

The Foster Network

August / September 2014



It's Back to School Time!

Did you know that national data reported in *Fostering Success in Education: National Factsheet on the Educational Outcomes of Children in Foster Care* (January, 2014) indicates that 66-75 percent of foster youth change schools when they first enter care? Furthermore, 34 percent of foster youth age 17-18 report having experienced five or more school changes during their time in care. This lack of school stability has negative impacts on academic achievement, the ability to form and sustain positive relationships with teachers and peers, and standardized testing. Each time a child changes schools, it is estimated they lose 4-6 months of academic progress. (The Atlantic, *Every Time Foster Kids Move, They Lose Months of Academic Progress*, February 28, 2014). Sadly, only 50 percent of foster youth complete high school by the age of 18 and only 2-9 percent move on to attain a bachelor's degree.

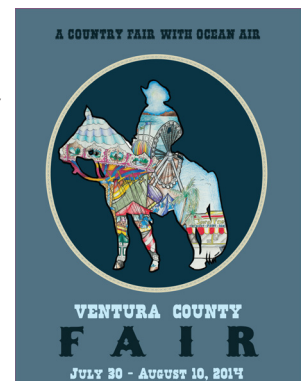
The Atlantic article also reported that, "A national study of 1,087 foster care alumni found that 'youth who had even one fewer change in living arrangement per year were almost twice as likely to graduate from high school before leaving foster care.'" This clear relationship between placement stability and academic outcomes demonstrates the wide range of benefits to children when their placements are stable.

Stability is of great importance to children in foster care, and Children and Family Services encourages foster parents to work with their social workers and the educational rights holders for the child(ren) in their care to find ways to keep the children in their schools of origin. Because a change in school can have a deep impact on a child's academic and social-emotional well being, we ask that you not enroll the child(ren) in your care in your neighborhood school without checking with the child's social worker first. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to communicate with the social worker regarding any concerns related to this.

The Ventura County Office of Education has a Foster Youth Services (FYS) program to assist families in meeting the educational needs of children in foster care. Each school district also has a designated foster youth liaison that can assist you with any school related issues for the children in your care. Visit the FYS website at <http://www.vcoe.org/spes/FosterYouthServices.aspx> for more information and for the listing of the district liaisons.

Foster & Relative Caregiver Fair Days

Seaside Park and the Children's Services Auxiliary invite you to attend the Ventura County Fair! Special days and times have been arranged to grant foster and relative caregiver families free admittance to the fair. Please know this applies only to fair entry and does not include food, rides, games or parking. When you arrive, look for a volunteer holding a red heart that says "CSA" or is wearing a red CSA shirt. For free entry, please join the CSA between 12-12:30 p.m. on: Thursday, July 31, Monday, August 4, Thursday, August 7, or Sunday, August 10. Please do not contact the fairgrounds for questions regarding this event. You may contact Joan Gendreau at (805) 642-4436 for information about Foster & Relative Caregiver Fair Days. Enjoy!



CFS Contacts

Recruitment, Retention, & Support Info Line	654-3220
RRS Recruitment & Retention Specialist.....	654-5582
RRS Manager.....	654-5594
Licensing.....	955-2290
Relative Approval.....	654-3422
Placement.....	654-3211
Adoptions	385-9158
Youth Services Division	385-9146
Rx for Kids Public Health Program	981-5373
Children's Health & Disability Prevention Nurse	654-5536
General Info Emergency Response Units.....	654-3444
General Info Ongoing Unit ..	240-2700
General Info East County	955-2290
General Information Central Programs	654-3405
Children's Service Auxiliary Case Aid	289-1926
Field Based Case Aides	289-1989 or 654-3449
ILP Coordinators.	385-9114 or 385-9143
Eligibility Officer of the Day .	654-3409

What's Goin' On?

Relational Repair

August 5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
975 Flynn Road, Camarillo

This course introduces a child and youth care model for supporting individuals who have experienced relational stress, trauma, or disrupted relationships.

Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/relational-repair-tickets-12081069805?aff=eorg>

United Parents Experience:

An Inspirational Overview
August 7, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

391 S. Dawson Dr. Suite IA, Camarillo
Learn more about the programs offered by United Parents.

RSVP to williamson@unitedparents.org or call (805) 384-1555.

Psychotropic Medications:

Benefits & Limitations for Foster Youth
August 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

975 Flynn Road, Camarillo

This special seminar will focus on current trends in the prescription of psychotropic medications, common side effects, and their interactions with street drugs. Explore the role of relational care as critical to empowering young people and supporting healthy development in the context of-and sometimes in place of-medication use.

Register at www.casapacifica.org/training or call (805) 366-4064.

Keeping Yourself Encouraged

August 20, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

71 Day Road, Ventura, Large Training Room
The transition back to school often brings added stress to the household. When we are so busy taking care of others, we often forget to take care of ourselves. This interactive workshop will demonstrate how encouraging yourself can also bring fulfillment to those around you. Specific ways we can take care of ourselves will be shared! Please RSVP to rcarlson@vcccd.edu

Camarillo Foster Parent Networking: "Foster Talk"

August 20, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

1313 Avenida de Aprisa, Camarillo

A "mom's morning" to network and meet with other foster parents, receive support and information about navigating the child welfare system. Sponsored by Defending the Fatherless and Calvary Nexus. All are welcome.

For more info, visit www.defendingthefatherless.net

United Parents Experience:

An Inspirational Overview
August 20, 4 – 5 p.m.

391 S. Dawson Dr. Suite IA, Camarillo
Learn more about the programs offered by United Parents. RSVP to williamson@unitedparents.org or call (805) 384-1555.

Screening of "Valentine Road"

August 21, 6 – 8 p.m.

Location given at time of registration

Join this viewing and discussion of Valentine Road, a 2013 documentary which chronicles a local 2008 middle school shooting and includes interviews with family, friends, and teachers about their experiences with both boys as the

CPR Re-certification

In order to remain in compliance with your foster care requirements, you must recertify your CPR and First Aid training every two years. There are a few options for re-certification classes through our FFA and other community partners.



Koinonia Family Services: Offers a blended online/in person training for \$45. Contact Rob Branchflower at rbranchflower@kfh.org for more information.

Arrow Child & Family Ministries: Offers in person training for \$25. Call (805) 482-2423, ext. 1756 to register. View their training calendar online at http://www.arrow.org/wp-content/uploads/training_calendars/CA.pdf.

Casa Pacifica: Casa Pacifica offers a range of free training to foster and relative caregivers, including CPR and First Aid. Visit their website at <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/casa-pacifica-centers-for-children-and-families-254246353> for more information.

Aspiranet: Refers families to Casa Pacifica training or to Jose Godinez, who can provide in-home training for a fee. He can be contacted at (805) 509-1277.

FKCE: The community college district's Foster and Kinship Care Education programs sometimes offer re-certification classes. Contact Jason Lee at jason_lee5@vcccd.edu for upcoming classes and registration information.

Nurse's Notes

Does your 7th grader have proof of a whooping cough booster immunization (Tdap)? As of 2011, the California Department of Education and California Department of Public Health both require, by law, that all students entering or advancing into seventh grade show proof that they have met the legal requirement for a booster immunization against Pertussis (whooping cough). The Tdap vaccine is a booster vaccine for children, adolescents and adults that protects against Pertussis, Tetanus and Diphtheria. The vaccine is routinely given at age 11 or 12.

Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory illness caused by a bacteria called *Bordetella pertussis*. Pertussis is transmitted person to person by coughing, or sneezing while in close contact. An article in the Ventura County Star (July 1, 2014) stated that the number of cases of Pertussis reported as of July 2014 are as follows: 36 in Oxnard, 20 in Thousand Oaks, 16 in Ventura and 15 cases in Newbury Park.

The best way to prevent Pertussis is to get vaccinated. Please contact the Public Health Clinic at (805) 981-5221 to schedule an appointment to have the Tdap vaccine administered. If you or your child/ren have had a cough or cold that has lasted 2 weeks or more, please see a doctor.



Alayah Foundation Backpack Give-A-Way & Free Haircuts

The Alayah Foundation has partnered with Euodia Salon to provide free haircuts and backpacks to 100 school age foster children in the Moorpark/Simi Valley Area. The event will be held Sunday, August 10 from 1 -5 p.m. at 142 W. Los Angeles Avenue, Moorpark, 93021. Families must register and registration is first come, first served. Contact Melyssa Jones at (805) 672-0463 between 5:30 - 9 p.m. Caregivers are required to stay with their child(ren) during the appointment.

Media outlets will be present and, per Community Care Licensing (CCL) regulations, the child(ren) has the right to remain confidential and unidentified to the public as a foster child. If approached by the media, please refrain from sharing the child(ren)'s name, allowing the child(ren) to be photographed in an identifiable manner, or be interviewed.

Per CCL regulations, the child and biological parent have the right to decline the haircut. Prior to attending the event, we strongly recommend that foster parents let the child(ren)'s social worker know they would like to participate in this event, and to discuss any possible concerns.

Ventura County Foster Care "Families Fostering Hope"

Adoption Tax Credit

Families who finalized an adoption from the foster care system in 2011 and receive or have received a post-adoption subsidy are eligible for up to **\$13,360 per child in adoption credits**. This benefit expires on April 15, 2015. Due to the federal statute of limitations, families only have the next 9 months to file their credit with the IRS. Please contact your tax professional or Adopt Fund toll free at (855) 991-7680 to check if you qualify.



CFS Updates

RRS is growing and changing. In September, we will welcome three new Community Services Coordinators to our Foster Parent Recruitment & Retention team in order to increase our support services to our foster and relative caregivers. We are expanding our retention team to strengthen communication, placement stability, and caregiver support.

We would like to give our hearty thanks to Suria Gottesman and Kristen Levin who are being transferred to other units within the agency. They will continue to be integral members of our foster parent support efforts. Suria has served as our Foster Parent Social Worker. Next month Suria will return the ER unit in order to address social worker shortages in the ER unit. Kristen Levin leaves the Placement unit to serve as one of the two new Team Decision-Making (TDM) facilitators. TDM meetings bring together people who are interested in and care about the family to ensure that the best possible decisions are made regarding the child's safety and placement, and focuses on preserving family and community connections. This will have a very positive impact on stabilizing foster placements.

The Youth Services Division and Adoptions Units have moved into their new offices in Oxnard. Please connect with your social worker to get his/her new phone number or call (805) 240-2700 for general information.

In August, the Licensing Unit will be relocating to the Simi Valley Office located at 970 Enchanted Way. The General Information line for that office is (805) 955-2290.

As of July 1, 2014 the Foster Care rates were increased. Please remember that these rates only apply to LICENSED foster parents. Please visit our website at www.vchsa.org/foster to view the new rate sheet.

Ventura County Foster Care Program			
Rate Sheet for Foster Parents			
Basic Rates for AFDC-FC			
	Age	Rate	Comment
Foster Family Homes	0-4	\$671	Rates apply to Licensed Foster Homes Rates are subject to review
	5-8	\$726	
	9-11	\$784	
	12-18	\$839	
Specialized Care Placement — Increments per Calendar Special			
Rate Level	Special Incentive		
Moderate	\$60 + Base Foster Care	Religious practices, Frequent medical therapy or other appointments, Occasional behavior or safety, Minor physical problems requiring special care, Child is not an escapee, Parent, Prefers to attend regular care setting, Emotional needs of the child require less than 20 hours of care per week	
Severe	\$104 + Base Foster Care	Behavioral problems requiring consistently structured, More than occasional behavior, Special diet or dietary, Special medical therapy, Special care, Significant and persistent health issues, Unstable, Child has self-harm, Emotional needs of the child require more than 20 hours of care per week, Child has special needs	
Intensive	\$202 + Base Foster Care	Psychiatric medical appointments, Physically aggressive, Uncooperative behavior, Emotional problems requiring intensive intervention, Requires constant supervision and constant safety of self and others, Child is diabetic, needs lower parent or nurse, and/or has frequent hospitalizations, Child has serious communicable disease, requires constant observation, Requires daily medical supervision	
Enriched	\$981 Total for all ages	Non-organic failure to thrive due to medical, emotional or genetic, Non-verbal intellectual disability, Severe conduct problems, Very low birth weight babies requiring special interventions, Chronic medical conditions, Chronic, Significant behavioral and/or emotional behavior such as suicide ideation, or self-harm, A child diagnosed with chronic mental disorder that requires constant supervision	
Infant Supplemental			
15187.6	\$411	Per non-dependent parent placed with minor mother	
Educational Travel Reimbursement (ETR)			
Mileage	Rate		
0-10 miles	\$10		
11-20 miles	\$20		
21-30 miles	\$30		
31-40 miles	\$40		
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Foster Care Snapshot: The Critical Need Continues...

- In the Month of April:
- A total of 1,270 cases were open with CFS.
 - 44 new cases were referred and 33 cases were closed.
 - 301 children were in foster care placements.
 - 126 children remained in group homes or at Casa Pacifica.
 - 362 children were in kinship/relative care placements.
 - We welcomed 10 new foster homes into the CFS family!
 - This past fiscal year we welcomed a total of 54 new foster homes into the CFS 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 info!

resulting trial took place. To register, e-mail bernadette@casaoventuracounty.org or call (805) 389-3120.

American Red Cross CPR & First Aid: Initial (Full Day) Certification Course August 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 975 Flynn Road, Camarillo This course equips foster parents and group home providers to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies. Participants learn and review skills needed to give immediate care to a suddenly injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/american-red-cross-cpr-first-aid-initial-full-day-certification-course-tickets-12068869313?aff=eorg>

From Place to Place Film Screening sponsored by Ventura FKCE Saturday, August 23, 1 – 3:30 p.m. 500 High Point Drive, Ventura (Ventura Missionary Church), Willet Room Join us, our FFA partners, and the FKCE program as we screen this award-winning documentary about youth in the foster care system and the impact of aging out with no permanent relationships in place. After the film we will have a guided discussion about the importance of relationships for all foster youth, the underlying reasons for some of their challenging behaviors, and address the myths related to caring for teens. Light snacks and movie goodies will be provided. Childcare will be provided to families who RSVP directly to Channel Islands Social Services at (805) 384-0983 NO LATER THAN Wednesday, August 20th. To RSVP to this event, please contact Rhonda Carlson at rcarlson@vcccd.edu. Please note that this documentary does have occasional poor language.

Ventura Foster Parent Networking August 26, 6 – 8 p.m. 500 High Point Dr., Ventura (Ventura Missionary Church) An opportunity to receive updated information as to changes related to foster care and network with other foster parents who are geographically related. Specific topics will be addressed each month and friendships will be made and resources shared. Please RSVP to Debbie Flowers at debbieflowers@vcccd.edu

Trauma Informed Practices for Children Exposed to Family Violence August 26, full day 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Camarillo Understanding the impact of family violence on a child's development and physiology is paramount for those concerned with child wellbeing. Knowing what steps to take to foster resiliency is equally as important and a critical first step toward healing. Fee is \$60. Register at <http://www.familyresourcecenters.net/event-registration/>

Attachment Parenting (series) 5 Wednesday evenings beginning August 27, 6 – 9 p.m. 71 Day Road, Ventura, Large Training Room Have you been frustrated with your child's poor response to traditional discipline? Traditional

discipline methods rely on a solid attachment, so perhaps your child's compromised attachment could be a roadblock in this area. Attachment Parenting is uniquely based on the following framework: attachment needs to come first; meeting needs is the path to attachment and attachment yields motivation. This 15-hour workshop series is an interactive curriculum that engages all your senses. Expect to have fun while you learn. For more information or to pre-register e-mail rcarlson@vcccd.edu.

Educational Champion Training
TBD Late August/Sept, 6-hour training
(3 evenings at 2 hours each)

likely location VCOE 5100 Adolfo Rd, Camarillo
If you would like to help a child in foster care navigate the education system, come learn about becoming an "Education Rights Holder." When a child in foster care does not have a viable adult in his life to support, advocate, and remove barriers to his/her education, the court must appoint a responsible adult to carry out these duties. Minimum commitment to an assigned child is one year. For more information on becoming an Ed Rights Holder e-mail lwelbourn@vcoe.org

To RSVP for the training, e-mail rcarlson@vcccd.edu Foster Parents will receive credit for up to six hours of training and are encouraged to attend even if they cannot make a one year commitment to becoming an Education Rights Holder at this time.

Therapeutic Use of Daily Life Events
September 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
975 Flynn Road, Camarillo

This course explores the use of everyday life events, as they are occurring, for therapeutic purposes. It provides a framework of supporting others in moving to a place of less pain and trouble – or simply towards the next step in their development. Topics include recognizing daily life events, themes, and opportunities, characteristics of relational child and youth care, the process of change, and the elements of intervention. Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-therapeutic-use-of-daily-life-events-tickets-12156910647?aff=org>.

Trust Based Relational Intervention
with Karyn Purvis

September 6, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Camarillo Community Church
1322 Las Posas Road, Camarillo

Learn how to connect and support the development of children in out-of-home care. Free training credit will be provided. Dr. Karyn Purvis is the Director of the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth, Texas and a national leader in developing research-based interventions for at-risk children.

Register at www.casapacifica.org/training or call (805) 366-4064.

American Red Cross CPR & First Aid
Recertification Course (Half-day)
September 8, 1 – 5 p.m.
975 Flynn Road, Camarillo

This American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED course is to recertify participants in skills necessary to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies. This course recertifies



For Prospective Foster Parents:

Online Information Session:

www.ventura.org/human-services-agency/online-informational-session

In-Person Information Session:

Saturday, August 23, 9 - 11 a.m. or Tuesday, September 30, 6 - 8 p.m.
855 Partridge Drive, Ventura

Kids & Families Together Kinship Support Groups for Relative Caregivers

Oxnard: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m. at 2201 Jasmine Street, Sierra Linda Elementary School

Oxnard: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m. at 2501 Gisler Avenue, Harrington Elementary School

Oxnard: 2nd Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. at 1777 Statham Blvd, St. Paul Baptist Church

Simi Valley: 2nd Thursday, 9:30-11 a.m. at 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley Senior Center

Ventura: 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. at 856 E. Thompson Blvd, Kids & Families Together Center

Thousand Oaks: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 401 Hodencamp Road, Senior Concerns

Please contact Noemi Hernandez at (805) 643-1446 x125 for more information and to sign up.

Foster Parent On-line Training

Foster Care & Adoptive Community
<http://fosterparents.com>

Department of Washington Social & Health Services
www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/onGoingVid.asp

Foster Parent College
www.fosterparentcollege.com

Florida's Just in Time Training
<http://jitfl.cbcs.usf.edu>

Foster Club

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

participants in skills needed to give immediate care to a suddenly injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/american-red-cross-cpr-first-aid-initial-full-day-certification-course-tickets-12068881349?aff=eorg>

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American Red Cross CPR & First Aid: Initial (Full Day) Certification Course
September 12, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
975 Flynn Road, Camarillo
This course equips foster parents and group home providers to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies. Participants learn and review skills needed to give immediate care to a suddenly injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/american-red-cross-cpr-first-aid-initial-full-day-certification-course-tickets-12068869313?aff=eorg>

Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids
September 13, 12 – 4 p.m.
1929 Johnson Drive, Ventura
The Boys and Girls Clubs of Ventura County invite you and your children for day filled with fun, food, games, and more! Community vendors will be also be present.

Relational Repair
September 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
975 Flynn Road, Camarillo
This course introduces a child and youth care model for supporting individuals who have experienced relational stress, trauma, or disrupted relationships.
Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/relational-repair-tickets-1208111931?aff=eorg>

Caring for Medically Fragile Children
September 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
855 Partridge Drive, Ventura
Cottonwood & Peppertree Rooms
Foster parents are expected to meet the needs of children with a variety of medical conditions. A medically fragile child is one who, because of an accident, illness, congenital disorder, abuse or neglect, is in a stable condition but is dependent on life-sustaining medications, treatments or equipment. The purpose of this training is to help parents recognize the conditions and provide them with the information and tools they need to confidently care for the child. The following conditions will be discussed: Asthma, Diabetes Type I, Seizure Disorder, Cardiac Issues, Cerebral Palsy & MRSA.
To RSVP for the training, e-mail rcarlson@vcccd.edu. Childcare may be available, stay tuned!

Ventura County Foster Parent Association (VCFPA) General Membership Meeting and Continuing Education Training
September 18, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, Living Oaks Church, Kids and Students Center, 1077

Business Center Circle, Newbury Park
Training topics will include: Common Behavioral Reactions for kids in Foster and Kinship Care and Internet Safety. Please contact Dr. Kim Lockwood at (805)657-5655 for questions.

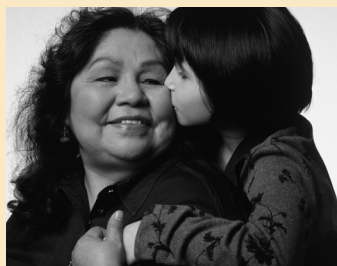
Support Services for Foster Children & Youth
September 18, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Location given at time of registration
Join the CASA team for a panel about support services for foster children and youth. To register, e-mail bernadette@casaoventuracounty.org or call (805) 389-3120.

Ventura Foster Parent Networking
September 30, 6 – 8 p.m.
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(Ventura Missionary Church)
An opportunity to receive updated information as to changes related to foster care and network with other foster parents who are geographically related. Specific topics will be addressed each month and friendships will be made and resources shared. Please RSVP to Debbie Flowers at debbieflowers@vcccd.edu.

Save the Date!
October 5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Child Development Resources hosts “Celebrating the Child” at the Camarillo Ranch house. Activities, entertainment, food and more!

October 11, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Ventura School District Story Fest
A fun-filled event focused on early literacy!
255 W. Stanley Avenue, Ventura, 93001

October 25, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
“What All Children Need” conference at Ventura Missionary Church. Join CFS and our partners for an inspirational conference, resource fair, and networking opportunity. Stay tuned for more details!!



Useful Links

County of Ventura Foster Parents
<http://www.vchsa.org/foster>

CFS Independent Living Program
<http://www.ventura.org/ilp-youth/ilp-youth>

Children's Services Auxiliary
<http://www.csavc.org>

CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates
<http://www.casaoventuracounty.org/>

Channel Islands Social Services
<http://www.islandssocialservices.org/>

California Youth Connection
<http://calyouthconn.org/>

Kids & Families Together
<http://www.kidsandfamilies.org/>

VC Foster Parent Association
<http://www.vcfpa.com/>

Dark to Dawn
<http://www.darktodawn.org/>

James Storehouse
<http://jamesstorehouse.org/>

Women of Substance, Men of Honor
<http://www.wosmohinc.com/>

Interface Children & Family Services
<http://icfs.org/>

Aspiranet
<http://www.aspiranet.org/>

Arrow Child & Family Ministries
<http://www.arrow.org/>

Casa Pacifica
<http://www.casapacifica.org/>

Koinonia Family Services
<http://www.kfh.org/>

National Foster Parent Association
<http://nfpaonline.org/>

TEAch Fund Scholarship
<http://www.vccf.org/scholarship/tech/index.shtml>

Ventura County Office of Education Foster Care Services
<http://www.vcoe.org/Portals/VcssoPortals/spes/usersdata/FYS%20Brochure.pdf>

Neighborhoods for Learning
<http://first5ventura.org/parents-caregivers/neighborhoods-for-learning>

Child Development Resources
<https://www.childdevelopmentresources.org/>

Rainbow Connection Family Resource Center
<http://rainbowconnectionfrc.weebly.com/>

Macaroni Kid
<http://www.camarillo.macaronikid.com/>

Parent Click
<http://ventura-ca.parentclick.com/>