

# San Luis Obispo County



# Foster Support Unit

- Calls all caregivers the day after a new placement and again one week later
- Developed a post placement checklist with common questions and needs
- Helps connect caregivers to needed resources, answers questions and provides information
- Can assist Social Workers by filling out referral paperwork.

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- Makes sure everyone involved is well informed by providing a summary of the contact by email to the case carrying Social Worker and placement unit team
- Helps alleviate some of the phone calls that Social Workers receive from foster parents.
- A rare “win” that enhances both the Foster Parent experience and assists staff



# Foster Youth Enrichment Activities

- Monthly group outings or Individual requests
- Monthly outings have included sporting events, live theater, whale watching, ice skating and other events.
- Caregivers encouraged to attend to promote bonding. All children in the home invited.
- Individual requests have ranged from dance lessons to sports camps to museum passes.

## Resource Family and Foster Youth Support Unit

## POST PLACEMENT CHECKLIST

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Resource Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned unit member will contact Social Worker to discuss items needed and find out where assistance can be offered for all initial placements or placement moves then contact resource family. Copy of this document to be sent to SW for file along with copies of any referrals made.

- Referral to Rapid Screening and Referral Team completed? *If so, coordinate with RSRT regarding needs of family*
- Health needs met:
  - Medi-Cal Card *(did resource family receive it? If not follow up to see if you can help get it transferred from prior resource family, if not order a new one to be mailed to new resource family)*
  - Medical authorization form DSS CWS 421 *(Does resource family have the medical authorization form? If not work with SW to have a new one sent)*
  - Health and Education Passport *(let family know it can take up to 30 days for the HEP to arrive, ask if they know who the current pediatrician is, and if they do not, look that information up for them)*
  - Family has contact information for the Foster Care Public Health Nurse
  - Family is aware of needed/upcoming appointments (CHDP, dental etc.)
- Educational needs met:
  - Resource family has contact information for school district foster youth liaison
  - Resource family has contacted the school and updated the emergency contact card with their information
  - Resource family has made arrangements for transporting child to/from school
  - Child has needed school supplies
  - Foster youth education information request form *(DSS CWS 705) has been requested, or if there is a previous one in the file information has been shared with the resource family.)*
  - Foster youth age 14 or older has been referred for ILP services
  - School age foster youth has been referred for tutoring services as needed and/or is receiving needed education assessments for any potential learning disabilities/needs

Transportation arrangements:

- School, Medical appointments, visitation etc.

Tangible needs met:

- Resource family has child care arrangements (*can referral to CAPSLO for referrals to child care providers*)
- Clothing referral made or clothing stipend requested
- Foster Care unit has information needed to determine payment amount
- WIC referral made/information provided
- Any other physical/tangible need (bed/crib/car seat)

Parenting Support:

- Mentor referral needed
- Resource Family is aware of parenting supports available to help with any behavioral concerns

Use space below to document contact information, referrals made, information provided, etc:

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