



# California State Foster Parent Association, Inc.

Representing all California Resource Families

*"To Touch A Life Forever"*

2ND QUARTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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## 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting/Training

The California State Foster Parent Association's second quarter board meeting and training was held at the Sacramento Hilton April 26 and 27. Thanks to our new Webinar Organizer, Tiffany Wanberg, the CSFPA now offers the ability for our members to join our trainings via webinar. At this meeting, representatives from CDSS provided a training to demonstrate how to navigate the CDSS website and sign up to receive information related to child welfare including releases of All County Letters (ACL) and notices. It was announced the latest updates to the Resource Family Approval written directives—Version 6—was released in April. These can be found at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCR/RFA/Final%20V6%20RFA%20WD-4.11.19.pdf?ver=2019-05-08-142829-903>.

The CSFPA ratified 7 chapters in addition to the 15 chapters that were ratified at the January 2019 meeting for a total of 22 chapters.

The next Quarterly Board meeting/training will be held July 19-20 at the Sacramento Hilton. All Chapter Presidents are encouraged to attend. All members are welcome. Training hours are available for the training/presentation provided at the Friday meeting. For more information, contact Bob Currey at [bobcurrey@comcast.net](mailto:bobcurrey@comcast.net).

## 43rd Annual CSFPA Conference and Training: Rooted In Love and Growing to Succeed



The California State Foster Parent Association Inc., with support from the  
California Department of Social Services, presents:



The 43rd Annual  
California State Foster Parent Training Conference

Rooted in Love and Growing to Succeed

SAVE THE DATE  
October 10-12, 2019

LOCATION  
Ontario Airport Hotel  
& Conference Center,  
700 N. Haven Avenue,  
Ontario, CA 91764



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## **Educational Resources for Foster Youth: ACIN I-15-19 (March 26, 2019)**

ACIN Number I-15-19 was released March 26, 2019. The purpose of this All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to provide information about the conclusion of the CCR Education Sub-Workgroup, a workgroup that informed the production of several education-related resources for youth in foster care as well as the various professionals and adults who serve them. These resources include the following: a new CDSS foster youth education webpage, education resource cards, a protocol document, a table containing the contact information for the leads on several education-related topics which were of discussion during meetings of the CCR Education Sub-Workgroup, and the Education Travel Reimbursement Informational Brochure for Caregivers.

Below are some highlights from the ACIN.

### **The California Foster Youth Education Resource Hub Webpage**

During discussions at a CCR Education Sub-Workgroup meeting, it was determined that foster youth, and the various professionals and adults who serve them, needed an online place to easily find resources and information pertaining to education issues of children and youth served by the child welfare system. A small group of interested stakeholders met several times to gather the resources and information that are now included on the webpage. This webpage, entitled the California Foster Youth Education Resource Hub, may be accessed using the following address: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/California-Foster-Youth-Education-Resource-Hub>.

The California Foster Youth Education Resource Hub (also referred to as the Hub), is intended to serve current and former foster youth, their caregivers, state and local child welfare agencies, state and local education agencies, as well as other partners who work with foster and probation youth in assisting them with their education related needs.

The Hub consists of a home page, side bar, and five sub-pages: School Readiness - Birth to Age 5, School Success

K-12, College and Career Success, Youth Page, and Data and Information Sharing.

### **Foster Youth Education Resource Cards**

Education resource cards have been developed and printed by CDSS after consulting with a group of current and former foster youth about the design and content of the cards. The cards were developed in order to promote the Hub webpage, as well as to replace the prior system of mailing printed educational resources and information to foster youth, ages 16 and older.

### **Education Topics Moving Forward**

Prior to the conclusion of the CCR Education Sub-Workgroup in January of 2018, the CDSS developed a document entitled, *Education Topics Moving Forward*, which is available on the School Success K-12 page of the Hub webpage. This document outlines where an interested stakeholder may direct their inquiries related to certain education issues which were of concern to members of the CCR Education Sub-workgroup. The *Education Topics Moving Forward* document may be used as a resource if questions or concerns arise relating to education topics. Among the responsible agencies or groups listed in the document, the State and County Agency Forum is a forthcoming workgroup which will include representatives from county offices of education, county child welfare agencies, and county juvenile probation agencies.

### **Education Travel Reimbursement**

As detailed in All County Letter 11-51, Public Law (PL) 110-351 amended Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to require that a case plan include a plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while in foster care. PL 110-351 also provides for the cost of reasonable travel for the child to their school of origin as an allowable

foster care maintenance cost. In order to promote the use of the Education Travel Reimbursement program, the CDSS created the *Education Travel Reimbursement Informational Brochure for Caregivers* which is available to be viewed and printed on the School Success K-12 page of the Hub webpage.

You can find the ACIN at: [http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/ACIN/2019/I-15\\_19\\_ES.pdf](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/ACIN/2019/I-15_19_ES.pdf).

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## Raffle Baskets for Conference

Each year, raffle baskets are on display for silent auctioning at the annual conference. Each CSFPA chapter is asked to donate a basket for the silent auction. The proceeds of the raffle are used for the CSFPA Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to youth annually. If you have items you'd like to donate to the silent auction, and are unable to attend the conference, please contact Patricia Negus at Pat-Negus@msn.com.. This is one of the fun events of our conference. There are typically some great auction items!



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## 2019 Awards and Scholarships



Each Chapter President should have received an Awards and Scholarships packet. Included in the packet is information about making nominations for awards and scholarships offered annually by the California Foster Parent Association and presented at the annual Training/Conference. To make a nomination, you must be a current member of the California State Foster Parent Association.

This is the time we come together as a group to formally honor those who have inspired us with their extraordinary efforts, whether they are fellow foster parents, adoptive parents, kincare parents, or remarkable young people pursuing their educational dreams, or those who support the world of foster/resource families statewide with advocacy efforts. There are nine service awards in addition to the Haghenbeck Scholarship Award open for nominations.

One person from each region is eligible to receive the following awards:

- Outstanding Kinship Award
- Outstanding FFA Award
- Outstanding Adoptive Parent Award
- Outstanding Social Worker Award
- Outstanding Director or Deputy Director Award

In addition, the following awards and scholarships are open for nominations:

- State Directors Award for Outstanding Foster Parent – One Statewide
- Outstanding Service Award – One Statewide
- Lavern Adolfo Award for Excellence in Advocacy – One Statewide
- The Haghenbeck Scholarship Award – Several per year

To obtain a nomination form, go to our Scholarship and Awards page <https://www.csfpaonline.org/scholarship-awards/>  
Please read and follow the instructions provided on the form.

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## FosterParentCollege.com

The California Department of Social Services and FosterParentCollege.com (FPC) have entered into an agreement with the State of California to provide all California resource/foster parents with free access to FPC online training through their agency. FPC courses are self-paced and available to parents 24/7. These trauma-focused courses fit the vision of the Continuum Care Reform Collaborative, and provide insight and solutions for even the most challenging child behaviors and conditions. Courses cover specific behaviors, emotional disorders, or parenting strategies. FPC has been rated by the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse as promising research with high relevance to child welfare for both pre-approval and annual in-service training. To gain access to these online courses, please visit FPC's [Welcome California](#) page.

## May is National Foster Care Month!

May is National Foster Care Month, a month set aside to acknowledge foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections. During National Foster Care Month, we renew our commitment to ensuring a bright future for the more than 430,000<sup>1</sup> children and youth in foster care, and we celebrate all those who make a meaningful difference in their lives. Thank you for all you do for the children in your care.



## Legislative & Policy Update: May Budget Revise

### Supports Children in Foster Care *Alliance for Children's Rights*



The 2019-20 May Revision to the Governor's Budget was released on May 9. The revised budget includes several proposals brought forward by child welfare advocates pertaining to foster care:

- a one-time increase of \$14.4 million to support county efforts in eliminating the backlog of resource family applications that are pending review and approval;
- a one-time increase of \$21.6 million for activities and services to retain, recruit, and support foster parents, relative caregivers, and resource families;
- an increase of \$21.7 million in FY 2019-20 to provide emergency caregivers with up to four months of emergency assistance payments pending resource family approval (RFA). Beginning FY 2020-21 and beyond, the state will only provide emergency caregivers with up to three months of emergency assistance payments pending resource family approval, and an ongoing increase of \$34

million to support court-appointed dependency counsel representing children and parents in dependency proceedings.

The Alliance, working with partner organizations, is continuing to advocate to ensure that there is an exception to continue funding past 120 days, pending RFA, if the county local agency shows good cause. It is currently taking an average of 180 days to complete RFA. Therefore, it is critical that good cause exceptions are permitted beyond 180 days to ensure that no family is cut off from critical funding when the delay on completing RFA is beyond their control.

The revised budget also includes \$98 million to expand full-scope Medi-Cal for undocumented young adults aged 19 through 25 regardless of immigration status. It is estimated that the expansion will provide full-scope coverage to approximately 90,000 undocumented young adults in the first year.

## 2019 Conference Details Rooted In Love and Growing to Succeed

**SAVE THE DATE.** October 10-12, 2019. Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center, 700 North Haven Avenue, Ontario, CA 91764. [www.ontarioairporthotel.com](http://www.ontarioairporthotel.com). Please make reservations by Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Rooms are limited and are offered at a special rate of \$105/night. To make a reservation, please call 877-666-3243 and ask for the CA State Foster Parent Association rate.

### SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

- Autism and Developmental Disorders
- Department of Social Services—CCR/RFA/LOC
- Trauma Informed Care
- Law Enforcement: Preventing Youth Delinquency

Registration Fees are \$150 for CSFPA members and \$200 for non-members. Registration fees include lunch on Friday and Saturday. Conference Website: [www.cvent.com/d/h6qds8](http://www.cvent.com/d/h6qds8).



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**CSFPA OFFICER NOMINATION FORM**

For the term of: January 2020 through December 2022

**For the office of:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Secretary**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Treasurer**

\_\_\_\_\_ **North Coastal Region Vice President**

Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma

\_\_\_\_\_ **Valley Region Vice President**

Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare and Ventura

**Individual Being Nominated:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of State CSFPA meetings attended in the last two years? \_\_\_\_\_

If attendance is based on regional meetings, name of person who can verify regional meeting.

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Local county licensing or certifying agency who will verify that the nominee is in good standing and open for placements:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Acceptance:**

Should I be elected to the position for which I was nominated,

I accept the position of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Nominee)

Please attach a resume and an article of introduction on a separate sheet of paper. (Note: Not all members of the Association in your region will know you. Therefore, it is advisable that you provide additional information about yourself, as you feel appropriate, including your goals for the position and/or the Association. You may want to include such information as:

- Number of years as a foster parent and number of children currently in placement
- Past/Current positions held in local and state foster parent association (s)
- Education (high school, college, special foster parent related training)
- Past/Current positions held on other associations (social, civil, volunteer, etc.)
- Social Achievements/Awards Received
- Other information you think may be important for the voters to know

**Individual making nomination:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominations by mail must be received by July 1, 2019**

**Mail nominations to:**

**Terry Haines, Nomination Chair  
PO Box 1072  
Yreka, CA 96097**

**Nominations may also be turned in at the quarterly board meeting on July 19, 2019**

Please make a separate copy for each person you wish to nominate.

## Nominations for 2020-2022 Officers *Terry Haines, Nominations Chair*

It is time for nominations for officers taking office beginning 2020. See previous page for Nominations form. This year, there will be elections for the Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Vice Presidents for the Northcoastal and Valley Regions. Each position has specific requirements as noted in the CSFPA bylaws. All elected officers must be a member in good standing, must be nominated by a member in good standing, have held an elected office on the Board of Directors for at least one term and fully attended six (6) quarterly meetings within the past two years..

Below are additional requirements for noted offices:

Secretary- (a) Experience in producing detailed minutes and basic computer knowledge. (b) Does not have to be a foster parent.

Treasurer- (a) Served as Treasurer of other organizations or previously provided professional accounting services. (b) Knowledge of general accounting principles and practice as they pertain to non-profit corporations. (c) Experience with budgets over \$50,000, preferably with non-profit organizations (d) A working knowledge of contracts and grants. (e) The ability to be bonded for a minimum of \$150,000.00. (f) Does not have to be a foster parent.

Regional Vice President- (a) Must reside in their respective region when nominated and/or while serving as a board member and (b) Be nominated by another member residing in their respective region.

Please refer to the By Laws for the duties of each office. They are also available on the CSFPA website.

When submitting a nomination, please make sure resumes and a letter from the nominee's licensing agency (stating that you are in good standing) is provided. Please read all requirements on the Nomination form including deadline information.

Quieren aprender a ser mejores padres de crianza?!

Hilda Navarro (Representante de Padres Latinos), les invita al primer Coffee Clash donde se hablara de cómo evitar alegaciones, tener mejor comunicación con su equipo de trabajo, y recursos en la comunidad.

FECHA: 31 de Mayo, 2019

LUGAR: 8217 Crichton Way Elk Grove, CA. 95758

HORA: 6:00PM-8:00PM

Por favor reservar su lugar con Hilda Navarro por e-mail o por teléfono.

(916) 807-3397 or [Hildamuronavarro@gmail.com](mailto:Hildamuronavarro@gmail.com)

## 2019 CSFPA Executive Board

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Southern Region VP	OPEN	



## 2ND QUARTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

California State Foster Parent Association  
c/o Newsletter Editor  
272 Devon Drive  
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***Our main focus is to address issues of foster parents, guardianship and adoptive parents, as well as kinship placements which now includes over 55% of all children in out-of-home placements in California.***

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### 3rd Quarter Training and Meeting 43rd Annual CSFPA Training Conference

The CSFPA 3rd Quarterly Meeting will be held July 19th and 20th at the Hilton Hotel in Sacramento. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend. Please contact Bob Currey,

CSFPA Secretary for more information at [bobcurrey@comcast.net](mailto:bobcurrey@comcast.net).

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If you would like to submit information relevant to being a foster/resource parent for inclusion in our newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Chair, Carol Ihlenburg, at [csfpanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:csfpanewsletter@gmail.com).

We mail as well as email the newsletter to our members. If you prefer to receive your newsletter via email (assisting with the conservation of resources), please email [CSFPANewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:CSFPANewsletter@gmail.com). You can