



California State Foster Parent Association, Inc.

“To Touch A Life Forever”

2ND QUARTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

MAY 25, 2016

2nd Quarter Board Meeting

Joyce Hammerich, CSFPA Secretary

The 2016 2nd Quarter California State Foster Parent Association's Board meeting and training was held April 22-23 in Sacramento. On Thursday evening, Ginne Puddefoot and Nnenna Ezeh from California DSS had an intimate meeting with the CSFPA board to discuss insurance needs for foster families with the new CCR being initiated and higher level needs children being placed in family home environments. They talked about a survey they are preparing to send to all foster homes to assist with determining what the insurance needs are. On Friday, the board meeting commenced with an opening welcome from William Lightbourne, Director of the California Department of Health and Human Services. Newly appointed California State Ombudsman Rochelle Trochenberg, and Greg Rose, Deputy Director Children and Family Services talked about changes being made in the Ombudsman's office and provided some up-

dates and information about CCR (Continuum of Care Reform) and RFA (Resource Family Approval). Audience members talked about the need for services for youth adopted from the system when they are older. The afternoon session of Friday's meeting consisted of each committee and region providing updates/information. Campership scholarships were submitted and random selection was made for each region. There was discussion about possible workshops to be offered at this year's CSFPA annual conference. Saturday's meeting included additional committee report updates. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 21-23 in Sacramento at the same location. All members are welcome to attend.

2016 Annual CSFPA Conference and Training: Wheel of Change—Still Powered Through Love

Nadine Fleek

SAVE THE DATE: The 40th Annual CSFPA Conference and Training will take place October 28-30, 2016 at the Concord Hilton. Please start making plans to attend as it promises to be a great time of meeting together with people who provide care and services to children in the foster care system.

Scholarships are available.

We have great workshops scheduled. Some are first time presenters with material that is beneficial to all of us. The Department of Social Services will be presenting trainings about the implementation of new rules and practices going into effect in 2017 in addition to other interesting presentations.

Keep your eyes open for Save the Date postcards to be sent soon. We hope to see you there!

2017/2018 CSFPA Board/Officer Nominations

Terry Haines

Nominations are now open for President, Vice President, Northern VP, Central VP and Southern VP. Nomination forms are due BEFORE the July 22nd Quarterly Board meeting. Resume must be attached. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please complete the Nomination Form included in this newsletter and mail to: Terry Haines, Nomination Chair, P.O. Box 1072, Yreka, CA 96097. They must be received by July 1, 2016.





Legislative Updates

Carrie Myles

SB: 942 – Author: CAROL LUI
Timely Placement of Dependent Children with Relatives..

Introduced 2/3/16

SB: 1201 – Author: H Mitchell
Expanding Foster Child Placements; by repealing redundant state criminal history restrictions and streamlining the process by which a prospective caregiver's criminal history is reviewed.

B 1201: Aligning Criminal History Exemptions with Federal Law.

SB: 1060 -Author: Leno

A juvenile court, the case of a minor declared a ward and ordered To be place in Foster care.

SB: 69 - AB: 1598 – Author: Leno - Weber
Foster Care Education Program (9) 5675039-Student Success and Support Program.

AB: 1761 – Author: Weber
For tribal approval or tribal licensing of Foster Care or Adoptive homes. Article 6

AB: 224 – Author: Jones – Sawyer
Liaison for **Foster** children: Notice of Educational rights.

AB: 379 – Author: Gordon
..(a)Notwithstanding any other **law**, a school district shall **exempt** a pupil in **Foster Care** As defined.

SB: 238 – Author: Mitchell
Institution code, relating to Foster care – Psychotropic medication.

SB: 484 (Beall), Chapter 540, Statutes of 2015
Effective January 1, 2016

All facilities/homes serving Foster Children
Psychotropic medication shall be used only in accordance with the Written directions of the prescribing physician, as authorized by the

Juvenile court pursuant to welfare and Institutions Code.

Sections 369.5 or 739.5. (HSC& 1507.6(b)(1)).

Facilities /homes/ agency are required to maintain specified information

In each child's record including a copy of any court order authorizing Psychotropic medications, as well as a separate log for each medication, Prescribed for each child. (HSC & 1507.6(b)(2)).

IMPLEMENTATION

BEGINNING January 1, 2016

During course of an inspection of Facilities / homes

Incomplete or inaccurate psychotropic medication **records** shall be Cited for a violation of (HSC & 1507.6(b)(2)).

SB: 319 – Author: BEALL

Public health nurse under this program services of foster care.

CSFPA Membership

Mary Haghenbeck

There are now 24 ratified chapters in the California State Foster Parent Association and over 1,000 members. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact: Mary Haghenbeck, CSFPA Membership Chair, 4377 Wesley Way, El Sobrante, CA 94803/Tel. 510-223-2022.

News from/to the Southern California Region

Jocelyn Hill, Southern Region VP

At our quarterly meeting April 22-23, all Regional VP's brought their Campership applications in for the random drawing of four recipients from each Region. I had 14 from my Region 5 alone. I was pleased to have so many turned in although only two of my four Chapters responded. I hope to have new chapters involved and to visit those who are now members to see what their needs and or expectations are from the CSFPA. I am looking forward to our 2016 Conference "Wheel of Change Still Powered Through Love," and I encourage all to attend and be refreshed, entertained and enlightened.

Blessings to you all.

CSFPA OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

For the term of: January 2017 through December 2018

For the office of:

_____ **President**

_____ **Vice President**

_____ **Northern Region Vice President**

Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity

_____ **Central Region Vice President**

Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumine, Yolo and Yuba

_____ **Southern**

Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego

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, and awards received)

Past/Current positions held on other associations (social, civil, volunteer, etc.)

Social Achievements

Other information that 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, 2016

mailed to

Terry Haines, Nomination Chair

P O Box 1072

Yreka CA 96097

May be turned in at the quarterly board meeting no later than July 22, 2016

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

Presidential Proclamation—National Foster Care Month 2016

Barack Obama, U.S. President

The success of our country tomorrow depends on the well-being of our children today. As a Nation, we have a duty to empower each child so they have the same sense of promise and possibility as any other young person -- no matter who they are, where they come from, or what their circumstances are. Foster youth deserve the security and strong support structures they need to achieve their dreams. During National Foster Care Month, we lift up our Nation's foster children, celebrate the selfless men and women who embrace children in the foster care system, and we recommit to helping more children find permanency so they can feel stable, grounded, and free to fulfill their limitless potential.

With open hearts, families and professionals across America work each day to give foster youth the resources, warmth, and care they need. Over 400,000 children remain in the foster care system, and tens of thousands of youth age out of foster care before they find their forever family. Only half of children in foster care complete high school by age 18, and less than 5 percent graduate college. Young people who age out of foster care without a permanent home are often at higher risk of entering the criminal justice system, and they can face greater challenges to completing an education, obtaining high-quality health care, and securing gainful employment. We also know kids are better off when raised by loving families, not institutions. These difficult outcomes are often exaggerated further when children are placed in group homes.

I am committed to preventing youth from falling into these situations. I have proposed allowing child welfare agencies to use Federal funds to provide critical services and shelter to foster youth who have aged out of the system until they are 23. My Administration is also working to reduce abuse and neglect by focusing resources on strengthening families so children stay out of foster care in the first place. Children living in foster care are more likely than other children to be overprescribed medication for social-emotional and mental health disorders. That is why my Administration is encouraging greater use of evidence-based screening, assessment, and treatment of trauma and mental health disorders for kids in foster care. And because every child deserves access to quality, affordable health insurance, the Affordable Care Act requires each State to extend Medicaid coverage to foster children who have aged out of the foster care system until the age of 26.

Children grow to become their best selves when they are surrounded by supportive families. Caretakers support foster youth and help them see a future of greater promise and hope. Last summer, the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution guarantees marriage equality, giving more kids in foster care the opportunity to be part of a loving family. My Administration will continue fighting to ensure eligible and qualified caretakers have the chance to become an adoptive or foster parent -- regardless of race, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The commitment and dependability of a family can provide foster youth with the confidence to write and control their own destiny. Family is the bedrock of the American story, and we must do everything we can to support all young people so they can be free from harm, healthy, and ready to chart the course of our Nation's unwritten history.

When we create environments for all young people to grow and flourish and safely live as who they are -- regardless of race, background, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity -- our country is stronger. This month, and every month, let us pay tribute to the children in foster care and the dedicated parents and professionals who tirelessly work to shape their lives. And as a country, let us embrace the spirit that every child matters and continue working to provide all of our daughters and sons with an equal chance to lead productive and fulfilling lives, limited by nothing but the power of their imaginations and the scope of their dreams.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as National Foster Care Month. I call upon all Americans to observe this month by taking time to help youth in foster care and recognizing the commitment of all who touch their lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.



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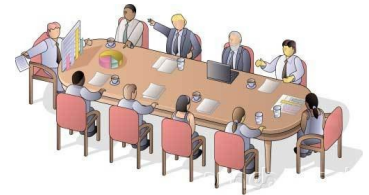
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Our main focus is to address issues of foster parents, guardianship and adoptive parents, as well as kinship placements which now includes over 55% of all children in out-of-home placements in California.

3rd Quarter Training and Meeting 40th Annual CSFPA Training Conference

The CSFPA 3rd Quarter Meeting will be held July 21-23, 2016 at The Staybridge Suites in Sacramento. If you would like to attend, and need to make room reservations, you must do so by July 15 to receive the CSFPA reduced rate. If you would like additional information, you can contact Bob Currey at 916-966-0394 or bobcurrey@comcast.net. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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If you have an item you'd like considered for inclusion in the newsletter, please submit to the same email.