nonprofit sector.
- 2016 Vivian Clecak retires after 34 exceptional years as the co-founding CEO.
- Maricela Rios-Faust named Chief Executive Officer of Human Options. As Associate Executive Director and Chief Operations Officer at Human Options since 2007, she successfully expanded programs

and built meaningful collaborations. As CEO, she brings her strategic leadership and extensive nonprofit management experience as our leader for the next generation.

Human Options celebrates 35th anniversary.