

**Youth Law Center
California Quality Parenting Initiative Sites Action Plans
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What part of the brand does the action relate to?	County Action Items
Foster Parents Are Valued, Respected Partners:	<p>Ventura</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social workers coordinate with foster parent when making placements, provides info on time of arrival and info on child and immediately communicates changes in schedule. <p>San Luis Obispo</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a transition plan with the social worker, birth parent, foster parent and the youth anytime there is a possibility the child is 1) moving to another placement home, 2) moving home for a 30 day visit or returning home <p>Kern</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure better phone communication between foster families and social workers by all staff using consistent phone messages and ensuring roll over phone numbers are correct and standard. 2. Improve caregiver access to Foster Care Benefit info by designating a phone line for info 3. Improve caregiver access to Medi-Cal for children in their care, by designating timelines and processes. 4. Improve relationships between foster parents and social workers by holding Meet and Greets. 5. Inform and educate all caregivers to <i>Point of Contacts</i> for different KCDHS programs <p>Santa Barbara</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure better phone communication between foster families and social workers by changing staff voicemails to include who to call when social worker doesn't answer 2. Post Medi-Cal resources and providers on line with feedback on good providers for caregivers 3. Distribute staff phone numbers to Foster Parents 4. Increased role for Foster Parent Association 5. Create Clearer Guidelines regarding Confidentiality <p>Fresno</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure better phone communication between foster families and social workers by holding a "telephone clean up day" where all workers clean out voicemails and update voice- mail with standard message (includes time call will be returned in, and supervisor's number) 2. Hold event with caregivers and social workers to build relationships with icebreakers and "day in the life" activities to help them understand the other's roles/responsibilities

	<p>Santa Clara</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise policy on info sharing with foster parents to clarify what info can be shared and required timelines and provide training to staff and foster families <p>Sonoma</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create policy so caregivers can e-mail social workers directly about child. 2. Develop best practice guidelines for roles, expectations, responsibilities of foster parents and social workers <p>Humboldt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide each foster family a “welcome to the team” letter after licensing, and at each placement with department contacts and pictures <p>Nevada</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold 2 county social, informal “meet and greet” events with County CPS/Probation and all FFA homes in NV County so workers are aware of all family placement options in county. 2. Develop policy to hold team meeting (foster parent, caseworker/probation officer, FFA worker, birth parent, behavioral health) within 14 days of placement or before any major placement changes occur
<p>Foster Families Support Family Connections</p>	<p>Ventura</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop expectations and support for caregivers to improve the quality and frequency of contact between siblings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allow foster parent to coordinate/facilitate sibling visits • share more information about sibling placements with foster parents <p>San Luis Obispo</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold icebreakers between foster families and bio families <p>Fresno</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Makeover reception centers to make family friendly and welcoming <p>Santa Clara</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop training and materials on how foster parents can support bio families in visitation <p>Sonoma</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold icebreakers between foster families and bio families <p>Humboldt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold icebreakers between foster families and bio families <p>Nevada</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold icebreakers between foster families and bio families

<p>Foster Families Are Skilled, Specially Trained Parents</p>	<p>Santa Barbara</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foster parents participate in training of new foster families 2. Create more community and support for existing foster parents <p>Fresno</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop plan for expansion of mentoring program to older children <p>Santa Clara</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop training and materials on how foster parents can support bio families in visitation <p>Sonoma</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replicate the EFH support program for foster parents of older youth. <p>Humboldt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand foster parent peer mentoring program (specialized mentors, on call/crisis mentors) 2. Develop an assessment for foster parents to complete about how well their training needs are being met and identify better ways of support <p>Nevada</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up cross-FFA network of experienced, talented foster parents to share resources/expertise/provide mentoring 2. Develop and disseminate joint online training calendar/database so all trainings related to children in NV County are available to foster parents (regardless of agency) and social workers.
<p>Foster Families Provide Nurturing, developmentally Appropriate parenting</p>	<p>Ventura</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop bios on foster family with a photo to help foster child(ren) prepare for placement <p>San Luis Obispo</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upon removal/reunification with the birth parent, children/youth complete an “All About Me” form to help decide placement and to establish goals youth wants to achieve/accomplish in these moves. 2. Birth parents complete an “About My Child” form at the TDM or at an AYC meeting scheduled from the TDM. This meeting will have the birth parent, foster parent and social worker in attendance. <p>Santa Barbara</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create policy on expectations re: foster family transportation <p>Santa Clara</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve receipt of binder with child’s information within 72 hours

Sonoma

1. Create a support program for foster parents of older youth similar to that for emergency foster homes for young children.

Humboldt

1. Utilize removal information checklist to gather information to provide to foster family at placement