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We are in need of Orange County families that can provide at risk children with a safe and loving home. Some youth may require the lifelong commitment of adoptive parents with whom to live the rest of their lives, while others need the temporary commitment of foster parents until their own family is able to care for them.

Foster and adoptive parents can be a valuable resource to children in need.

Foster and adoptive parents give support, show compassion, provide a safe home and help children lead better lives. They are teachers, friends, role models, and heroes. They are foster and adoptive parents.

Help make a difference in the life of a child by becoming a **Resource Family**.

What is a Resource Family?

An individual, couple, or family that wants to provide care to a related or unrelated child(ren) who is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, or otherwise in the care of a county child welfare agency or probation department.

What is the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process?

Resource Family Approval is a new caregiver approval process that a foster parent, relative, non-relative extended family member (NREFM), or adoptive family completes being considered for potential placement of a child, youth, or young adult (non-minor dependents from 18-21 years old). RFA combines elements of the current licensing, relative approval, adoption, and guardianship processes.

To Inquire about Becoming a Resource Family, call 1-888-871-KIDS

If you think you'd like to be a Foster Parent or Family, [click here](#) for more information.

If you are considering giving a child a forever home [click here](#) for information on the process of becoming an Adoptive Parent.

Make it happen for our children. Be a Resource Family.

For more information on Becoming a Resource Family, [click here](#).

For a list of the 6 steps to becoming a Resource Family, [click here](#).

For information about training classes to current caregivers, [click here](#).

Do you have a question that you don't see listed here? [Click here](#) for the FAQ's page on the SSA website.



Becoming a Resource Family can be a lot to consider. If you're thinking about it, but are concerned about experiencing a lack of support take a look at these agencies in Orange County that have programs for Foster and Adoptive parents, as well as the children they care for. The County of Orange Social Services Agency is the primary resource for prospective and current foster and adoptive caregivers. They provide comprehensive education, training, application processes, and assessments. For more information, [click here](#).

FaCT Family Resource Centers are a network of Family Resource Centers (FRCs) administered by over 100 community partners. They provide services, such as family-fun events, case management services, referral services, mental health services, after-school programs, parenting classes, workshops for kids, teens, and parents, and so much more! [Click here](#) to go to their website and find an FRC near you.

FURS is a coordinated statewide, regional, and county-level system designed to provide collaborative and timely state-level phone-based response and county-level in-home, in-person mobile response during situations of instability, to preserve the relationship of the caregiver and the child or youth. As of September 2021, Seneca Family of Agencies is the community partner providing the county-level, in-person response to the Family Urgent Response System (FURS) hotline calls. FURS is a statewide, toll-free hotline available 24 hours for current or former foster youth (up to age 21) and their caregivers to

call and receive immediate, trauma-informed support by caring and trained professionals. When an in-person response is needed in Orange County, a Seneca team (a clinician and parent partner or youth support counselor) will provide responsive and supportive services where the youth or caregiver is located. [Click here](#) to find more information on FURS in Orange County. If you find yourself out of Orange County or know someone that would benefit from being connected to FURS [click here](#) to find services near you.

Olive Crest has an array of services for Resource Families and also relative foster and adoptive parents. These are called Kinship services. They provide opportunities for education, recreation, and support in various group settings to empower relative caregivers, build positive connections and strengthen kinship families.

- Olive Crest [Kinship Services](#)
- Olive Crest [Fostering children](#) information
- [Fostering to Adopt](#) through Olive Crest

To find Kinship programs and services near you, [click here](#).

Wanna help Orange County kids and families, but can't become a Resource Family? [Click here](#) for other ways you can volunteer, mentor, support, donate or educate on becoming a Resource Family and helping OC kids and families.

For post-adoption information, community reports, and a downloadable resource guide [click here](#).

For information on what's happening with OC kids, or get support on your new journey of being a Resource Family, [click here](#) to read [The Link](#) SSA's newsletter for caregivers and Resource Families.



Grab 'N' Go Food Distributions (Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress)

Second Tuesday of the month
3:30 pm (while supplies last)

La Palma Park
1116 Swan St
Anaheim, CA 92801

Friday Food Bank (Latino Health Access)

Fridays

Noon to 4 p.m.

(Walk Up from noon to 1 p.m. and drive-thru from 1:30 to 4 p.m.)

450 W. Fourth St.

Santa Ana, CA 92701

Drive-Thru Food Pantry (First Christian Church of Huntington Beach)

Second and fourth Sundays of each month

1 to 3 p.m.

1207 Main St.

Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Grocery Distributions (Saddleback Church)

Various Orange County locations, including: Anaheim, Irvine, Lake Forest, Laguna Woods and San Clemente.

For the full list of weekly distributions, pop-up distributions, and all locations, visit their [website](#).

Food Assistance (Families Forward)

Monday through Thursday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by appointment only.

To make an appointment call 949-552-2727 Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. or 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday.

8 Thomas

Irvine, CA 92618

Food Pantry (Families Together OC)

Mondays

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

621 W. First Street
Tustin, CA 92780

Farmers Market (Families Together OC)

First Monday of every month
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(If the Monday is a holiday, it will fall on the next Monday)

621 W. First Street
Tustin, CA 92780

Orange County Food Map

Search for pantries and distributions throughout Orange County [here](#).

For more information about additional and upcoming distributions, please follow The Raise Foundation on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). If you would like to submit information about other food distributions or community resources, please email info@theraisefoundation.org.



Schedule a Presentation for Your Group
The More Aware the Community, the Safer All Children Will Be!

Orange County's Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), convened by The Raise Foundation, offers numerous presentations all year long to help raise the community's awareness about child abuse and neglect. Presentations include:

- Toxic Stress/Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Financial Literacy
- Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

- Keep Kids Safe, Healthy and Happy! (for child-serving professionals, providers, after school program staff, teachers, civic groups, community members and organizations)
- Keep Me Safe, Healthy and Happy! (a kid-friendly presentation)
- Child Abuse and Neglect (Types of/Warning Signs)
- The Blue Ribbon Campaign

Community presentations are being held online and are tailored in length and content to meet the needs of each audience. Bilingual translation can be arranged.

Audiences have included parent groups, city committees, places of worship, social/service clubs, college and high school faculty and students, human and health services agencies and organizations, hospitals and businesses.

To schedule a presentation for your group, please email info@theraisefoundation.org.



Title: Family Violence During the Age of Covid: Can't We All Just Get Along

Date & Time: 10 a.m. Thursday, December 2

Presenter: Presented by Dr. Clive D. Kennedy, Ph.D.

Description: The presenter will review research about how families have been affected by the pandemic, increasing stressors that trigger existing challenges experienced by children, adolescents, and even adults. Customary methods of measuring abuse and trauma have been less effective and may misrepresent existing levels of Family Violence experienced within communities nationwide. In addition, recent practices that contribute to higher levels of community violence as well as other factors that have impacted urban communities over the past decade will also be discussed. For example, to address recognized excesses in mass incarceration, there have been increases in the numbers of previously incarcerated individuals released to urban communities (Harris, 2015; Piel, J, 2020). While these are essential parts of criminal justice reform, there have been insufficient culturally-competent mental health services available to families within these communities (Mowen, T.J.& Fisher, B.W., 2021).

Another existing social movement is the increased consumption of social media by children within urban

communities. In conjunction with the increased exposure to popular youth media by urban children (Owens, JD; Hicks, H; & Reynolds, SD, 2017) there have been concerns about the exposure of urban children to Popular Youth Music Media (Owens, J.D. and Smith B.H., 2016). During the increased homeschooling within the pandemic, there has been even more exposure to social and entertainment media. Strategies will be offered that address family challenges during these unprecedented times.

This no-cost training will be held via Zoom. To register, [click here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Taylor at gary@theraisefoundation.org.

**If you suspect child abuse or neglect, report it.
Please put these phone numbers in your contact list today!
Orange County's Child Abuse Registry
(800) 207-4464 or (714) 940-1000**

