



La Red De Crianza



Marzo

La relación de co-crianza integral: Mensaje de la directora

Las familias de apoyo desempeñan un papel esencial en ayudar a los padres biológicos del niño a mantenerse emocionalmente conectados con su hijo y en apoyar la reunificación familiar. Cuando padres y padres de apoyo trabajan juntos, ahora sabemos que los niños van a casa más rápido y se quedan en casa. Los niños en cuidado de crianza también obtienen mejor atención cuando el padre y el padre de apoyo intercambian información e ideas sobre el niño y trabajan juntos para hacer visitas positivas. Los niños también se sienten menos preocupados por sus familias y demuestran menor ansiedad y miedo. Muchos niños están preocupados por la lealtad, si les gusta el padre de crianza, ¿significa que ya no pueden gustar a sus padres? Los niños se sienten mejor y más seguros si ven que el padre de crianza y el padre se llevan bien.

La reunificación también es más fácil para el niño si la relación con el padre de apoyo no termina, incluso si el contacto con el padre de crianza es sólo una tarjeta, una llamada telefónica o una parada ocasional. El padre de apoyo puede convertirse en un apoyo continuo para los padres después de la reunificación, alguien que es un experto sobre su hijo y parte de la red de seguridad más grande. Cuando las cosas son difíciles y un niño está portándose mal, el padre puede llamar y decir, “¿Qué debo hacer?” El padre de apoyo es capaz de decir, “Esto funcionó para mí.” Este tipo de comunicación y apoyo puede ayudar a prevenir que el niño vuelva a entrar en el hogar de crianza y ayudar a los niños y a sus padres a estabilizarse a largo plazo.

Una de las formas en que el Condado de Ventura está tratando de mejorar la relación de co-crianza es a través de las reuniones de Rompehielos Todo Acerca de Mi (All About Me Ice Breaker) entre los cuidadores y los padres. Mediante el uso de preguntas sencillas como “compartir conmigo los alimentos favoritos de su hijo, artículos de confort, etc.”, los cuidadores y los padres dan el primer paso hacia una asociación de cuidado mutuo y apoyo para sus hijos.

Para más información sobre Rompehielos Todo Acerca de Mi, haga click sobre el enlace y vea este video: <http://www.aecf.org/blog/resources-for-holding-icebreaker-meetings-between-birth-and-foster-parents/>

Por favor, comparta con RDS cualquier experiencia personal positiva que haya tenido en asociación con los padres de su hijo. Nos gustaría compartirlas.

Elizabeth Thasiah

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Preguntas y Respuestas

P: ¿Cómo pueden los padres y padres de crianza construir conexiones?

Hablo de un concepto que yo llamo “el puente”: puedes estar de acuerdo sobre dónde debes estar en ese puente y avanzar en pasos de bebé para cruzarlo. Usted no tienen que comenzar con reuniones cara a cara. Hay muchas maneras de tener contacto: intercambiar notas sobre el niño, hablar por teléfono, asistir a reuniones escolares o visitas al médico donde el padre puede proporcionar información útil sobre el niño. Cuando ambos se sienten naturalmente listos para pasar al siguiente nivel, pueden comenzar a reunirse en territorio neutral. Una vez que haya superado la

incomodidad y todos se sientan cómodos, el padre adoptivo puede llevar al niño a la casa de los padres para que lo visite o dejar que los padres lleguen a su casa. Estos pasos son caso por caso, las decisiones de momento a momento tomadas en asociación con el trabajador social, padre y padre de crianza.

P: ¿Cómo puede la agencia de bienestar infantil ayudar en el proceso de co-crianza?

Una reunión de “Rompehielos Todo Acerca de Mi” poco después de la colocación es un primer paso donde el padre y el padre de crianza se reúnen y hablan de lo que el padre de crianza debe saber para cuidar bien al niño. El padre de crianza puede preguntar sobre los alimentos favoritos del niño o actividades. El padre de crianza puede decir: “Johnny sigue preguntándome por qué está en cuidado de crianza temporal, ¿cómo podemos manejar eso?” Los padres y padres de crianza temporal pueden hablar acerca de cómo tener buenas visitas. ¿Podrían hablar los padres antes de la visita para que los padres puedan preguntar acerca de las actividades del niño, como, “Escuché que fuiste al zoológico, cuéntame sobre eso”. Terminar las visitas de una manera positiva. Cuanto más se puede hablar y estar de acuerdo en la delantera, las cosas más suaves irán.

Por Denise Goodman, una consultora de la Iniciativa Familia a Familia de la Fundación Annie E. Fundación, trabaja con organismos públicos y privados de bienestar infantil en todo el país para apoyar a los padres y padres de crianza en el trabajo en colaboración. Extraído de “Rise” Edición 13, 2009

Mes Nacional de Cuidado de Crianza



¡Mayo es el mes de cuidado de crianza y queremos celebrar a nuestras familias! Los cuidadores serán reconocidos en la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores el 16 de mayo y el CFS llevará a cabo un evento especial de apreciación directamente después. CFS proporcionará más información más cercana al evento.

VCFPA será el anfitrión de su evento anual Apreciación al Padre de Crianza (Foster Parent Appreciation) el 11 de mayo de 7-9pm. ¡Más detalles a seguir!

Es un tiempo para reconocer que cada uno puede desempeñar un papel en la mejora de la vida de los niños y jóvenes en hogares de crianza. Los cuidadores pueden visitar <https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth> para encontrar recursos e información para ayudar a asegurar que su futuro sea brillante.

Esquina de Reconocimientos

families caring for teens!

– Betty C.

Savannah J.

Savannah conectó con la madre biológica de un niño bajo su cuidado y comenzó a comunicarse para coordinar visitas para que la madre pudiera tener visitas más frecuentes. Antes, la madre estaba confundida por qué no podía tener más visitas y la madre de crianza tuvo preocupaciones por los niños basándose en lo poco que sabía sobre la madre. Una vez conectados, fueron capaces de hablar más en profundidad sobre los niños y sus necesidades, tales como solicitudes dietéticas especiales. La madre de crianza aprendió que la madre biológica era muy joven, y encontraron una experiencia común. Savannah se ofreció a ayudar a la madre ya que ella pasó por la misma experiencia y estaba feliz de saber que la madre se preocupaba tanto por los niños como ella, y la madre se sintió cómoda sabiendo que estaba cuidando a sus hijos. Ellos desarrollaron una relación y Savannah se ha ofrecido a ayudar a la madre después de que los niños volvieron al cuidado de la madre y mantener una relación con los niños. Gracias Savannah por un ejemplo tan maravilloso de co-crianza!

–Susan D.

Elena E.

Elena es tan proactiva con el plan de transición de los niños en un esfuerzo por reducir la ansiedad de todos los involucrados. Ella utilizó Reuniones de Equipo Familiar y aumentó el intercambio de información con los abuelos de los niños. ¡Impresionante trabajo!

– Elisa C.

Megan S.

I wanted to let you know that foster mom Megan has been AWESOME. Megan communicates with her foster daughter's biological mom using a notebook that they write in each week to each other. Mom's face lights up when she reads about what her daughter has been up to. Megan includes pictures (including her first day of preschool!) and cute art projects that the child works on. Mom tells me each week how much she appreciates Megan and how thankful she is that her daughter is in a loving foster home. The child loves Megan (she calls her Auntie Megan) and it's very obvious that she is very well taken care of in Megan's home. We are so grateful for such an awesome foster parent!

– Jessica V.

Liz J and Beth S.

Kudos to these families, who love and care for a special population in our system, teenagers. These kids often come with multiple layers of trauma, not to mention drama. They have an apprehensive hope for a place to call home. It takes extraordinary ability to walk beside and support them through their quest to resolve their past trauma and their hopes to build a future for themselves. Thank you to these

Leeann and Richard M.

This family prepared for the care of an infant. They paid for her prescriptions out of pocket so they were ready to take placement. They have documented the child behavior and have been great communicators. Thank you!

– Lidia J.

Anne D.

The foster mother Anne communicated with the biological parents and has been very open with the family. The mother expressed that she felt relieved to know who was caring for her children and that she felt very comfortable after meeting the foster mother, knowing that the children were in good hands. Anne was cooperative in attending necessary Family Team Meetings and offered her perspective about the children's needs, explaining to the mother her reasoning for concerns. The mother learned updates about her children, such as how her toddler was thriving in daycare and that she could benefit from the interaction. Anna has offered support for the family after the case moved to Family Maintenance. Thank you Anne for a great example of resource parents teaming with biological parents from the beginning!

– Susan D

Laura W.

Laura has become a mentor to an aged out youth, helping to support and guide her into adulthood. Laura is an amazing advocate for this young mother, teaching her how to navigate through life, schooling, jobs as well as providing unconditional love and support this youth will learn to bestow on her own child, by modeling those same behaviors. Thank you Laura, you are an inspiration!

– Crystal S.

Martha M.

Martha is on her 3rd placement because she keeps children for the life of their case. She works well with birth families and maintains relationships after children leave her home. This caregiver is also good at engaging in services and keeping the children's appointments. Great co-parenting and commitment, Martha!

– Elisa C.

Llamado a Reconocimientos!

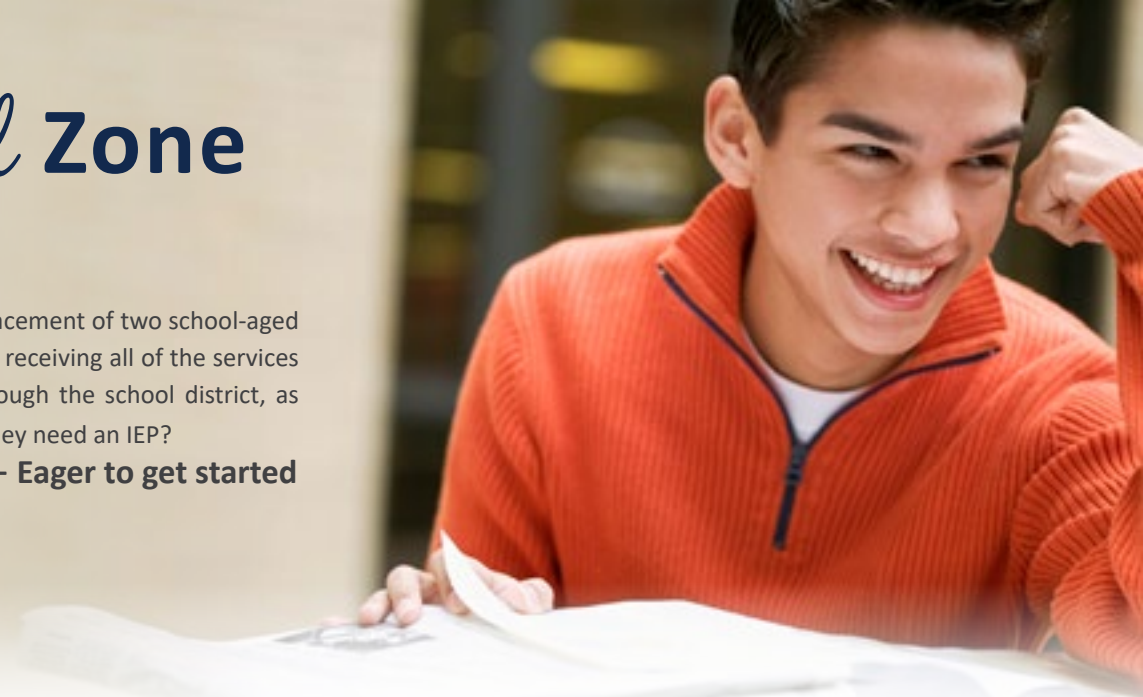
Sabemos que una excelente asociación entre cuidadores, padres biológicos, recursos comunitarios y trabajadores sociales ocurre todos los días. ¡Ahora, el equipo de Foster VC Kids quiere saberlo! Pedimos a todos que envíen reconocimientos por cualquier gran experiencia que quieran compartir. Por favor envíe un correo electrónico a Ana.Navarro@ventura.org para compartir el amor!!

The School Zone

Dear FYS,

I am a new foster parent and have placement of two school-aged siblings. I want to make sure they are receiving all of the services and resources available to them through the school district, as they are both behind in school. Do they need an IEP?

— Eager to get started



Dear Eager,

Congratulations on your new family! There is a lot to consider when deciding what services students may need in school and the process to identify appropriate interventions isn't always clear.

First, you'll want to identify the Foster Youth Education Liaison in your district. You can click [HERE](#) for a list. Call or email and introduce yourself as the new foster parent to the two students. Ask him or her how the district and school handle requests for services when students are struggling. Typically, schools are able to offer services such as tutoring, school counseling, extra help, and other interventions within the general education environment. You'll also want to make contact with the school principal and counselor, identifying yourself as the care provider and conveying your concerns. You might want to ask for a "Student Study Team" meeting (or similarly-named meeting) for a school team to sit down together to discuss the concerns you and school staff may have about the child and brainstorm interventions.

If you, as the care provider, do not hold education rights for the children, you will be limited in what you are able to accomplish directly with the school. You'll want to make sure your social worker is assisting you with any information that needs to be communicated with the education rights holder (often the bio parents). Everyone should work together as a team to ensure a student's needs are met. Education is a great opportunity for co-parenting!

Finally, if interventions do not adequately address a student's needs over a period of time, a special education evaluation may be in order. For specific timelines and responsibilities regarding the special education referral process, see www.vcselpa.org.

For questions related to foster youth and education, please contact the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program at 805.437.1525.

Attention All Graduating **HIGH SCHOOL** Students!

CSA will be accepting application for our 2017 scholarships from April 1 to June 1, 2017.

There are currently two scholarships programs available through CSA; fill out and submit one application and you will be considered for both. Applicants are reviewed by a screening committee to determine who and how much each individual will receive. No less than \$250 will be given to any recipient. If you need additional information about our Scholarship programs, please contact Leeann Mesa via email or call 805-217-6187. Please complete the application and the essay and submit via email to Leeann Mesa - leeann@csavc.org. Visit our website at <http://www.csavc.org/scholarships.html> for more details.



Esquina de Enfermería: **Un Hogar Médico para la Juventud de Crianza**

- Veronica Ruiz, Public Health Nurse

La Academia Americana de Pediatría recomienda un hogar médico para cada niño y joven con el fin de “proporcionar cuidado ininterrumpido .. para apoyar y mantener resultados óptimos”. Los niños en cuidado de crianza temporal no son una excepción. Históricamente, los niños que reciben cuidado de crianza temporal no recibieron atención médica, dental o de salud mental consistente, pero a menudo corren el mayor riesgo de padecer una condición médica, dental o de salud mental. Un “hogar médico” es una asociación entre la familia y su proveedor de atención médica. Esta asociación será el punto de entrada a un sistema de atención que da acceso a una variedad de servicios necesarios. El hogar médico es guiado por el médico, para servir a los pacientes con atención integral, coordinada y continua. Este hogar médico también proporcionará una relación consistente con un proveedor médico y personal que conoce bien al niño.

Los niños en cuidado de crianza temporal están obligados a recibir un examen médico y dental dentro de los 30 días a partir del día en que entran en el hogar de crianza temporal. Se debe hacer un esfuerzo para que este examen se realice en el lugar donde el niño ha recibido atención en el pasado. Si no es posible, debe iniciarse el cuidado y se debe hacer todo lo posible para que el niño continúe viéndose donde se inició la atención una vez que el niño entró en el hogar de crianza temporal. La realidad de un niño en cuidado de crianza es que pueden tener que ser trasladados de un hogar a otro, aunque cada esfuerzo es hecho por nuestra agencia para evitar que esto suceda. Cada vez que un niño ve a un nuevo proveedor de salud mental, dental o de comportamiento, puede resultar en una pérdida de continuidad de la atención, duplicación de servicios médicos, pérdida de tiempo en la entrega del tratamiento necesario o seguimiento importante no realizado.

Servicios para Niños y Familias tiene un equipo de Enfermeras de Salud Pública para ayudar a las familias de crianza a establecer o continuar servicios con un hogar médico. Por favor, llámenos para cualquier problema relacionado con la salud que pueda tener. (805) 240-2700, por favor pida hablar con una enfermera de salud pública.

¡¿SABÍAS?!

¡Nuevos Formularios y Pautas de Reembolso de CSA están aquí!

Los Formularios 2017 Actualizados de Reembolso de CSA y Pautas están siendo enviados por correo a todos los cuidadores. Visite CSAVC.ORG para formularios adicionales.

Llamado a la acción!

A todas nuestras familias de apoyo maravillosas que están criando a los niños con las familias biológicas - ¡Queremos oír de usted! Nos encantaría platicar con usted más acerca de sus experiencias y éxitos y compartir sus historias. Por favor comuníquese con Jaci Johnson al 805-289-1948 o mande le un correo electrónico a Ana.Navarro@Ventura.org

¿Qué Está Pasando?

Foster VC Kids Eventos

Empoderado a Conectar

Viernes y Sábado, 7 & 8 de abril, 2017

9am – 5pm ambos días

Calvary Nexus - Mobil Ave. Campus
380 Mobil Avenue Camarillo, CA 93010

Venga a experimentar la enseñanza práctica en una comunidad segura y de apoyo mientras trabajamos para equipar familias, iglesias y profesionales para servir mejor a los niños afectados por la adopción y el cuidado de crianza temporal.

Esta conferencia, desarrollada por el Dr. Karyn Purvis y el Dr. David Cross, del Instituto Karyn Purvis de Desarrollo Infantil, ayuda a traer el apego y la conexión en las familias. Esta conferencia es ideal para padres adoptivos y de crianza temporal, para aquellos que consideran adopción o cuidado de crianza y para aquellos que están sirviendo y apoyando a otros, incluyendo trabajadores sociales, profesionales de agencias, personal de iglesias y líderes ministeriales, consejeros, terapeutas y otros.

ESTA CONFERENCIA GRATIS SERÁ PRESENTADA POR DEFENDIENDO A LOS HUERFANOS EN LA IGLESIA DE CALVARY NEXUS. SE PROPORCIONARÁ ALMUERZO AMBOS DÍAS A LOS QUE SE REGISTREN.

Regístrese en Eventbrite AQUÍ o llame a Foster VC kids al 805-654-3220.

9º Torneo Anual de Golf de la Caridad WOSMOH

5 de mayo, 2017

Ojai Valley Inn & Spa
905 Country Club Road, Ojai, CA 93023

El objetivo, la visión y la misión es llegar a tantas vidas jóvenes como sea posible para ayudar en su rehabilitación, y con su ayuda, estamos una zona de tee más cercana.

Cuota de inscripción: \$150

Fecha límite de entrada: 1ero de mayo, 2017

Para más información, por favor llame a Kenneth Fewer (805)278-3702 o Sandra Felder (805)377-3114



29 de abril, 8a – 2p

Camarillo Community Center
1605 Burnley St., Camarillo, CA 93010

El HOPE4Kids Festival & Run es un esfuerzo comunitario patrocinado por RaisingHOPE en asociación con una variedad de socios comunitarios. Las cantidades que se generan en este evento van directamente a ayudar a los jóvenes de crianza a pagar por cualquier necesidad que no esté cubierta por Medi-cal, el condado y otras organizaciones. Hasta la fecha hemos asistido a cientos de jóvenes con ortodoncia, compras de libros de texto para cursos universitarios y actividades extracurriculares como equipo deportivo, campamentos, artes y mucho más! El festival GRATIS incluye una subasta silenciosa, Kidzone, funcionamientos, cabinas del vendedor y galería de crianza. Los ingresos benefician a los niños en cuidado de crianza temporal y aquellos que recientemente se han retirado del cuidado de crianza temporal.

5K/10K/Kids Mile Fun Run (Corrida Divertida de Milla de Niños)

Regístrese para correr, caminar, ser voluntario o donar en www.raisinghope.org

Los participantes reciben:

- Tiempo de chip por Racewire • Medalla • Camiseta
- Bolsa de regalos • Premios de 1er, 2do y 3er lugar en categorías masculina y femenina

Para obtener más información o para convertirse en un patrocinador del evento, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a info@raisinghope.org



¡Es el tiempo de registro en el campamento de verano!

Summer is fast approaching. CSA provides camperships for both generalized and specialized camps. Please check CSA Guidelines prior to registering or enrolling kids in to camps, as the guidelines and procedures have changed. Don't forget to register your little or big ones for fun and enriching camp opportunities. Check out your city Parks and Recreation web page or go to the Conejo Valley Guide for camp ideas throughout the entire Ventura County. Click [HERE](#) for a list of camps!



El Channel Islands Boating Center está emocionado por otro gran verano con el Campamento de Deportes Acuáticos Juveniles. Requisitos de edad 9-13 (kayak), 9-15 (navegación), 12-15 (stand up paddle board / windsurfing) Sesiones ofrecidas del 19 de junio al 4 de agosto de lunes a viernes (No hay campamento en la semana del 4 de julio) Kayak (sesiones de 1 semana), Vela (sesiones de 2 semanas), Stand Up Paddle Board / Windsurf (sesiones de 2 semanas)

En el Campamento de Deportes Acuáticos CSUCI, ofrecemos cursos para todos los niveles de habilidad. Si usted es un verdadero principiante o se han dedicado a actividades de deportes acuáticos durante años, puede encontrar diversión, emoción y desafío en el agua a través de nuestros campamentos. Con una actitud de seguridad en primer lugar, nuestros instructores profesionales y certificados permiten a los estudiantes la oportunidad de aprender en un ambiente seguro y agradable. Nuestro campamento tiene la intención de enseñar las habilidades necesarias para manejar y maniobrar estos buques con seguridad, mientras que la enseñanza de la etiqueta adecuada y la navegación que es útil en todos los tipos de navegación.

UN VISTAZO A ESTE VERANO: Visitas al acuario, visitas a museos marítimos, día de la familia en los muelles, windsurf y Stand Up Paddle programa de embarque, vela y kayak. * Los campistas deben tener 12 años o más para registrarse en el programa Windsurfing / SUP *

LAS BECAS ESTÁN DISPONIBLES: Hemos tenido la suerte de recibir fondos de becas del Departamento de Canotaje y Vías Navegables para ofrecer becas completas para la semana / s de vela, kayak o windsurf / SUP. La solicitud de beca se puede encontrar en el enlace de registro a continuación.

*** Cada niño sólo puede recibir una beca para el verano.*

Haga clic en este enlace para registrarse

<http://www.ciboating.org/programs/youth/>. Comuníquese con el personal de CIBC con cualquier pregunta. 805-437-3710 o por correo electrónico a Jennifer.maravola@csuci.edu

Campo Destacado: ComfortZone Camp

ComfortZone Camp is an incredible non-profit organization that offers FREE weekend bereavement camps for kids ages 7-17 throughout the year for children who have lost a parent, sibling or primary care giver. Children who have experienced the loss of a family member often become miniature adults before their time. Comfort Zone provides a safe environment where kids can have fun, be around people who "get it" and get back to being kids again.

One camp location is only about 20 minutes south of Oxnard. You can refer any foster youth directly to ComfortZone camp via the website below, and/or have the caregiver apply. Once a child is accepted to participate, the child can return once a year, for free, until they reach the age of 18.

There are licensed therapists in attendance who work directly with the campers throughout the weekend. Website for more info: <https://www.comfortzonecamp.org/>

Operation Ventura

The YMCA is committed to being socially responsible. Through Operation Ventura, an outreach initiative, and the generous support of our donors, the Y has been able to provide free programming and membership to homeless and foster youth and families. Participation in swim programs and youth sports allows the underprivileged children in our community an opportunity to participate. These programs range from Swim, to dance, to sports, to drama and Martial arts. The Y will give certificates to Foster VC Kids for distribution to Foster Parents on a first come, first serve basis. Contact RDS at 805-654-3220. The YMCA contact is Amber Stevens at 805.642.2131 ext 17. For more information on classes please visit the new Aquatics and Youth Class Guide online or click [HERE](#) for the guide!

Royal Family Kids Camps of Ventura

RFK of Ventura is part of the nation's leading network of camps for abused, abandoned and neglected children. RFK is a residential summer camp where, for one full week, children (ages 7 to 11) in foster care from throughout Ventura & L.A. Counties can experience wholesome affection, undivided attention, and unconditional love. Campers enjoy hiking, swimming, horseback riding, zip-lining, bug- &

Resource Center

Rachael's Closet: Rachael's Closet is available to help you on your journey as a foster, relative, kinship, or resource care provider by providing assistance with Co-Parenting, Visitation, & Playroom, Peer Mentorship, Guidance, & Support, Small Group Networking, Training, and Education, New and Gently Used Clothing, Car Seats, Strollers, Cribs & Other Things and Care Bags. To schedule an appointment, contact Lisa Carlson-Pugh at 805-285-3790 or email: Lisa@VCFPA.com. You can visit their website [HERE](#) or check out their Facebook [HERE](#).



ACTION: ACTION is a Ventura County nonprofit organization that mobilizes volunteers, churches, and businesses to volunteer and help people. By matching up volunteers with needs, our volunteers find ways to help that fits their abilities and resources while those in need benefit. Through this Serve Every Day program, a wide range of help can potentially be provided. Possibilities include basic household repairs, help with yard work, helping a family move or supplying basic household goods/appliances for those that can't afford them. For more information, please call 805-987-0300 or email action@actionvc.org.

Hair Whisperers: CFS has a contract with Hair Whisperers for in-home lice removal. Contact Foster VC Kids at HSA-CFS-Resources@ventura.org or 805-654-3220 to request a referral. Families must be referred by Foster VC Kids/CFS Staff.

Catalyst Church: has a closet of gently used girls and boys clothing (newborn to age 6), diapers, toothbrush, toothpaste, and new underwear. Foster parents can come and collect as needed for their new foster child. Please call Amy Freehauf to set up a time to come by. 805-766-1916. Catalyst Church is located at 241 N. Mill St., Santa Paula.

Open Hands Ministry: South Coast Fellowship offers a clothing and food pantry. The pantry is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm. To set up your first appointment, contact Larry Nordyke at 805 658-7223. The pantry is located is 1595 Walter Street, Ventura

Shelter Care Resources: provide materials and resources such as gently used and new clothing, diapers, wipes, car seats and furniture to resource families. Email at ShelterCareResourcesOxnard@gmail.com for more information. Oxnard area.

Ventura County Foster Parent Association: We are people like you! We are foster parents, relative care providers, adoptive parents, resource families and most importantly—we are everyday people that make a difference in our community. Our membership is comprised of care providers who donate their time, knowledge and personal resources—all to provide a better a life for those who are in a helpless position. VCFPA provides services such as Caregiver Advocacy & Support, Mentorship & Networking, Rachael's Closet, Training & Education, and Networking.



Contact Us To Learn More!

Contact: Rick Pugh rick@vcfpa.com 805.285.3790

Web: <http://vcfpa.com>

Calendar of Events: <http://vcfpa.com/events/>

Membership Information: <http://vcfpa.com/membership/>

Foster VC Kids is here to help. We have many resources available for you and your children's needs, other than the above highlighted. If you have specific material or resource needs, contact your social worker or Foster VC Kids for support at fostervckids@ventura.org or call us at 654-3220. We can help you to access the resources you and your child need to thrive.

To see the full list of resource providers, see our full **Foster VC Kids Resource Toolkit** at fostervckids.org/resources

RISE
Magazine

Rise magazine is written by parents who have faced the child welfare system in their own lives. Many people don't know that the majority of children who enter foster care return home to their parents—and that most children in care wish for a lifelong relationship with their parents, whether they live with them or not. Helping parents is fundamental to helping children in foster care.

Through personal essays and reporting, parents illuminate every aspect of the child welfare experience from parents' perspectives. Sign up for a free individual subscription. For caregivers and child welfare professionals, Rise stories offer insight that can improve how you engage and support fragile families. For parents, Rise offers information, peer support, and hope.

<http://www.risemagazine.org/store/>

Faith In Motion

Faith in Motion is a unique collaboration between the County of Ventura Children and Family Services and Ventura County faith communities. With approximately **1000 children in foster care in Ventura County**, we seek to engage faith communities who care about highly vulnerable children in our community who have been removed from their parent or guardian due to abuse and neglect.

Faith in Motion's two main goals are to:

- Recruit high quality foster and adoptive families within the faith community; and
- Encourage faith-based congregations to develop support services for foster, kinship care and adoptive families

We are excited to announce that we have recently partnered with Catalyst Santa Paula, Trinity Lutheran of Simi Valley, South Coast Fellowship, nCourage Church of Ventura, ACTION VC, Westminster Presbyterian, and Lightshine Church. [View all of our current Faith In Motion Partners!](#)

We believe faith communities have the opportunity to make a big impact on our foster care system because of the size of their networks, the existing structure and the spiritual motivation. In partnership together, the county and the faith community can be very effective in finding mission driven homes and offer unconditional support for the children in Ventura County.

Trinity Lutheran's Elementary school did a donation drive that the **Good Sheppard** 3rd- 6th grade classes put on for **Child Hope Services**. They not only donated an incredible amount of items that will all go into HOPE Chests, but they brought it to Child Hope, toured the warehouse and learned all about foster care, Child Hope and how to serve our foster community. They were all so engaged, asked lots of questions and even came up with ideas for future events.



Child Hope Services is one of the many amazing organizations that recognize the need for support in all the many facets that make up this world of foster care.

As an organization, they support and cover resource families and foster youths with the practical resources needed in the critical first moments of foster care placement, along with supporting their long-term practical and relational needs.

These are the three "legs" of Child Hope's ministry: HOPE FUND: Supporting families as they are going through the process of becoming a licensed resource family and prepare new families for their journey through foster care. Providing a HOPE Chest, a week supply of gently used and new clothing, new toiletries, diapers/wipes, a hand knit blanket, stuffed animal and age specific gift box and Bible for kids coming into foster care. **HOPE COMMUNITY:** Providing events throughout the year, like Project You Belong, that provide families an opportunity to connect to other like-minded families, walking the same journey through foster care. **OFFER HOPE:** We provide volunteer opportunities for anyone who has a heart for these kids. From putting together donation drives and serving in our warehouse to joining our Group Homes Ministry or volunteering at one of our events, we love connecting people to our foster community and giving them a place to positively impact the lives of others.

Upcoming Resource Events

Prom & Graduation Dress Event!

Beginning April 1st, any teen in care can make an appointment to come to JS to find a prom/graduation dress as well as accessories for girls and guys for our Prom Pop-Up Boutique. Last year's events were such a success, and we look so forward to blessing them again! Email to make an appointment: jamesstorehouse@gmail.com

Spring Fling — April 1st

In collaboration with Kids and Families, James Storehouse is hosting an event that includes an Easter Egg Hunt, games and will distribute Easter Baskets.

Girls Beach Bash — April 22nd

Westminster Presbyterian Church Ladies Ministry is hosting a beach bash full of activities, and fun in the sun for foster girls, ages 11-17. To attend this retreat at a beach house on Faira Beach, please RSVP to Julie Beth Martin at 818-889-1491 or Julie@wpcwestlake.org.

Clothing Distribution for Foster Youth—June 10th 9:30-11:30am
Calvary Community Church, 5495 Via Rocas, Westlake Village CA 91362, Room 1100. Calvary Community Church appreciates all Foster Youth and their families. We want to invite you to our Foster Youth Clothing Distribution. We have "gently used" clothing featuring various sizes and brand names that will fit girls and boys from birth to age 25 years old.

To make sure we have plenty of clothing for all, please RSVP to Patricia Kawamoto kenkawa@sbcglobal.net

GIRLS BEACH BASH
FOR TEEN GIRLS (11-17)
Foster Youth
Faira Beach
Ventura
Saturday, April 22, 2017
10am to 2 pm
Join us for a day of BEACH HOUSE FUN!
We will spend time in a beach front home.
Fun activities to choose from:
ART, BAKING, WATERSPORTS, JACUZZI, POOL & MORE...
Lunch ~ Lounge ~ Laugh

**Milestones — Friday and Saturday,
April 7 & 8, 2017 9am – 5pm both days
Calvary Nexus - Mobil Ave. Campus
380 Mobil Avenue Camarillo, CA 93010**

Este mes de junio, 8-9 de los jóvenes de crianza del condado de Ventura, de 17 años o más, serán honrados en el evento anual de Milestones (Metas), donde compartirán los logros alcanzados en el año pasado. Muchos de los homenajeados se graduarán de la escuela secundaria y otros habrán completado otro semestre en la universidad, se mudaron a su primer apartamento o se reunieron con un miembro de la familia. El evento de Milestones es financiado enteramente por donaciones de individuos, agencias, negocios e iglesias en el condado de Ventura. Se entregan tarjetas de regalo (WalMart, Target, etc.) a cada joven que se honra en Milestones. Por lo tanto, la donación de 1 o más tarjetas de regalo de \$25 es una gran manera de ayudar.

Las donaciones también se pueden hacer en el sitio web de Milestones en www.milestonesvc.org. Para obtener una lista de las formas en que su grupo o usted puede donar y ser una bendición para los jóvenes que se honran este año, haga clic **AQUÍ**.

9th Annual Embracing Hearts for Foster Youth Rummage Sale — May 13th, 2017

Lighthouse Church, 3353 Old Conejo Rd, Newbury Park

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to provide food and support for foster youth leaving the system. WOSMOH is collecting donations now! Please contact us if you would like to arrange a pick-up or drop-off or would like to make a donation: (805) 376-0472. You can also visit our website: www.wosmoh.org

What's Goin' On?

Foster VC Kids Calendar of Events

A Caregivers Approach to Trust-Based Interactions (Central County)

**Trainer: Pam Lehtonen, Certified Parenting Educator
Wednesday, April 5th 6-8:00pm**

Ventura County Community Foundation

4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Camarillo (Community Room)

Because of their histories, children from hard places have changes in their bodies, brains, behaviors, and belief systems. While a variety of parenting strategies may be successful in typical circumstances, children from hard places need caregiving that meets their unique needs and addresses the whole child. This workshop will serve as a “preview” of the Empowered to Connect simulcast on April 7th & 8th (we encourage you to attend. Link to it here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empowered-to-connect-simulcast-ventura-county-tickets-32448032940>)

Pam has implemented these strategies in her home and will offer tips and suggestions from her own experience. *Participants will receive credit for 2 hours of training upon completion of the class.* Please RSVP to Rhonda Carlson at rcarlson@vcccd.edu Sponsor: Ventura College FKCE

The Partnership Meeting (Camarillo)

Speaker: Sofya Bagdasaryan

April 5th 10am-12pm

VCCF Building, 4100 Mission Oaks Blvd., Camarillo

This Town Hall meeting will hold a focus group regarding child maltreatment. For more information, call 805-535-4489.

Adult & pediatric CPR & First Aid *Recertification* Classes (East & West Counties)

All classes start at 4:30pm and end at 6:30pm

First Aid – Apr 7th

James' Storehouse 3541 Old Conejo Rd. #117, Newbury Park, 91320

First Aid – May 12th

Day Road Center at Ventura College, 71 Day Rd, Ventura, 93003

CPR – Apr 14th

Day Road Center at Ventura College, 71 Day Rd, Ventura, 93003

CPR – May 5th

James' Storehouse 3541 Old Conejo Rd. #117, Newbury Park, 91320

To register, please contact your local FKCE office:

Email rcarlson@vcccd.edu or debbieflowers@vcccd.edu or call 805-678-5144 or 805-289-6181. All Ventura County Foster Caregivers are welcome at no charge. Hosted by FKCE

Trauma Training Workshops

Trainer: Dianne Nicholas, LMFT

Short workshops designed to teach knowledge, skills and values about working with children who are in the child welfare system and who have experienced traumatic events – Multiple Locations, dates and times. Pre-registration is required. RSVP by e-mailing Blair.Brillante@ventura.org or for more information, call 805-654-3220.

Identify Trauma-Related Needs of Children and Families

Ventura – April 13th, 3:30-4:45pm, April 19th, 3:30-4:45pm

Oxnard – April 5th, 8:30-9:45am, April 26th, 3:30-4:45pm

Simi Valley – April 11th, 8:30-9:45am

Enhance Child Well-Being and Resilience

Ventura – May 11th, 3:30-4:45pm, May 17th, 3:30-4:45pm

Oxnard – May 10th, 8:30-9:45am, May 24th, 3:30-4:45pm

Simi Valley – May 9th, 8:30-9:45am

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Foster VC Kids Calendar of Events

CASA In-Service Trainings

CASA has opened all of their trainings to our community and professional partners. All trainings are free and held at the Casa Pacifica office at 975 Flynn Road, Camarillo 93012

Working With Traumatized Children

Trainer: Janet Baron

Wednesday, April 12, 6-8pm

Training Room 2

Incarcerated Families

Trainer: Marggie Valentine

Thursday, April 20, 6-8pm

Training Room 2

Learn how families cope and thrive with an incarcerated family member

CSEC 101

Trainer: CASA Staff and Advocate

Wednesday, April 26, 6-9pm

Juvenile Dependency Team

Trainer: Various Presenters

Thursday, May 11, 6-8pm

Training Room 2

Hear from a discussion panel and learn about the roles and responsibilities of a Juvenile Dependency Team.

Foster Children's Relationship with Food

Trainer: Teri Lisagor

Thursday, May 18, 6-8pm

Training Room 2

To register, please call the office at 805-389-3120 or email Janet Barron at janet@casaofventuracounty.org.

All Ventura County Foster Caregivers are welcome at no charge.

Hosted by *CASA of Ventura County*

Human Trafficking 101 (Simi Valley)

Trainer: Shar Busch

April 22nd 10am-12pm

Forever Found is hosting this upcoming training which will benefit foster parents to learn how to identify the signs of human trafficking and help survivors. You are the key to stopping the cycle. The free training will be held at Life & Annuity Masters, 159 Parrot Lane, Simi Valley, 93065. To register or for more information, email vicki@foreverfound.org.

Resource Parent Networking and Support Groups

*Foster Parent Networking provides foster parents the opportunity to meet and build relationships with other foster parents in their communities. Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook and visit www.fostervckids.org to view the most current information on events! * Please note that meetings are subject to change**

Simi Valley: Provided through the Ventura and Oxnard FKCE programs and meets the 2nd Friday of the Month at Cornerstone Church. Contact for rcarlson@vcccd.edu or DebbieFlowers@vcccd.edu. more information.

Ventura: Foster VC Kids hosts monthly evening networking on the last Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm at Ventura Missionary Church. Contact Foster VC Kids at 805-654-3220 or fostervckids@ventura.org for more info and for upcoming dates.

Spanish: Foster VC Kids hosts meetings the last Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm at Ventura Missionary Church. Contact Foster VC Kids at 805-654-3220 or fostervckids@ventura.org for more info and for upcoming dates.

Camarillo: Defending the Fatherless is a Christian faith based caregiver support network/group. All are welcome. Email defendingthefatheless.info@gmail.com or go to <http://www.defendingthefatherless.net/> for more info.

Educational: Kids and Families Together hosts a support group on a range of topics provided in a safe and supportive environment, while strengthening their therapeutic parenting skills. Groups meet periodically. Contact Karina at 805-643-1446, ext. 118 for the latest information.

Ventura County Foster Parent Association (VCFPA): The VCFPA offers support, training and resources to Ventura County foster, adoptive, and relative caregivers. They hold monthly membership meetings bi-monthly. For information on the association and meetings dates/times/locations, visit <http://www.vcfpa.com/>.

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Foster VC Kids Calendar of Events

Hold Me Tight Couples Workshop

(8 sessions) (Camarillo)

July 11th – August 29th 6pm-8pm

(This workshop is FREE and you'll receive training hours!)

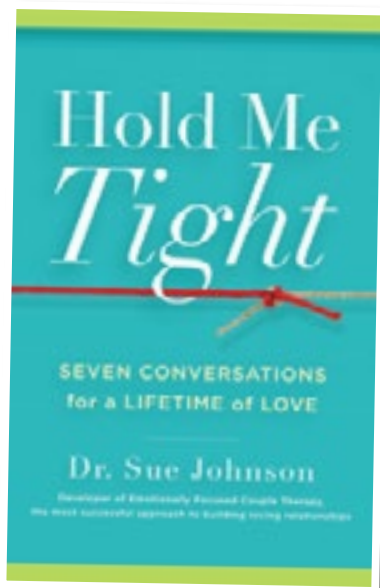
Kids and Families Camarillo Office 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Suite P

Are you ready to strengthen your relationship with your partner and in turn, benefit your children and their future relationships?

The goals of this group are to: 1) identify and change frustrating and painful cycles couples get caught in, 2) improve communication, 3) help couples make sense of their own and their partner's emotions and relationship needs, 4) begin to heal and forgive past relationship hurts, and 5) deepen and enhance trust, emotional safety, and physical intimacy.

Research has shown that when partners are securely attached, they find it easier to be good parents. They also model healthy relationships for their children and tend to have children who are also securely attached. Securely attached children are happier, more socially competent, more resilient to stress, and more likely to form healthy relationships in the future.

To register for the next group, please contact Rachel Ashleman, LMFT at 805.643.1446, ext. 106.



For Relative Caregivers

Kinship care is the full or part-time parenting of children by grandparents or other relatives. These training groups will explore the practical issues related to parenting a second generation and provide tools and support to help you get and keep your bearing along the way. No RSVP needed- Walk-ins welcome! Training hour certificates provided upon request.

For further information, email kssp@kidsandfamilies.org

Sponsors: Ventura College FKCE, Oxnard College FKCE and Kids & Families Together

Camarillo: last Thursday of the month, 6-8pm at 5251 Verdugo Rd. Suite G., Camarillo, Channel Island Social Services

Oxnard: (Spanish) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6-8:00pm at 910 S. E St., Driffil Elementary School

Santa Paula: (Bilingual) 4th Tuesday of the month 6-8pm at 214 10th Street, First 5 Neighborhood for Learning

Simi Valley: 3rd Wednesday, 6-8pm at 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley Senior Center

Ventura: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6-8pm at 856 E. Thompson Blvd, Kids & Families Together Center

Thousand Oaks: 2nd Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm at 401 Hodencamp Rd., Senior Concerns

Ojai: 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8:30pm at 105 E. Topa Topa St., Ojai Valley Wesleyan Church

Foster Care Snapshot:

The Critical Need Continues...



In the Month of December:

There were **791** children in care

271 children were in foster home placements (County & FFA)

317 children were in kinship/relative care placements

98 children were in guardian homes

9 finalized adoptions (**122** Calendar year-to-date)

65 children remained in group homes/shelter care

31.3% of siblings are separated from each other

18.3% are placed with some, but not all siblings

We welcomed **9** new foster homes into the Foster VC Kids family!

Please help us spread the word about the need for quality foster homes! Remember, foster parents are eligible to receive an incentive of **\$100** for referring a family once they complete the licensing process and an additional **\$100** once a child is placed in the new foster family's home! Contact your licensing analyst for more information!

Enlaces para la barra lateral:

Arrow Child & Family Ministries

www.arrow.org

Aspiranet

www.aspiranet.org

California Youth Connection

www.calyouthconn.org

Casa Pacifica

www.casapacifica.org

CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates

www.casaofventuracounty.org

CFS Independent Living Program

www.ventura.org/ilp-youth/ilp-youth

Channel Islands Social Services

www.islandsocialservices.org

Child Development Resources

www.childdevelopmentresources.org

Child Hope Services

www.childhopeservices.org

Children's Services Auxiliary

www.csavc.org

Dark to Dawn

www.darktodawn.org

Foster VC Kids

www.fostervckids.org

iFoster

www.ifoster.org

Interface Children & Family Services

<http://icfs.org>

James Storehouse

www.jamesstorehouse.org

Kids & Families Together

www.kidsandfamilies.org

Koinonia Family Services

www.kfh.org

Macaroni Kid

www.camarillo.macaronikid.com

National Foster Parent Association

<http://nfpaonline.org>

Neighborhoods for Learning

www.first5ventura.org/parents-caregivers/neighborhoods-for-learning

Parent Click

www.ventura-ca.parentclick.com

www.ventura-ca.parentclick.com

QPI California

www.qpicalifornia.com

Rainbow Connection Family Resource Center

www.rainbowconnectionfrc.weebly.com

Raising HOPE/HOPE4Kids

www.raisinghope.org

TEACH Fund Scholarship

www.vccf.org/scholarship/tech/index.shtml

VC Foster Parent Association

www.vcfpa.com

Ventura County Office of Education Foster Youth Services www.vcoe.org/spes/FosterYouthServices.aspx

Women of Substance, Men of Honor

www.wosmohinc.com

Sitios de Web para entrenamiento

California Just in Time Training

www.qpicalifornia.org/justintime.shtml

Cenpatico U

www.cenpaticoU.com

Foster Care & Adoptive Community

www.fosterparents.com

Foster Club

www.fosterclub.com/_booster/article/foster-parent-online-training

Foster Parent College

www.fosterparentcollege.com