



# California State Foster Parent Association, Inc.

Representing all California Resource Families

*“To Touch A Life Forever”*

**4TH QUARTER 2019 NEWSLETTER**

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## 2019 Annual CSFPA Conference/Training

*Patricia Negus and Sheri Justice-Cook 2019 Conference Chairs*

Hello C.S.F.P.A. Members and Friends:

We would like to thank all that made the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference a success from start to finish.

Special acknowledgements to Dayna Haldeman-California DSS, Julie Vinson and Candace Anderson – Conference Planners- SAC State for their exceptional input and efforts in organizing registration and workshops.



Hotel staff Mike Megargee and Chidie Okafor helped keep guests happy at and during the conference.

Maria Malone and Jocelyn Hill kept everyone satiated in the Hospitality room.

Elease Clark and Vanessa King helped make sure all the classes had monitors.

Appreciation to all of our wonderful and knowledgeable speakers.

The Silent Auction crew generated over \$ 1,300 for the scholarship fund. Carol Ihlenburg obtained some wonderful donations for the auction as well as the various chapters who brought awesome baskets and donations. Pat Welsh and Terry Haines provided endless devotion in guarding them and monitoring the auction.



Patricia Negus and Ayanna Anderson

Many awards and scholarships were presented at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday.

Scholarships were given to the following awesome high school graduates:

Ayanna Anderson, Kylie Bradley, and Samantha Walls.

Nick Honey from Sonoma County received the Director of the year award.



Patricia Negus and Nick Honey

Outstanding Social Worker awards were presented to Angie Zufelt from Yreka and Juana Marquez from Sonoma.

Michelle and Brandon Kelsey from Sonoma County received an award for Outstanding Foster Parents.

Patricia Negus and Donna Wray



Donna Wray of Riverside received an award for her unselfish devotion to children

Much love and appreciation to Jim Hughes, Shamele Jenkins, Phil Sheldon and Linda from Project Foster. The Dance Party and Ice Cream Shop were a blast!

Additionally, much appreciation for providing lodging for LA foster Parents, donations to CSFPA, including items for the goody bags. We truly enjoyed the evening of socialization and fun.



Shamele Jenkins and Phil Sheldon

Last but not least to all of you wonderful people that attended and participated. It was a pleasure seeing you and we hope you had a wonderful learning experience and had fun meeting new friends and networking with other foster/resource parents. Mark your calendar now for next year’s conference to be held October 15-17, 2020 in Sacramento.

Thank you to Sheldon Baker for the photos!

# Legislative & Policy Update



## NEW PLACEMENT CHANGE REQUIREMENTS

All County Letter No. 19-26 (ALC19-26) dated May 8, 2019 addresses new placement change requirements. The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to inform child welfare agencies of the changes mandated by Assembly Bill (AB) 2247, effective January 1, 2019, which added Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 16010.7. AB 2247 requires child welfare agencies to develop, implement, and document a placement preservation strategy in consultation with the Child and Family Team (CFT) for most dependent foster youth placement changes, but also provides exemptions to this new requirement. AB 2247 also prohibits any foster youth placement change to occur between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. and requires the child welfare agency to serve written notice of the placement change, to the parties listed on page three 14 days prior to the change of placement, unless certain conditions apply. Further, AB 2247 requires the Office of State Foster Care Ombudsperson's Office (OFCO) to report its investigation findings of complaints in violation with these provisions to the Child Welfare Director or designees for purposes of training, technical assistance and quality improvement. For more information regarding this ACL, go to: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/ACL/2019/19-26.pdf?ver=2019-05-13-154257-380>.

## RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL PROGRAM—PORTABILITY

All County Letter No. 19-97 (ALC19-97) dated October 30, 2019 answers Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding portability, the process by which a currently approved Resource Family (RF) may seek a streamlined approval with a subsequent agency. The passage of AB404 enacted portability as of January 1, 2018, and added section 16519.58 to the W&IC and section 1517.5 to the Health and Safety Code. Portability

allows an approved RF the option of moving their Resource Family Approval (RFA) to an agency that will best serve the needs of the RF and children in care. For example, if the current agency serving the RF does not operate an Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) program, a RF may seek a subsequent approval with an agency that offers ISFC to meet the needs of a child placed in the RF's home. The portability process is completed at the request of the RF and cannot be initiated by a County or Foster Family Agency (FFA), or used as a method of recruitment. The portability process should encourage openness, transparency, and communication between the current agency, subsequent agency, placement agency, and the RF to best serve the RF and children in care. The RF has met the qualifications of RFA with their current agency; however, there are certain requirements, outlined in the Written Directives (WD) and the FFA Interim Licensing Standards (FFA ILS), that the RF and both the current and subsequent agencies must complete as part of the portability process before the subsequent approval can be finalized. Further, while the RF completes the portability process with the subsequent agency, the RF must maintain their approval with their current agency, and the current agency shall maintain all case management responsibilities for the RF, until the subsequent agency has approved the RF. Please note that County and FFA processes and requirements may differ. For more information, go to: [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/73901133dd7ea1a5581344daf/files/b3b31bba-dfbd-40ce-8967-8c7b934b3dc9/19\\_97.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/73901133dd7ea1a5581344daf/files/b3b31bba-dfbd-40ce-8967-8c7b934b3dc9/19_97.pdf).

## CAREGIVER DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Caregiver Day at the Capitol has been moved from January to March next year. It will be on March 10, 2020 in Sacramento. This is an awesome day of caregiver advocacy. Caregivers have the opportunity to share their stories and experiences with decision-makers in an effort to improve supports and services for children in foster care. In the past, Caregiver Day at the Capitol has been co-hosted with the California Alliance of Caregivers, Alliance for Children's Rights and the Step Up Coalition. For more information go to: [www.cacaregivers.org](http://www.cacaregivers.org).

**My heart is with those who have been effected by the many raging wildfires throughout California over the last month. These devastating fires have caused much uncertainty and disruption. If there is anything the CSFPA can do to assist you, please let us know.—Patricia Negus, CSFPA President**

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# Annual CSFPA Chapter Paperwork due January 15th

*Carol Ihlenburg, Membership Chair*

Each CSFPA Chapter should have received a Chapter Membership Renewal package either at the conference or in the mail. The following information is required to be submitted by January 15th to be ratified (i.e. confirmed as a current chapter): (1) Signed Chapter Roster Form, (2) Membership List (your membership list should include (preferably typed) each member's first and last name, address, email address and preference on how to receive the quarterly CSFPA newsletter) (3) All quarterly financial reports from prior year (4) Copies of President and Vice President's license or RFA certificate from licensing agent (Note: If license or RFA certificate is not dated within the last year, a letter of good standing from the licensing agency is required) (5) Any changes to by-laws and/or asset ownership. If this information is not received by January 15th, a late fee will be applied and your access to the CSFPA insurance will be in jeopardy. Please send all information to: Carol Ihlenburg, Membership Chair, 272 Devon Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903

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## Insurance and Events

With the holidays quickly approaching, many of you may be organizing and planning holiday parties for your membership and their families. Often, proof of insurance coverage is required by the venues used to host these events. If your chapter is fully ratified (turned in all required membership information and been ratified at a CSFPA meeting), it is eligible to use the CSFPA insurance policy. For events such as holiday parties, attendees must always consist of only paid members of the CSFPA. One non-member guest of a paid member in good standing is also covered. Each guest is only allowed at ONE event, then they are welcome (and encouraged) to join the chapter or CSFPA to attend additional events. This is necessary for both insurance coverage purposes and use of the CSFPA's non-profit status.



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## 2020 CSFPA Executive Board

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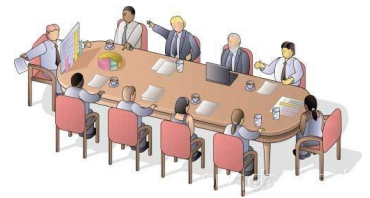
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### 2020 Quarterly Trainings and Meetings 44th Annual CSFPA Training Conference



The CSFPA 1st Quarterly meeting will be held January 17 and 18 at the Hilton Hotel in Sacramento. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend. There will be a training provided on Friday, January 17th. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we will offer a webinar attendance opportunity. Make sure you are on the email list to receive registration information.

Email: [csfpnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:csfpnewsletter@gmail.com)

We are always looking for new energy and participants to join our executive team!

Next year's CSFPA Training and Conference will be held October 15-17 at the Sacramento Hilton.

**Check our website for updates as they become available. [www.csfpaoonline.org](http://www.csfpaoonline.org).**

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