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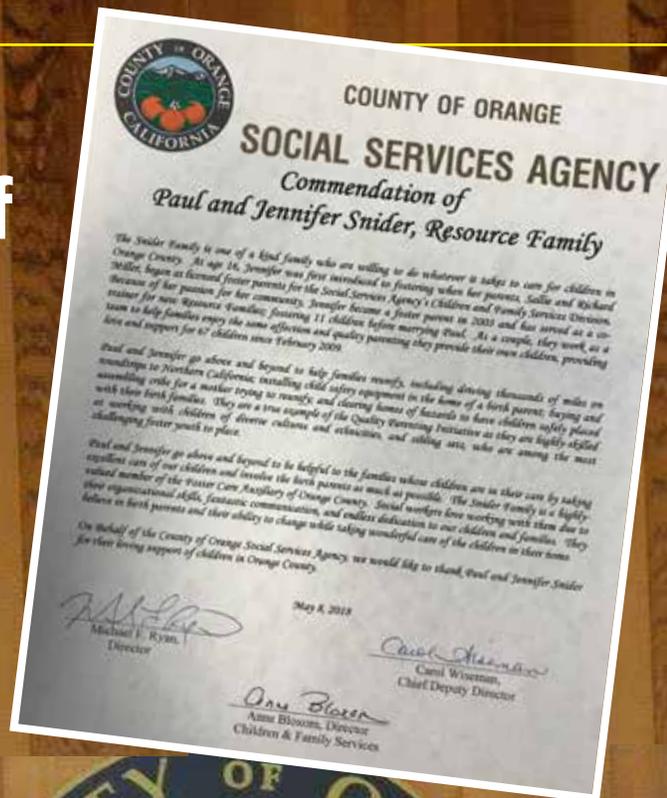
A New Generation of Quality Parenting

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

As a teenager, Jennifer Snider already knew about the foster care system. Her mother and father, Sallie and Richard Miller, opened their home to children in crisis and Sallie still cares for children today. Because of Sallie and Richard's example, Jennifer followed this beautiful legacy and became a second-generation, resource parent in 2003. As a single resource parent, she cared for 11 children. As a married resource parent, she and her husband, Paul, have nurtured 67 more children since 2009. They also adopted one and took guardianship of two other children. Jennifer also gave of her time and served as a co-trainer to new resource parents.

Paul and Jennifer's commitment to children and the reunification process is evident in how they go above and beyond as strong role models for birth parents. Jennifer points out that [as a resource parent] "this is your opportunity to help write their new story and ensure that tomorrow will be a better day." They encourage the birth parents' involvement as much as possible and on many occasions have driven thousands of miles to facilitate that involvement and visits with their children. In more than one instance, they drove to and from Northern California just so the children and birth parents would be comfortable during visitations. Paul dedicated many hours and weekends making home repairs for one birth parent and assembling cribs and child safety equipment for another. In the true spirit of the Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI), Paul and Jennifer made sure safety hazards were cleared so children could reunify safely with their birth family.

In addition to supporting reunification, they also hold each child's best interests at heart. "We are their advocates during the ups and downs of their journey through the



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foster care system,” Jennifer said. One placement social worker described a time when Paul and Jennifer cared for two siblings, a 3-year-old and an infant. The toddler threw tantrums for no specific reason and regurgitated when in the parents’ presence. The child was afraid of men and witnessed harmful events while in the parents’ home. The baby was prenatally drug exposed and had a reflux condition. Paul and Jennifer made sure the prospective resource parents knew about the children’s conditions and educated them on the required, specialized care. They invited the prospective resource parents into their home so the children would become better acquainted and make the transition that much easier on the children. In QPI style, Jennifer takes the initiative to communicate with all prospective resource families and keeps the social workers well informed about needs, plans and overall progress. They also increased their licensing capacity in order to keep siblings together. They maintain long-term care of children to help facilitate the plans of either reunification or permanency.

Because of their family-centered, team approach to care, Paul and Jennifer were honored in May by the County of Orange Board of Supervisors and received a proclamation in recognition of Foster Care Month. Paul and Jennifer thrive on working with birth parents from diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds and put the needs of the children above everything else. “The true objective of fostering is to care for the children as if they were your own,” said Paul. He suggests that resource parents become their children’s advocates while offering encouragement to the parents. “Ultimately, they [birth parents] must commit to change their lives for the better,” Paul said. He also believes “with this mind-set, you will find fostering to be a rewarding experience.” The Agency is grateful to the Sniders and to the many resource families who exhibit a high level of care and commitment to the children and families served.

QPI

Jennifer and Paul Snider work as a team in both caring for children and working diligently with birth parents to try and reunify the families. Orange County is a Quality Parenting Initiative County which is a statewide approach to recruiting and retaining high quality resource parents. The focus is to provide not just adequate care but excellent care for children in California’s child welfare system. The Sniders exemplify a committed, loving family helping other families. Paul and Jennifer have mentored, strengthened and supported children and their family members. They are respectful of the children’s connections to their culture, family and traditions and are trained in meeting the diverse needs of the children in their care. The Sniders are an example of providing quality parenting.

2018 Resource Family Appreciation Event Celebrating the Power of Home

The most important work done in life is within the walls of your home. Whether you share your home for a season or a lifetime, you will always be the one they can come home to...with every door and window open to great possibilities.

**Saturday, June 16, 2018
Renewable Farms @The Riverbed
1426 E. Vermont Ave., Anaheim 92805
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Please join us for breakfast and learn ways to support teens as guest trainers go beneath the surface of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

**Register with RFA Training at (888) 871-5437 or
RFATraining@ssa.ocgov.com.
Please pre-register. There is no on-site registration.**



“Just listening to the experiences of other resource parents on a regular basis and gleaning from their expertise has helped me not to feel alone in the work I am doing.”

Amayra Enamorado
TFCO-OC Resource Parent

By Michelle Medina, Senior Social Worker
TFCO-OC Recruiter & Trainer

Becoming a resource parent is a noble and rewarding job but it is not without challenges. Fortunately, Treatment Foster Care Oregon - Orange County (TFCO-OC) resource parents repeatedly use one word when describing what they appreciate the most about the TFCO-OC program: support.

TFCO-OC team members recognize that resource parents are the heart of the program and invaluable members of a youth’s Child and Family Team. TFCO-OC resource parents skillfully implement the model as they work with youth, ages 12 to 18, in their homes. They also provide an extraordinary level of support that enables youth to live in resource homes, a more natural setting, rather than group homes or residential treatment facilities.

What does a TFCO-OC foster parent look like? Meet Amayra Enamorado. Amayra came to the United States from Central America and became an Orange County resource

parent soon after hearing her aunt (who has been an Orange County resource parent for over 20 years) share many of the wonderful experiences she has come to know as a resource parent. Amayra and her husband, Carlos, followed her aunt and became resource parents in 2014. To date, they have had a total of four placements. Two of those placements successfully completed the TFCO-OC program and the youth who is currently in their home will graduate from TFCO-OC next month.

Amayra and her husband did not have any children of their own when they initially became TFCO-OC resource parents. But their family has since expanded to include two biological children, a 3-year-old and a 2-month-old infant. The teens who share Amayra and Carlos’ home and hearts say they have enjoyed having younger foster siblings. The teens also experienced a balance of love and limits while in

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What is TFCO-OC?

It may have a new name but it's the same great program. In June 2015, Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) changed its name to Treatment Foster Care Oregon. We added the OC because our program is provided in Orange County, making it TFCO-OC.

TFCO-OC is a unique, evidence-based, scientific approach to working with youth, ages 12 to 18, who exhibit severe emotional and/or behavioral disorders, by enabling the youth to be placed in specialized resource family homes rather than institutions or group homes. Each youth is provided with individualized, specific strategies and interventions to meet his/her needs. TFCO-OC offers additional support to the resource parents who are vital to helping the youth reunify with their respective families.

What is involved in the TFCO-OC program?

- Youth typically live in TFCO-OC resource family treatment homes for approximately nine to 12 months
- TFCO-OC resource parents are provided with:
 - Individualized initial and on-going training
 - Daily support in monitoring the youth's behavior
 - Participation in a weekly support group
 - In-the-moment coaching and support from licensed mental health clinicians is available 24/7

Orange County's specialized TFCO-OC resource parents are the heart of the TFCO-OC model. TFCO-OC resource parents are selfless, unique individuals who are willing to give of themselves for the benefit and future of at-risk youth and their families.

We Need YOU

The Social Services Agency is actively recruiting TFCO-OC resource parents to provide more youth with the opportunity to participate in the program. Every new TFCO-OC resource home offers a youth the opportunity for a new, more productive, adaptive way of life.

TFCO-OC is committed to helping Orange County foster youth live the lives they deserve, to dream big, to establish goals, and to be given the opportunity to reach for those goals. We cannot do it without you!

We invite you to answer the call and join us in building a better tomorrow for at-risk youth. Please contact the TFCO-OC resource parent recruiter, Michelle Medina, at (714) 746-1774 or Michelle.Medina@ssa.ocgov.com.

Aymara and Carlos' care.

One of the things Amayra appreciates the most about TFCO-OC are the weekly resource parent meetings. Amayra credits these meetings with helping her develop the confidence she has built-up over the years. Amayra said, "Just listening to the experiences of other resource parents on a regular basis and gleaning from their expertise has helped me not to feel alone in the work I am doing."

Amayra also credits TFCO-OC for the positive changes she has personally witnessed over time in the lives of the youth with whom she has worked. "Implementing the program can feel like a challenge in the beginning, but over time it becomes second-nature," said Amayra.

Amayra finds the youth participating in TFCO-OC are motivated by seeing consequences, both positive and negative, as a direct result of the youth's own actions. Another aspect of the TFCO-OC program that Amayra appreciates is the ability to see the end results when a youth "graduates" from TFCO-OC. Ideally, a youth participates in the TFCO-OC program for nine to 12 months. Each youth's graduation from TFCO-OC is celebrated, complete with refreshments, cake and balloons.

Amayra's perspective as a resource parent in TFCO-OC is constantly refined. She is continually motivated because everyone is working together toward the goal of reunification, or, in some cases, independent living. With pride and joy, Amayra sees that each time the goal is reached, the importance of her role and work in the youth's life is reaffirmed. "This success motivates us to continue being TFCO-OC resource parents. We plan to continue doing so for the foreseeable future," said Amayra.

CFS RESOURCES

Education Travel Reimbursement

Keeping children's connections alive and strong.

Foster children have the right to remain in the school in which they were last enrolled for the duration of the involvement of the Juvenile Court. This promotes educational continuity and may be in the best interest of the children, including non minor dependents.

Reimbursement is provided to resource parents for transporting foster children to their school of origin over three miles each way. If the child has an individualized education plan (IEP) that specifies the district will provide transportation to school, the child is not eligible for the education travel reimbursement.

Resource parents are expected to transport the children to school activities such as sports or social



events, as well as attending any required school meetings or conferences.

The child's assigned social worker needs to submit a request for reimbursement (School of Origin Transportation Expense Form) to the child's assigned Eligibility Technician. Reimbursement is on a monthly basis and flat rates are paid based on the distance from the placement to the school of origin.



Emergency Child Care Bridge Program

This program is designed to assist caregivers with child care in an effort to preserve placements. Support is available to resource families and parents under the jurisdiction of juvenile court, including but not limited to, non-minor dependent parents who have their child placed with them. Payments will be provided up to six months or until the child is successfully enrolled in long-term, subsidized child care, whichever comes first. Children ages 0 to 12 are eligible. For more information, call (714) 704-6145. To participate in the program, please contact the assigned social worker.

A vibrant poster for the 'Summer of Hope' event. The background is a mix of orange, yellow, and green, with silhouettes of palm trees and people celebrating. The text reads: 'A NIGHT OF MUSIC, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND COMMUNITY... Special Guest Speakers, Bands And Other Artists!'. The main title 'SUMMER OF HOPE' is in large, bold letters, with the 'O' in 'HOPE' containing a white cross. Below the title, it says 'TWENTY 2018 EIGHTEEN'. There are two callout boxes: one for 'SWAG BAGS FOR THE FIRST 100 GUESTS' and another for 'CHANCE TO WIN ART & PRIZES'. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'JUNE 23RD Saturday 12PM-4PM @THE SOURCE 6940 Beach Blvd, Buena Park, CA 90621'. On the right side, it says 'FOR INFO// 213-280-1154 FREE EVENT'.



CFS PROGRAMS CFT

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

An Up-Close Look at Child and Family Team Meetings

For years, Team Decision Making (TDM) meetings have brought children's stakeholders around the table to discuss placement issues and best options. Implemented by the California Family to Family Initiative, TDMs most importantly offered the family a voice in placement-related decisions. In the same spirit, Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings also encourage and welcome the children's, youth's and families' voices in not just placement decisions, but in the case and service planning process as well.

Because CFTs are a component of the Continuum of Care Reform, the meetings replace TDMs. In addition to inviting children, youth and family members to the meetings, caregivers, extended family members, close family friends, Court Appointed Special Advocates, mental health professionals, and other community members offering support are encouraged to attend. According to CFT Facilitator and Senior Social Services Supervisor, Linda Van Buiten, the intent is to engage a team who are committed to long-term support of the children and families. "The goal is to get families and their natural support systems more involved in meeting the needs of children and service planning. We want to hear what they are most concerned about and what they need to resolve issues," Van Buiten said.

Another major feature, and what makes CFTs unique from TDMs, is engaging the families in identifying their own needs. This paradigm shift represents a significant change in the way services are delivered. "We don't want to tell the family what they need. We are really trying to ask them since they are the experts on their own families," said Van Buiten.

A CFT meeting is a way to engage and partner with those who surround a family and to support the family in building a network that will eventually sustain them even after the case is closed. This is a way to share the responsibility of protecting children with families and the community. Van Buiten explained a meeting may be called at any time, by anyone and for any issue. "Anyone may call a meeting and we highly encourage children and youth to attend, when appropriate, as we want to hear their voice." Children in care are required to have a CFT at least once every six months and should occur on an as-needed basis. The first CFT is initiated and scheduled by Children and Family Services, but subsequent meetings may be initiated by the child, youth, family member, or another team member.

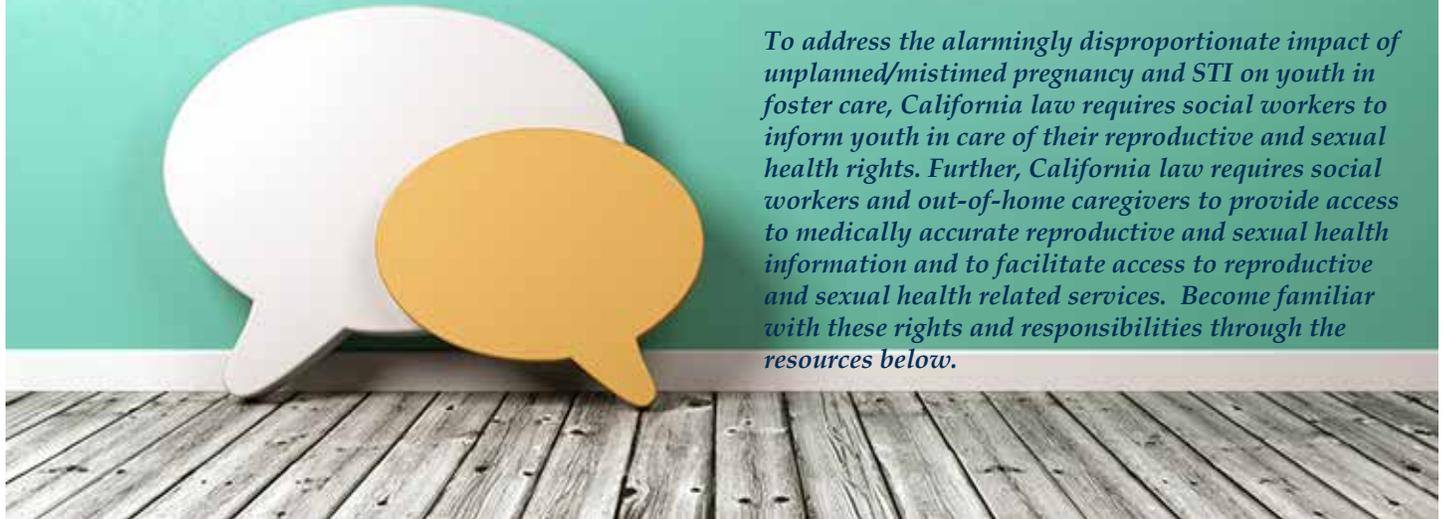
Children identified as meeting the specified criteria will also participate in another collaborative meeting called Pathways to Well Being which focuses on mental health and developmental needs. These meetings center on only one child and the primary caregiver must be present along with the child, assigned senior social worker, and mental health provider. All services the child or youth has and will receive are reviewed and evaluated. These meetings must occur at least every 90 days.

The CFT and Pathways to Well Being meetings are designed to develop a shared sense of responsibility among team members and empower children and families to provide meaningful input into their case plans in order to achieve positive outcomes. For more information, please contact your assigned social worker.

Going Beyond “The Talk”

Research has shown that youth in foster care are at an increased risk for unplanned/mistimed pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STI). In fact, 52 percent of adolescent girls in care in California become pregnant at least once by age 19; that's almost three times higher than that of girls not in foster care. In Orange County, 33 percent of girls in foster care give birth at least once before age 21.

To address the alarmingly disproportionate impact of unplanned/mistimed pregnancy and STI on youth in foster care, California law requires social workers to inform youth in care of their reproductive and sexual health rights. Further, California law requires social workers and out-of-home caregivers to provide access to medically accurate reproductive and sexual health information and to facilitate access to reproductive and sexual health related services. Become familiar with these rights and responsibilities through the resources below.



As a parent or caregiver, you play a powerful role in helping your pre-teen or teen make healthy, life decisions. Caregivers who take the time to connect with their teen have the greatest influence when it comes to decisions about sex. When caregivers communicate honestly and openly with their teen about relationships, prevention of STIs and pregnancy, the chances their teen will engage in risky behavior is reduced. Don't let your teen get their information solely from their friends or social media. Start the conversation early and make a point to let your teen know it's an on-going conversation. Not exactly sure how to get "the talk" started? Here are some tips to create meaningful conversations with your teen.

Talk Early, Often and Honestly

Age-appropriate conversations need to start early and continue throughout adolescence. You don't need to be an expert in this area. You just need to be real with your teen. Confidently explain what you believe to be true about love and sex and why you believe. If you are not sure about something, it is okay to say, "I don't know."

Allow Shared Feelings

Ask your teen what they think about love and sex; what they know; what they are worried about; and other topics they are curious about. Although your voice is important in the conversation, be sure to listen to your teen. Listen more than you talk.

Talk About Sexual Health

Give your teen factual information about ways to prevent STIs, HIV and pregnancy and focus on the benefits

of protecting oneself. Not sure about the facts? Speak with a health care provider. Better yet, allow your teen time with your doctor to talk about sexual health issues.

Contrary to popular belief, teens actually want to hear what you have to say. Be sure to offer your support, let them know you are available and leave the line of communication open. For more in-depth information about sexual health and how youth in care may learn more about their sexual and reproductive health care rights, visit www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/FMUForms/M-P/PUB490.pdf.

For more information, please call (714) 704-8000 and ask to speak with the officer of the day in the Transitional Planning Services program.

Other Resources

California Department of Social Services Healthy Sexual Development Project

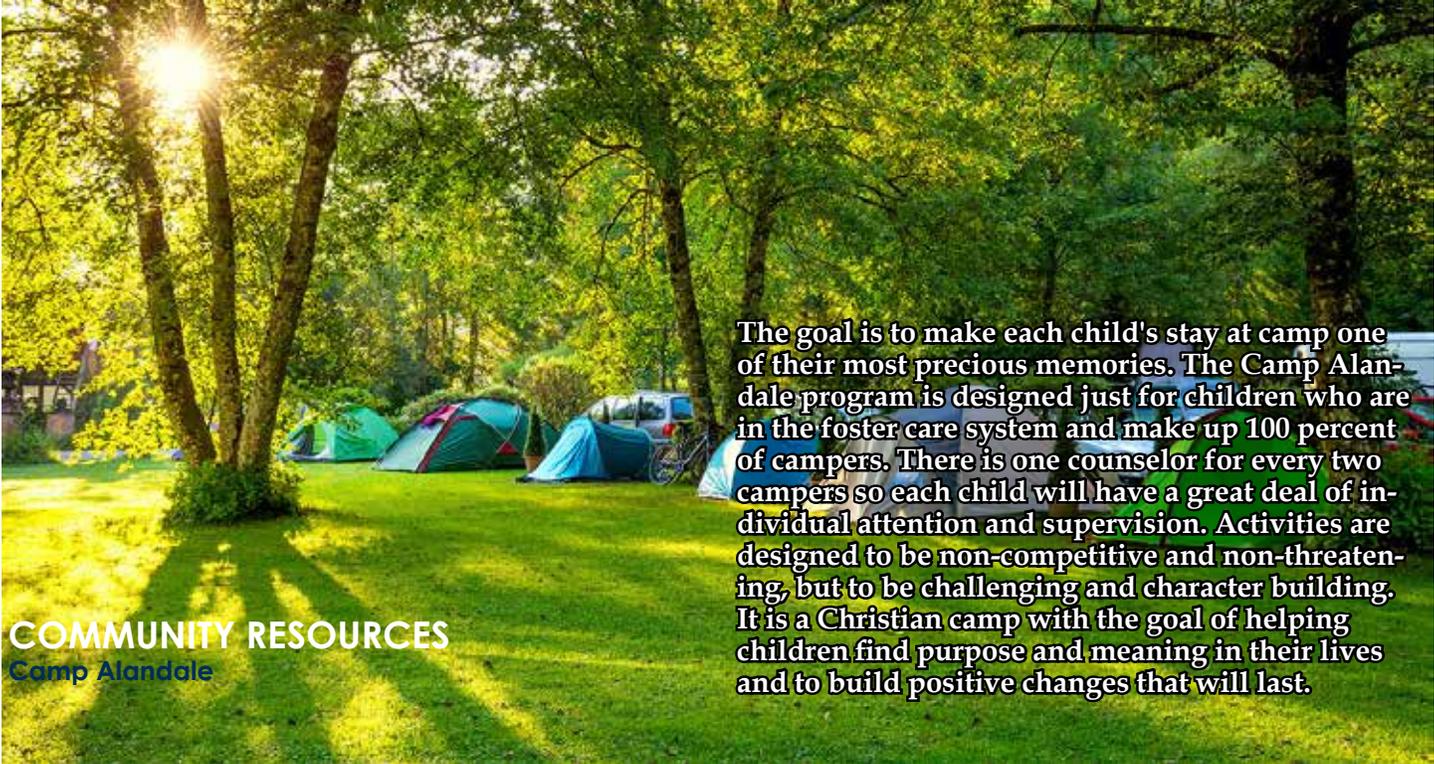
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Foster-Care/Healthy-Sexual-Development-Project>

Tips and Tools for Trusted Adults (pre-teens and early adolescents)

<https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/resource-library/tips-tools-for-trusted-adults-pre-teenearly-adolescent-0>

Tips and Tools for Trusted Adults (transitional-age youth)

<https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/resource-library/tips-tools-for-trusted-adults-18>



The goal is to make each child's stay at camp one of their most precious memories. The Camp Alandale program is designed just for children who are in the foster care system and make up 100 percent of campers. There is one counselor for every two campers so each child will have a great deal of individual attention and supervision. Activities are designed to be non-competitive and non-threatening, but to be challenging and character building. It is a Christian camp with the goal of helping children find purpose and meaning in their lives and to build positive changes that will last.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Camp Alandale

Camp Alandale is in the mountains, eight miles past Angelus Oaks and is free of charge. Please make sure your child will come to camp if you reserve a spot. Camp Alandale is a non-profit organization supported by individuals, churches and businesses wanting to give children in care an opportunity to experience a camp designed for them.

Registration

Please contact the camp directly for registration forms or visit www.campalandale.org/camps/summer-camp and select "Summer Camp." Confirmations are mailed within 10 days after a signed registration is received.

Requirements/County of Origin

Children placed through Orange County are accepted for immediate registration. Children placed through Riverside County are accepted for a limited amount of spots and are placed on a wait list.

Behavior Issues

Children who attend camp need to be able to function in a group setting. There are no individual activities. The camp schedule is jam-packed and there is no down or free time. If a child has difficulty functioning in a group setting, needs alone time or time-outs, then this camp program is not for them. If you have a concern about this, please call to discuss on an individual basis.

Grade

Please register campers for programs based on the grade they will be entering in the fall. Grade is used rather than age so the child will be in the group they are used to and feel most comfortable. However, a child must be at least 9.

Physical Disabilities

Children with physical disabilities are welcome if they are able to function in a normal camp setting with no special facilities. They will need to be able to hike and walk up a fairly steep hill to their tent. Please call before registering to discuss on an individual basis.

Mental Disabilities

These children are also welcome if they can function in one of the grade groups. Camp staff prefer the child attend camp with the age group they best function around. Please call before registering to discuss on an individual basis.

PROGRAM DATES - 2018

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| June 11-15 | 4-6th Grade Camp |
| June 18-22 | 4-6th Grade Camp |
| July 2-6 | 7-9th Grade Camp |
| July 9-13 | 7-9th Grade Camp |
| July 16-20 | 7-9th Grade Camp |
| July 23-28 | 10-12th Grade Camp |
| July 30 – Aug 4 | 10-12th Grade Camp |
| Aug 6-11 | 10-12th Grade Camp |

Be sure to use the grade the child is entering in the fall.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Fostering Together
—Foster/Kinship Support Group—

Monday • 6:30-8:30p
Apr 16 • May 21 • Jun 18 • Aug 20 • Sep 17 • Oct 15 • Nov 19
Community Center Rm 300 • *Childcare check-in 6:15p*

Join us for our monthly **Support Group** to get to know other foster/adoptive & kinship families. Our hope is that you will find encouragement and community as we walk this journey together.

Dinner and childcare provided.

Register: fostercare.marinerschurch.org
Click on the **education link**

Questions? Contact **Erin**, ekim@marinerschurch.org

Foster Care Auxiliary

The Foster Care Auxiliary offers services, opportunities, events, and products for our resource families. Currently, we offer the following from our resource and distribution center:

- Baby Gear Lending Program
- Computers for students in care program
- Fun family events
- Educational scholarships
- Birthday Corner
- Luggage program
- Academic mentor tutoring - for qualified youth
- Monthly distribution days of new items
- Resource family liaison referral program for first time caregiver families
- Free tickets to plays, sporting events, ballets, concerts, comedy clubs, etc.
- Thrift Store with deeply discounted donations
- A network of resource families for assistance and support

All of these services are available through fundraisers and donations. We appreciate your support.

FosterCareAux@yahoo.com

(714) 778-3383

333 S. Brookhurst St., Anaheim 92804

www.FosterCareAux.com

Orangewood Foundation Scholarships Available

The application window to apply for an Orangewood Foundation college scholarship is July 1 through September 30. Scholarship amounts vary depending on the number of units enrolled and are up to \$4,500 for a four-year university and \$2,502 for community college.

Eligibility criteria include: 1.) Declared a dependent of Orange County, California as verified through Orange County Social Services Agency and/or a Dependency Verification/Ward of the Court letter; case must have remained open after 13th birthday; and 2.) Accepted to an accredited university, community college or graduated from an Orangewood Scholarship approved trade school.

For guidelines, instructions and the application, visit www.orangewood4you.org/childrens-trust-fund/higher-education-scholarships/. For more information, contact Ashley Cordero, Youth Support Specialist, at acordero@orangewoodfoundation.org or (714) 619-0209.





Get to Know Sarah at Samueli Academy Charter High School

Enrolling now for the new school year

Did you know that teens in the foster care system receive priority enrollment in Samueli Academy Charter High School and receive one-on-one support from the school's Student Success Coordinator, Sarah Davis? Through daily contact, Sarah provides these students with academic, social and emotional support. She bridges any gaps in communication between the school and home.

She also serves as a resource for caregivers, social workers, CASAs, and therapists. One student described Sarah as someone who "cares on another level... more like a mom than anything else."

Samueli Academy, a California Gold Ribbon school with a 99 percent graduation rate, is enrolling students now for the fall. To learn more, visit www.SamueliAcademy.org or contact the school's Executive Director, Anthony Saba, at asaba@samueliacademy.org or (714) 619-0245.



Opportunities at Rising Tide Communities

Orangewood Foundation's Rising Tide Communities transitional housing program has spots available in its apartment complexes and Beverly's House. Youth are encouraged to apply early as the Foundation likes to work with them up to six months before their exit from foster care to ensure a smooth transition. Please visit www.orangewood4you.org/rising-tide-communities/.





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BIRTHDAY GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

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Call for an appointment

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(714) 270-8174

All resource families are encouraged to call this number to notify of their current openings.

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(714) 704-8238

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New Alternatives, Inc. (714) 245-0045

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FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION

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(949) 582-4884

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Open Arms Adoption Resource Group
Meets at Keller Williams Realty in Tustin
Darren & Guiselle Scott (714) 599-4473

Spanish-Speaking Resource Parent Support
Meets at OCSSA Eckhoff Office in Orange
*Joanna Hussey (714) 704-8255

ORGANIZATIONS

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(714) 347-0300

CalOPTIMA

Cydney Weber, Liaison
(714) 796-6132
Member Services (714) 246-8500
Claims Department (714) 246-8885

Child Health & Disability Program (CHDP)
(800) 564-8448

Denti-Cal (800) 322-6384

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www.fostercareaux.com

Kinship Center
(714) 957-1004

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Orange County Mental Health
(714) 834-5015

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