



# California State Foster Parent Association, Inc.

*“To Touch A Life Forever”*

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## CSFPA Advocates for Foster Parents Throughout California

*Patricia Negus, CSFPA President*

CSFPA is busy in the legislative arena advocating on behalf of all California foster parents. CSFPA identified Assembly Bill 403 (Stone) as having a direct impact on current and future foster parents throughout our State. I participated in a conference call with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) staff on July 29, 2015 and raised our concerns about the bill.

AB 403 aims to move group home and probation youth into foster homes with increased supports to foster families. The legislation assumes a large increase in the number of families willing to take these youth into their homes. Unfortu-

nately, CSFPA was not notified how the legislation would affect the lives of our families until recently. Once notified, CSFPA quickly moved to address foster parent concerns about the bill.

Topics covered during the initial conversation with CDSS staff included:

- Concerns about liability insurance for foster parents accepting youth from group homes or from probation.
- Issues surrounding an increase in false allegations as more foster parents take in youth with more behavioral challenges.
- Creating a new rate structure for foster parents who take in more difficult youth.

- Training improvements that meet the needs of foster parents.

- Concerns around new Child and Family Teams that may exclude foster parent participation.

- A variety of other issues submitted by our legislative chair.

CDSS indicated that they support the inclusion of foster parents in public policy decisions but did not commit to specific amendments to the bill at this time. CSFPA is currently evaluating our options and how to proceed so stay tuned!



## Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions

*Nadine Fleek, Juvenile Justice Chair*

If the Juvenile Justice commissions is representative of the community, it should include human services, law enforcement, schools, churches, business, public agencies, foster parents, etc. and include a range of ages from youth to retired individuals with a diversity of backgrounds. We need to realize that our advocacy role as foster parents is augmented as we take individual responsibility to develop and expand our own networks of individuals and groups whom we can influence through close contact.

We can become informed persons, in regard to the Juvenile Justice System. The Chief Probation Office and Juvenile Court Judge can teach us enough so that we can learn on our own, and, if we support them in continuing to teach us, our advocacy can be meeting current needs.

Recommendations:

1. Each chapter of the CSFPA have a member on their local Juvenile Justice Commission and Delinquency Prevention Commission.
2. Foster parents attend Juvenile Court Proceedings for the children in their care.
3. Each chapter of CSFPA and Executive Board share information on the local and state wide services needed for children and families in our state.

## CSFPA Insurance Update: Liability Increase

*Leroy Storey, Endowment and Insurance Chair*



The CSFPA insurance needs are in good hands with the Pellet Insurance Services, Inc. of Paso Robles. Agent Karen Daniels is constantly going over our coverage. Karen is now a member of the CSFPA. Welcome Karen!

Karen was asked to provide a quote for \$2,000,000 of LIABILITY coverage. She states the following:

“I recommend the CSFPA obtain the quote for the Excess Liability as previously discussed under Option #2, as per attached proposal, which lists coverages available.” The cost of Option 2 - \$2 million Excess Limits is \$1,134.99 per year. Good news! This increased coverage

has been approved by the CSFPA Executive Board and passed by the Board of directors.

Karen is quick to provide endorsements to any chapter that requests one for their particular event or need. Patricia Negus, President, has asked that ONLY the President of Chapters request Certificates of Insurance or changes to the policy. Karen is very careful to distinguish between what our policy allows and any additional coverage a chapter may request. Sometimes there is an additional charge. If so, the chapter must pay it. Karen is available to

speaking to ANY Insurance issues you may have by contacting her at the Email address below. Karen has been an insurance agent for over 39 years!

Please note: If you need an endorsement for your event or meeting place you must renew that endorsement each year. The endorsement does not carry over from year to year. You may contact her office at the following address:

Pellett Insurance Services, Inc.  
Advisor.CSFPA@gmail.com  
2985 Theatre Drive, Suite 5  
Paso Robles, CA 93446  
805.227.6760 Phone  
805.237.7350 Fax



Dear CSFPA,  
My name is Emylie, and I am 14 years old. I want to thank you for the scholarship I received for camp this summer. We have not gone yet, but I am sure that I will have a wonderful time. Thanks Again .

## 2016 Election Update

*Terry Haines, Elections Chair*

Two nominations were received by mail. Sheri Justice Cook running for North Coastal and Jocelyn Hill running for Southern Region Vice President. There were no nominations for Secretary or Treasurer. The nominees are pending until their paperwork can be



## Join the CSFPA

*Mary Haghenbeck, Membership Chair*

If you are not a member of a local foster parent association you can join the California State Foster Parent Association as an associate member for only \$25.00. We are here for you whether you are a foster parent or have an FFA home. We want to help everyone that cares for children. We have great training for all parents and social workers at our conference each year, so please come join us.

For more info contact Mary Haghenbeck at [mhaghenbeck@comcast.net](mailto:mhaghenbeck@comcast.net).

## CSFPA By-Law Changes

Robert Currey, CSFPA Treasurer

At the April 25 General Board Meeting it was voted to change the By Laws at the Annual meeting with the following changes.

**Bolded** words are to be removed and underlined words are to be added.

### 1. ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, B.1

#### 1. General

- A. The nominee shall be a member in good standing of CSFPA.
- B. The nominee, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer (if not a foster parent), shall, at the time of election, be recognized as a foster parent in good standing in accordance with their local governing body regulations and retain that standing throughout their term to remain in their elected office and shall have foster children in

placement or be open for placement in their local county.

- C. The nominee shall be nominated by another member in good standing.
- D. The nominee shall have **erved** held an elected office on the Board of Directors for at least one term and fully attended six (6) quarterly meetings with in the past two years.

### 2. ARTICLE III, SECTION 3, C

#### C Term of Office

- 1. The term of office for elected officers of the Association shall be for two years beginning on January 1st after the election and ends the last day of the 2nd year.

**2. No officer shall be elected for more than three consecutive terms. Six (6) years in the same office.**

#### B. Vacancies

- 1. Shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

At the business meeting at the Annual Conference these motions will be voted on. If you have any questions please contact me at:

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## CSFPA Endowment Fund Reaches \$ 100,000

Leroy Storey, Endowment and Insurance Chair

The CSFPA Endowment fund is now eleven years and three months of age having been authorized at the April 2004, quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. In March 2010, a Certificate of Deposit was opened with an initial investment of \$42,400. At another meeting the Endowment Funds were put into a managed brokerage account. As of July 2015, we now have \$57,166 in the Endowment Fund Brokerage Account which is a gain of 34% in 11 years.



At the July 2015 CSFPA quarterly meeting in Sacramento a motion was presented and passed by the Board of Directors' members present to move enough money from the Managed Brokerage account and put it into the Managed Endowment account to bring it up to \$100,000. This transaction makes a giant step towards reaching our next goal of \$250,000. When we reach this goal our Operating Procedures provides that the CSFPA can start using the succeeding accumulated interest for children's activities.

The CSFPA treasurer and Endowment Fund chairperson are in the process of working with well endowed companies that want to donate large grants to non-profit organizations such as the CSFPA. We hope to be able to access these grants for the children of the State of California.



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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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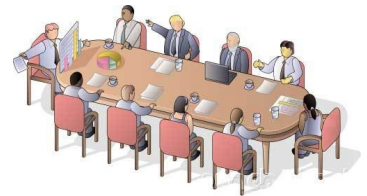
## **4th Quarter Training and Meeting 39th Annual CSFPA Training Conference**

Communication & Support “Can You Hear Me Now”  
October 22-24 2015 at the Ontario Airport Hotel 700 N. Haven Ave. Ontario, CA. 91764

The Registration Website is up and running! [www.cce.csus.edu/csfpa](http://www.cce.csus.edu/csfpa)  
Come on down to Southern California for another great conference.  
Register now and check out the scholarships available.

It will be here before you know it.

See you there!



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