



## What is Extended Foster Care?

By Leslie Gould, Senior Social Services Supervisor  
Transitional Planning Services Program

**H**ave you heard of Extended Foster Care but weren't sure of what it means? Is the term "NMD" (non-minor dependent) missing from your lengthy list of county acronyms? Do you know that foster care no longer automatically ends at a youth's 18th birthday?

In 2011, California passed Assembly Bill 12 (also known as AB12, another acronym you might have heard). AB12 allows for the voluntary continuance of foster care up to age 21. Extended Foster Care is a federal, state and, ultimately, the County's response to providing extended support to foster youth who are transitioning into adulthood. Research shows emancipated foster youth experience a higher rate of homelessness, unemployment, unplanned pregnancies, and incarceration. The ultimate goal of our program is to help our youth increase the skills needed to live as independent, thriving adult members of our community.

In Orange County, we currently have over 300 NMDs (young adults between the ages of 18 and 21) who continue to have an open dependency case with an assigned social worker. Participation in Extended Foster Care is voluntary and these young adults have the right to make their own choices, which also includes the responsibilities and consequences of those choices.

Our non-minor dependents are required to meet eligibility criteria that include attending school, work or maintaining their participation in both work and school. Additional eligibility criteria may require NMDs to overcome certain barriers prohibiting their participation in work or school activities such as participating in a work study program, an apprenticeship or completing a drug treatment program,

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depending on the specific circumstances.

Extended Foster Care offers several housing options, including but not limited to, transitional housing programs in dorm and apartment settings with a case manager, living with their previous caretakers or relatives. NMDs may also live independently and receive direct compensation to assist with housing expenses. In addition, there are numerous opportunities for former foster youth to receive assistance, such as access to the Orangewood Foundation's drop-in center and other community resources that provide transportation, free meals, resume writing, job searches, independent living skill classes, mentors, scholarships, and much more.

Young adulthood often reminds us of a time when one may "think they know it all" and can handle life's challenges without the help of others. The sense of freedom one feels when they become "a grown up" can be especially overwhelming for young adults who have been in the foster care system. These young adults are often faced with the reality of managing expectations and stressors involving their health care, academic, social, emotional and other developmental needs that were cared for by

others, as part of their placement in out-of-home care.

Although many of these individuals welcome the services and support available in Extended Foster Care, it is not uncommon for a young adult to reject Social Services' interventions and request to separate from "the system" and have their case closed. We often experience the greatest degree of growth when faced with adversity. In the event the plans of our young adults do not work out, Extended Foster Care provides the option for NMDs to reapply for services, on an unlimited basis, up to age 21. The staff of Social Services Agency's Transitional Planning Services Program is here to encourage and assist our young adults to achieve their optimal level of success. If you are interested in welcoming a NMD into your home, please contact your licensing or RFA worker.

## FOSTER YOUTH COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR



Saturday, September 30, 2017  
9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Saddleback College  
28000 Marguerite Pkwy., Mission Viejo

Register at <https://goo.gl/Uowugy>.  
This event is for foster youth ages 12 and over  
and their caregivers. Enjoy a free breakfast  
and lunch! Call (714) 835-4909 for more  
information.



# Getting OC's Faith in Motion

By Roylyn Burton, Community Program Specialist  
Resource Family Approval, Recruitment & Training

A few years ago, a young lady faced two milestones in her life; turning 12 and entering middle school. Ask any parent or caregiver of an adolescent and they will tell you it's one of the most challenging times in a child's life. As if transitioning into adolescence isn't hard enough, this pre-teen also suffers from alopecia, a medical condition which causes hair loss, and desperately wanted to look her best when she started school. Feeling insecure about the years-old wigs she wore, she asked her caregiver for a new wig. Unfortunately, the caregiver didn't have the resources or means to buy one. Knowing how important it was for this young lady to feel confident, her social worker reached out to our Faith in Motion (FIM) program for assistance. Because of the generosity and compassion from one of our FIM partners, the pre-teen started school with two new wigs and some new, fashionable outfits, too.

Both the young lady and caregiver were brought to tears because they couldn't believe someone, a stranger, would take the time to help them. They, like many of our children, families and staff, experienced the very heart of FIM. "The FIM program has created a bridge in helping faith-based organizations connect and serve the families we work with," said Yilin Chiou Tzeng, senior social worker in the Integrated Continuing Services program. Chiou Tzeng is no stranger to FIM as she has referred many of her families to needed resources provided through the partnership. "I was able to connect a special needs mother with a mentor from a local church who was willing to meet with her and provide support during one of the most difficult times in her life. I can always count on the FIM partners to jump in and support the children and families in my program in whatever way possible," she said.

While the main goal is to recruit foster and adoptive families through the various congregations and faith/community organizations, a secondary goal is to raise awareness for foster care and create innovative support systems for families through partner advocacy. Born in 2006 and managed by the Resource Family Approval Training and Recruitment unit, FIM has grown from a handful of partners to 88 active churches, faith-based and community organizations,

businesses, and individuals. Teen Leadership Foundation (TLF) has been part of FIM since its inception and Lisa Castetter, director, has seen how the strong partnership among the faith-based community has greatly impacted children and families. "For 10 years, TLF has forged a path for teens and emancipated youth to be equipped and supported through the local church via the trusted and committed partnership with FIM. We have been thrilled to help launch the model in other counties and look forward to playing a role in replication nationwide," she said. Due to the program's success, the FIM model has been replicated and launched in Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties and Los Angeles County is on the verge of launching their program soon. The model was also presented at the 2015 County Welfare Directors Association of California's Conference.

The partnership with the faith community has proven to be an invaluable asset to CFS as partners continually help to meet needs that typically may not be met by the agency due to limited resources. To date, over 1,000 requests for assistance from social workers have been met by our Faith in Motion partners. "Being part of FIM has meant a great deal to our church in terms of providing a pathway to donate items to families in need. In addition, working with FIM leaders at the county has given our church volunteers a direct connection to families that might need house cleaning or beautification projects done," said Anita Smith, ministry leader at Friends Church Yorba Linda. Donations, service projects, mentorship program development, establishment of support groups, and hosting training classes and special events are just a few of the many exciting activities the partners are continually engaging in and refining in an effort to better serve our children and families in crisis.

In March of this year, the donation arm of FIM, which is the most utilized entry point for new partners wanting to get involved, transitioned to the Resource Development and Management (RDM) program in anticipation for future expansion.

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So, what does the future hold for FIM? For Michael Donaldson, director of the Office of Pastoral Care for Families in All Stages with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, it's about fortifying the family. "It is my dream that through the efforts of FIM, we will be able to serve all children in need of a resource family, support our resource families and increase the likelihood of family reunification when possible and best suited for the children."

Want to be part of that future? If you would like to get involved with this dynamic program or for more information, please contact Roylyn Burton at (714) 746-2778 or e-mail her at Roylyn.Burton@ssa.ocgov.com.



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# SAVE THE DATE

## VILLAGE WELL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCT. 28, 2017  
9 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.  
NEWPORT MESA CHURCH

THIS IS A FREE, ALL-DAY EVENT FOR RESOURCE FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN. CAREGIVERS ATTEND WORKSHOPS TO GAIN PRACTICAL PARENTING SKILLS AND CHILDREN ATTEND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO SHOW THEM THEIR VALUE.

REGISTER AT:  
<http://newportmesa.org/serve/villagewell/>





# LEAD POISONING

## Is Your Child at Risk?

By Cecile Truong, Supervising Public Health Nurse

October 22nd through the 28th is National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. Health Care Agency's theme this year is, "Healthy homes, food and play areas protect children from lead." Did you know that lead poisoning is the most common environmental illness in California children? **LEAD POISONING IS PREVENTABLE!** Please check out these facts and learn what you can do to protect your child and family.

### Lead is Harmful to Children



Lead can damage a child's brain and nervous system. Lead poisoning is especially dangerous for children under the age of six because their rapidly growing and developing bodies absorb more lead. It can cause permanent learning and behavioral problems that make it difficult for children to succeed in school.

### Confirmation of Lead Poisoning



Most children with lead poisoning do not look or act sick. Children at highest risk for lead exposure are those in government assisted health programs and those who live or spend time in older housing. Old housing may have deteriorating or disturbed lead-based paint and lead-contaminated soil and dust.

Children at risk of lead exposure should be tested at both one and two years of age. Additionally, children three to six years old, at risk, who were not tested at ages one and two, should have a blood lead test. Parents can talk to their child's doctor about getting tested for lead.

### Lead Paint & Tainted Soil



Most children get lead poisoned from deteriorating lead paint in homes built before 1978 or from soil containing lead from gasoline residue when the following occurs:

- Lead-based paint chips or peels
- Lead-based paint is disturbed during repairs or renovations

- Lead contaminates soil along roadways, buildings and homes
- Lead dust from paint and soil accumulates in and around homes
- Lead dust settles on bare soil around the home where children play
- Lead dust settles on toys, fingers, and other things children put in their mouths



### Other Sources of Lead

- Handmade ceramic tableware, especially imported ceramics decorated with lead-based glaze or paint
- Some toys, jewelry, and other painted objects
- Traditional home remedies, including Azarcon, Greta, Pay-loo-ah, and some Ayurvedic and Chinese remedies
- Traditional cosmetics, including Surma and Sindoor
- Some imported spices, candies, and other food products
- Water stored in a water crock or running through plumbing that contains lead
- Work clothes, shoes, and workers exposed to lead on the job. Some common jobs and hobbies that use lead include: Battery manufacturing, radiator repair, construction, soldering, recycling, painting, demolition, scrap metal recycling, working with stained glass, pottery making, target shooting, and casting fishing weights.



### Good Nutrition

Serve three meals and two healthy snacks to children each day including:

- Calcium (milk, cheese, plain yogurt, and tofu)
- Iron (lean meats, beans, iron- fortified cereals)

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and grains, nuts and seeds, and dark green vegetables)

- Vitamin C (fresh, canned or frozen fruits and vegetables)

## Prevention is Key



Parents and caregivers can also prevent childhood lead poisoning by:

- Wiping clean or taking off shoes before entering the home
- Washing children's hands and toys often
- Wet mop and wash surfaces often
- When painting or remodeling, always follow "lead-safe" work practices:
  - Use plastic sheeting on the ground and furniture while working
  - Wet surfaces before sanding and scraping
  - Wet mop the area with an all-purpose cleaner at the end of the day.

## Don't Take Lead Home



- Change into clean clothes and shoes before getting into your car or going home. Bag dirty clothes and shoes.
- Wash your face and hands with soap and water before leaving work
- Take a shower and wash your hair as soon as you get home. It is better to shower at work if you can.
- Wash work clothes separately from all other clothes. Run the empty washing machine again after the work clothes to rinse the lead out.



## Lead Blood Testing

Children who receive services from Medi-Cal or Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) are eligible for free testing. Private health insurance plans also usually pay for the test. To find out about eligibility for Medi-Cal, call (800) 880-5305.



## Resources

For more information, contact the Orange County Health Care Agency's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (714) 567-6220 or visit <http://ohealthinfo.com/phs/about/family/lppp> or the California Department of Public Health's website at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CLPPB/Pages/default.aspx>. Specific topics you may be interested in:

### Repainting or Fixing Up Your Older Home?

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CLPPB-Remodeling\(E\).pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CLPPB-Remodeling(E).pdf)

### Lead in Tap Water : A Fact Sheet for California:

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Tap\\_Water\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_Eng-Sp.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Tap_Water_Fact_Sheet_Eng-Sp.pdf)

### Keep Your Newborn Safe From Lead:

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CLPPB-Newborn\(E\).pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CLPPB-Newborn(E).pdf)

### Check for Lead In and Around Your Home:

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Lead%20Checklist\\_10.13.16.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Lead%20Checklist_10.13.16.pdf)



## Change to Post-Approval Training Requirement

By Helen Lindsey, Senior Social Worker  
Resource Family Approval, Recruitment & Training

**A**s an approved resource family or previously licensed foster family, continuing education hours are required in order to comply with Resource Family Approval. Effective immediately and retroactive to February 2016, in the first and subsequent years of RFA approval, all resource parents are now required to complete eight hours of training. Prudent Parenting will continue as a mandatory training requirement. However, recommended training topics also include Visitation and Creating Safe Spaces.

All eight hours may be completed through on-line training courses or a combination of on-line and in-person classes. Children and Family Services (CFS) recommends resource families strive to complete at least four hours of in-person training. All courses must be approved by CFS and a certificate of completion must be provided for all trainings. Training can be obtained in a variety of ways and below are some resources to assist you in meeting this requirement. Please contact Lorena Rodriguez at (714) 704-8293 or [Lorena.Rodriguez@ssa.ocgov.com](mailto:Lorena.Rodriguez@ssa.ocgov.com), if you have any questions or concerns.

**Saddleback College Foster & Kinship Care Education** - [www.saddleback.edu/hs/fkce](http://www.saddleback.edu/hs/fkce)

Please refer to the Saddleback College FKCE July through December 2017 catalogue for a list of classes. Visit the website or call (949) 582-4884 for details or to register for classes.

**Foster Parent College** - [www.fosterparentcollege.com](http://www.fosterparentcollege.com)

Foster Parent College offers interactive, multimedia, on-line training courses for kinship, foster and adoptive parents. These trainings are available 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. Visit the website for information on training opportunities and the costs associated.

**Just in Time Training** - [www.qpicalifornia.org](http://www.qpicalifornia.org)

Just in Time is a free, web-based program designed by QPI California to connect resource families with needed training, when and where they need it. Visit the website for a list of available trainings. Credit is given for trainings that provide a test and certificate of completion.

**SUPER SATURDAY TRAINING  
PRUDENT PARENTING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017  
8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES  
744 N. ECKHOFF ST., ORANGE 92868**

**REGISTER WITH RFA TRAINING AT (888) 871-5437 or  
[RFATraining@ssa.ocgov.com](mailto:RFATraining@ssa.ocgov.com) by September 25th.**

**Training open to all resource families.  
Four hours of training credit will be given.  
Childcare will not be available.  
Registration is limited to the first 90 people.  
Refreshments will be served.**

**\*\*This training satisfies the annual post-approval  
Prudent Parenting training class requirement.**



## Gender Identity in Placement Decisions

**S**enate Bill 731 is a newly implemented law prompting changes to placement practices for children, youth and non-minor dependents (NMDs) in out-of-home care. The law requires that “children and non-minor dependents in out-of-home care shall be placed according to their gender identity, regardless of the gender or sex listed in their court or child welfare records.”

Prior to this legislation, existing law required social workers and probation officers to develop case plans for children and NMDs in foster care. All foster youth in out-of-home care were provided specific rights, such as the right to fair and equal access to all available services, placement care, treatment, and benefits, and not to be subjected to discrimination or harassment.

Effective immediately, social workers are required to make placement decisions based on their client’s gender identity, if desired by the foster youth. Placement based on gender identity is a choice, not a requirement. This means that biological males whose

gender identity is female, or biological females whose gender identity is male, need to be accommodated in out-of-home care placements.

In order to comply with this new law, current placements may require a room change. Or, if the present placement cannot accommodate their needs, a change in placement may be necessary. Foster youth are not to be forced to conform to their case or court recorded gender assignment, if different from how they perceive themselves. When considering placement or room changes, it is important that social workers and caregivers always account for the personal rights of any youth who may be sharing the room space. Placement by gender identity is critical to a youth’s sense of safety, security, and well-being and needs to be respected.

For further information, please visit the California Department of Social Services website at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/> and consult your assigned social worker.

## Share Your Foster Care Story of Our Time Together With Others!



## Foster Care Auxiliary Orange County

The Foster Care Auxiliary always strives to provide needed services, opportunities, events, and products to our resource families. Presently, we offer the following from our resource and distribution center:

- Lending library of foster and child care related material
- Baby Gear Lending program
- Computers for students in foster care
- Family fun events
- Educational scholarships
- Birthday corner
- Luggage program
- Academic mentor tutoring (available for qualified youth)
- Monthly distribution days
- Free tickets (plays, sporting events, ballets, concerts, comedy clubs, etc.)
- Thrift store (deeply discounted used donations)
- Resource family network (support)

Please contact us for information on how to become a member of the Foster Care Auxiliary! A one year trial membership to the Auxiliary (a \$75 value) is offered to new resource families living in Orange County. Contact Joanna Hussey, Resource Family Liaison, at (714) 704-8255 or e-mail her at [Joanna.Hussey@ssa.ocgov.com](mailto:Joanna.Hussey@ssa.ocgov.com).

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## Heard about Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program?

Established in 1999, the Orange County Department of Education's Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) focuses on the educational needs of foster youth.

FYSCP's primary mission is to ensure all foster youth have the opportunity to succeed academically. Responsibilities include collaborating with foster youth, their schools and other agencies to facilitate access to educational services. This is done through the following services:

- Being a liaison between the team members for foster youth to assist with their education
- Provide assistance for school transitions
- Provide educational progress reports for court status review hearings
- Provide resources, referrals, and link ages to educational services designed to enhance educational success such as tutoring, mentoring, vocational training, post-secondary options, etc.
- Facilitate communication between the care provider, social worker, probation officer, education rights holder, school staff, and student
- Provide training to schools, caregivers, Social Services Agency, Probation Department, and other agencies serving foster youth regarding educational issues impacting foster youth

Equipping foster youth to attain academic and vocational excellence is the hallmark of the program. To find out how your youth can succeed academically, contact coordinator, Raina Lee, at (714) 835-4909.



## School Time Already?

Early education is so important for children's success in life. The following is the school enrollment schedule for children ages 3 through 5:

**Kindergarten:** enroll children who turn 5 on or before September 1.

**Transitional Kindergarten (TK):** enroll children who turn 5 between September 2 and December 2.

**Preschool:** enroll children between the ages of 3 and 5.



## Mentoring Impact: A Two-Way Street

Orangewood Foundation is looking for men and women, ages 21 to 40, to mentor the foster and community youth. Adults are matched with youth ages 12 to 25 based on a variety of factors including gender, common interests and location. Our Mentor Program is designed to create meaningful mentoring relationships that enrich the lives of both the mentor and mentee and increase the odds of future success for the young person.

One of our mentors, Christine, recently said, "When I signed up to be an Orangewood mentor, I imagined how much I would be able to impact someone's life. What I didn't imagine is how she would impact my life. She has humbled me and taught me what it really means to rise above all odds. I have developed a life-long relationship with this amazing young woman who has the best attitude, a kind heart and a love of life."

Mentors must pass a background check, commit to a match for a minimum of one year, complete an application and interview in September and attend a new mentor training in October. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Daisy Macedo at [dmacedo@orangewoodfoundation.org](mailto:dmacedo@orangewoodfoundation.org) or (714) 619-0236. Visit <https://orangewoodfoundation.org/volunteer/individual-volunteer/>.

## Transitional Housing Available for Youth

Orangewood Foundation's Rising Tide Communities currently has several openings at locations in Orange, Tustin and Garden Grove. Rising Tide is an affordable and supportive transitional housing program for young adults (single or with children) who are at least 18 years of age and who have transitioned out of the foster care system or are AB12 eligible. Orangewood's goal is to help youth learn and experience the skills that are necessary to live independently.

"Rising Tide has allowed me a chance to grow in a way no other could ever," said one resident recently. "They have shown me how to work for the things I need. I've been able to budget better with my income and start a savings for my car. Rising Tide just allows me to do so much I would have never been able to do on my own and is a perfect way to set a foundation for a path to success"

Youth are encouraged to apply to Rising Tide at 17 years old so Orangewood staff can begin to work with them before their 18th birthday. More information can be found at [www.orangewood4you.org/rising-tide-communities/](http://www.orangewood4you.org/rising-tide-communities/).



## WORKSHOPS

### Suicide Awareness and Prevention

September 19 | 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

@ Orangewood Foundation

Representatives from Didi Hirsch will be speaking to youth about the nature of suicide, suicide related statistics, how stress, depression and suicide are connected, risk factors and warning signs of suicide. Youth will also learn what to do and who to talk to when a friend or family member is suicidal and are provided resources for suicide intervention.

### “What Goes Around”

Presented by Kaiser Permanente Educational Theater

October 19 | 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

@ Orangewood Foundation

A live-action performance promoting STD Prevention by the Kaiser Permanente Educational Theatre Program. “What Goes Around” tells the story of five friends as they navigate through the final days of high school when one of them contracts two sexually transmitted diseases. The 60 minute program includes a play, Q&A session and a talkback session. At the end of the show, students receive information on free resources in their area.

Youth who attend ILP workshops and events have the opportunity to earn “ILP Dollars” which can be redeemed for gift cards, to make online purchases or to pay bills (such as phone bills). More information and the full schedule can be found at <https://www.orangewood4you.org/ILP/>.



## ILP EVENT CALENDAR

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### College and Career Fair

September 30 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

@ Saddleback College

Information geared towards current & former foster youth who are interested in pursuing an education and/or career beyond high school. Guided tours of the campus will take place throughout the day, along with info booths with potential employers, colleges and universities, and raffles. PLUS, you don't want to miss out on lunch provided by one of the best food trucks in the business!

#### Orangewood ILP Holiday Party

December 5 | 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

@ Embassy Suites Anaheim South

Don't miss this year's ILP Holiday Party! This exciting evening will include a photo booth, games, dinner, raffles prizes, dancing, and a catered dinner. Come celebrate the holiday season with the Orangewood Foundation!

## Community Colleges Lending a Hand to First Year Students

**M**any community colleges are beginning to offer their students free tuition for the first year. Coastline Community College is one of the community colleges offering this, but decided to offer their students the additional perk of covering some costs such as parking, as well as the cost of textbooks, up to a maximum of \$1,000. Students are also offered additional counseling and support.

The aid is available to those from all economic backgrounds and is limited to high school graduates from the Newport-Mesa, Huntington Beach and Garden Grove school districts on a first-come basis. Coastline does include a condition for receiving the help: that, as a way of giving back to the community, students must perform a minimum of 20 hours of community service.

Santa Ana College is one of the other colleges that offer their students assistance for the first year. It launched a program for students in the Santa Ana Unified School District offering at least some students a tuition-free year. For more information, please contact Coastline Community College at (714) 546-7600 and Santa Ana College at (714) 564-6000.





# DIRECTORY

**FOSTER CARE INFORMATION LINE**  
(888) 871-KIDS (5437)

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES RECEPTION**  
(714) 704-8000  
(714) 935-7171 (emergencies & after hours)

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## BIRTHDAY GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

(714) 679-2438  
Call for an appointment

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## TIME OUT FOR PARENTS (TOPS)

Pat Reese, Program Coordinator  
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## WORKING CAREGIVER CHILDCARE

\*Karen Pinkerton (714) 704-6145

## FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION

Saddleback College  
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## RESOURCE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

Open Arms Adoption Resource Group  
Meets at Keller Williams Realty in Tustin  
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Spanish-Speaking Resource Parent Support  
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