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MAKING A CASE FOR KIDS

Former Health Trust CEO Fred Ferrer has a new role as CEO of Child Advocates, CASA of Silicon Valley, stepping in for the organization's executive director, Karen Scussel. She is retiring after 17 years with the agency, including the past six at the helm.

Child Advocates trains and provides court appointed special advocates for children in the court system. "Early in my career I realized that I had a great affinity to work with children and in low-income communities," said Ferrer, who most recently was president and principal consultant at Manzanita Solutions, a national consulting firm for family-focused nonprofits and government agencies. "I see direct alignment with Child Advocates' mission to serve vulnerable children and youth in the dependency court system, and I look forward to growing the agency to serve more foster youth."