

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There are legitimate questions that you have a right to ask;

1. Why should Foster Parents Association belong to the California State Foster Parent Association?
2. Why are the Sub-chapters assessed a \$50.00 annual fee?
3. Why are affiliate chapters assessed a \$25.00 annual fee?
4. What is the \$15.00 annual membership fee used for?

We will explain what the California State Foster Parent Association is all about. (Hereafter referred to as CSFPA)

When a foster parent association joins the CSFPA, they become as authorized 'non-profit' organization with the authority to give receipts to donors of funds or gifts for tax exemptions.

The CSFPA treasurer files the necessary forms to protect your 'non-profit' status. (When necessary information is sent to the state treasurer)

The CSFPA pays for a 'liability insurance' that covers your local meetings and or function.

The state is divided into seven regions with a vice president of the region you are in to assist your chapter in organizing and other problems you may encounter.

There are regional meetings that your chapter may participate in and bring concerns that you wish to be addressed at the state level.

The chapter president becomes a voting member of the State board of directors that meet once a quarter. Each member is issued a State membership card that identifies him or her as a member of CSFPA. This membership entitles the holder to vote at the annual business meeting, and receive a discount rate when registering for the State training conference.

You will have access to the statewide chairpersons that will be available to help you when you need them.

By-laws	Grievance	Allegations
Legislation	Foster Parent Education	Minority needs
Guardianships	Permanency planning	Adoptions
Kinship	Latino representative	

You will receive the state newsletter with a conference registration packet in the fall issue.

The Chapter President will receive a list, (Names and Address) of the State Officers, Chairpersons and other chapter Presidents.

The California State Foster Parent Association has the expertise it takes to increase benefits for Foster Children and Foster Parents

The State Association was instrumental in getting state funded training monies that are now dispensed, through the local Community Colleges to train Foster Parents throughout the state. The CSFPA is constantly watching over, protecting and working toward maintaining these funds.

IN summary, your CSFPA is well worth your membership dues. Foster Parents formed it for Foster Parents and the more members we have, the more we can do, to support our goals