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# *PLACEMENT RESOURCE GUIDE*



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<b>Child Welfare Services</b>		
<b><i>Placement Options</i></b>		
<b>NOTE: Services are listed from "Least Restrictive/Intrusive" to "Highest Level Service"</b>		
Provided by: _____		
<b>Placement Types</b>	<b>Placement Description/Eligibility</b>	<b>How to Access</b>
<b>Additional Specialty Stipend</b>	Additional payments made to homes who provide an additional level of care for youth with special needs.	Contact your current social worker for more information
<b>Non-Minor Dependents (NMD)</b>	<p>NMDs have all the same Placement options as minors in foster care. NMDs have two additional placement options, SILP and THP-Plus-FC.</p> <p>NMD's can remain in their current placement without requiring a new placement agreement until assessment. It is strongly recommended the NMD and Caregiver review and sign the <a href="#">Shared Living Agreement DSS CWS 900</a>.</p> <p>If the NMD moves to another licensed or certified foster home, a pre-placement appraisal must be conducted and a new placement agreement must be completed. It is strongly recommended that the NMD and the new caregiver review and sign the Shared Living Agreement.</p> <p>NMDs in foster family placement (licensed or RFA home) shall have the <a href="#">SOC 156</a> Agency Foster Parents Placement Agreement completed at either (1) change of placement or (2) renewal, whichever comes first.</p> <p>NMDs who are placed with FFAs have the option to remain in their current placement or move to a new placement. The <a href="#">SOC 153</a> FFA agreement shall be completed at change of placement or renewal, whichever comes first. For NMD beds, 24/7 coverage is available, but at the time of placement, CWS and FCN will conduct a joint assessment of the NMD's needs and determine based on need how much shelter support is warranted.</p>	Contact your current social worker for more information.
<b>Relative</b>	Relatives are defined as: an adult who is related to the child by blood, adoption, or affinity within the 5th degree. Must complete RFA. Relative may be eligible to funding through options other than federal.	You can call 805-781-1705 to register for Resource Family Training and receive more information regarding the process or go online at: <a href="http://www.SLOfostercare.com">www.SLOfostercare.com</a>
<b>Non-Relative Extended Family Member (NREFM)</b>	NREFM defined as: any caregiver who has established familial or mentoring relationship with child. NMDs can live with their current NREFM or can choose to move to a new NREFM placement. Must complete RFA process. May be eligible to receive Foster Reimbursement for children in their certified home.	You can call 805-781-1705 to register for Resource Family Training and receive more information regarding the process.
<b>Foster Family</b>	Licensed by SLO-DSS to provide foster care for placements from DSS or Probation for children with minimal to moderate special needs. Beginning 11/1/2013 SLO DSS rolled out the	Please refer to Resource Family.

	<p>Resource Family Approval program and no longer issued licenses.</p> <p>Note: All Foster Family homes will be converted to a Resource Family Home by 1/1/2019.</p>	
<b>Resource Family</b>	<p>Certified by SLO-DSS to provide resource family care for children from DSS or Probation with minimal to moderate special needs. May be eligible for Basic Foster Care and Specialized Care Increment Payment if criteria are met.</p>	<p>To become an Resource Family provider, you can contact 805-781-1705 to register for service training or go online to <a href="http://www.slofostercare.com">www.slofostercare.com</a>.</p>
<b>Options for Recovery (OFR)</b>	<p>With State funding and a State approved plan, SLO-DSS has implemented a program which provides specialized recruitments, training and respite care for foster parents, and federally-eligible relative/non-relative care givers who care for infants and children aged newborn to 60 months, who are prenatally exposed to alcohol and/or other drugs or who test HIV positive. The child must also be a dependent child of Juvenile Court.</p>	<p>You can contact 805-781-1705 to register for Resource Family training as well as additional OFR Training.</p>
<b>Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC)</b>	<p>ITFC has two components, services and placement. If a child is already in a FCNI home and the provider is requesting to add ITFC services into the home, that service request can be authorized by the RM.</p> <p>If the SW has a child who needs placement into an ITFC level of care home, that placement request should be staffed at Central Case Staffing for authorization and availability.</p> <p>Purpose of ITFC Program is to provide a local family-based alternative for children, who would otherwise be at risk of Group Home care. Currently, State approved programs are available at FCNI. Foster families certified as ITFC resources by FCNI will receive extensive specialized training and will be authorized in-home support services assistance depending on the child's level of need as assessed</p> <p><u>Primary eligibility criteria include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at risk of Group Home placement as determined by the Interagency Placement Review Committee, and</li> <li>W&amp;I Code 300 Dependent, W&amp;I Code 600, or AB3632 (MH/voluntary placement).</li> <li>Feasible for placement with FFA family and requires an extensive level of service.</li> </ol>	<p>See the <a href="#">Intensive Treatment Foster Care</a> Policy and Procedure for more information.</p>
<b>Group Homes</b>	<p>Licensed by the State to provide highest level of residential care short of psychiatric hospitalization. Placement at this level of care requires approval of Interagency Placement Committee. This level of facility is available statewide with most facilities rated ranging from Level 8 to Level 14.</p>	<p>Your social worker will make an assessment if they feel the child/youth would need to be placed in group home care. Please speak with your social worker to find out more about this process.</p>



## Group Home/Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Case Staffing

In accordance with [ACL 13-87](#), [AB 403](#), [AB 1997](#), [ACL 17-11](#), [MHSUDS IN 17-016](#) and Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Act, the purpose of this section is to ensure all children in group home care or at risk of entering group home care have individual plans and timelines developed for their return from congregate care.

- All Group Home/STRTP cases are to be staffed on a quarterly basis.
- The Recruitment/Retention Program Manager will facilitate the meeting.
- The Recruitment/Retention Social Worker will be present at each Group Home/STRTP staffing.
- Consistent with CCR, community partners will be engaged to participate to include SLOCEO, SELPA, FFA's, CASA and others as identified.
- A Placement Social Worker will be present at each Group Home/STRTP staffing.
- Group Home/STRTP staffing will take place monthly following the FM/FR meeting at 10:00. The following cases will all be staffed:
  - Youth who are being considered for Group Home/STRTP placement
  - Youth currently placed in Group Homes/STRTP's
- The placement social worker will monitor the youth in group homes/STRTPs and notify the SWs when their case is due for staffing. Cases will be staffed on a rotating basis by region (so all North County cases one month, Central the next, South the following, etc.)
- If a case carrying social worker, social work supervisor and regional manager determine that a quarterly staffing is not warranted, the case carrying social worker or supervisor will document the reasoning in a case contact in CMS/CWS and forward information to the Placement unit for entry into the Group Home/STRTP database.
- If a SW has a youth who is being considered for Group Home/STRTP placement, the SW will notify the Placement social worker who will add the youth to the agenda for the next meeting.
- The case carrying social worker will be responsible for completing the CWS 935 [Group Home/Short Term Therapeutic Program \(STRTP\) Referral](#). This referral form documents current case status, interventions, treatments, services, current placement, placement history, and social worker recommendations.
- The Placement worker will complete the CWS 936 [Group Home/STRTP Staffing Summary](#) at the staffing. This document

Contact the Recruitment Program Manager, Julie DeFranco at 805/781-1845, or the Recruitment SW, Stephanie Uclaray at 805/788-2807.

	<p>provides a synopsis of situation/case updates, concurrent plan/step down plan, plan timelines, as well as, previous action items and new action items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CWS 937 <a href="#">Probation Referral for Home-Based Family Care Staffing</a> document has been developed to allow Probation to staff cases as needed through CWS.</li> </ul>	
<b>Short Term Residential Therapeutic Progra (STRTP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDSS and DHCS are in progress of finalizing state guidelines and receiving applications from January 1, 2017- December 31, 2017.</li> <li>San Luis Obispo County DSS is partnering to support the conversions of Group Homes to Short Term Residential Therapeutic Placements (STRTPs).</li> <li><a href="#">ACL 13-87</a>, <a href="#">AB 403</a>, <a href="#">AB 1997</a>, <a href="#">ACL 17-11</a>, <a href="#">MHSUDS IN 17-016</a></li> </ul>	All Group home placements must be approved by Assistant Director and regular staffing. ( <a href="#">ACL 13-87</a> )
<b>Hotel Rooms</b>	The Department of Social Services will house children in hotel rooms with supervision in emergency situations and at the discretion of the department.	Please speak with your social worker to find out more about this process.
<b>Specialized Foster Care (SFC)</b>	A specialized home is a resource parent/family that has become certified through the RFA process by attending RFT classes through the Department of Social Services. The resource parent/family then chooses to become a “specialized home” in order to serve children and teens of higher needs that have been stepped down from congregate care or are at risk of being placed into congregate care. Any resource parent/family that has become RFA certified has the option of becoming a “specialized home”.	Contact your current social worker for more information on becoming a Specialized Foster Care Home.
<b>Foster Family Agency</b>	Licensed by the State to provide care and supervision for children requiring a more intensive level of care than is available in county licensed foster or relative homes. The FFA completes a certification process with family homes they recruit, train and provide support services.	To find out more about foster family agencies you can contact 805-788-2807 to receive a referral to an agency.
<b>Emergency Shelter Care</b>	Provides temporary Emergency Shelter Care homes for minors removed from their home. The minor(s) will stay in Emergency Shelter Care until a plan for safe return home or a more permanent home with a relative or foster parent is located.	To become an Emergency Shelter Care provider, you can contact 805-788-2807 to attain more information and register for service training.
<b>Temporary In-Home Support Services</b>	On a very limited basis children for whom no other placement option can be identified can be placed in temporary in home support services which will provide 24 hr., 1 to 1 supervision for the youth at a location agreed upon by the Assistant Director and the provider of services.	Requests for temporary in home support services must be staffed and approved with the Regional Manager and the Assistant Director and with Family Care Network to approve the placement and make sure there is adequate supervision available to support the request. Ongoing services



		to be determined by supervision team.
<b>CSEC Specific</b>	DSS in collaboration with FCNI has funded 2 beds for CSEC identified youth. These beds are similar to the THP program in that they are apartment style beds, not beds in an emergency shelter home. This honors the fact that our CSEC youth often come from having a high level of independence and find transitioning into a family environment very challenging. However, unlike THP which allows the youth to be very independent with minimal direct supervision, the CSEC beds will come with 1 to 1, 24/7 staffing coverage provided by FCNI.	If the SW has a CSEC identified youth, placement into one of these CSEC beds will be staffed with the placement unit who can coordinate with FCNI for placement of the youth so FCNI can provide appropriate supervision. SWs with CSEC youth should follow other established protocol as outlined in the <a href="#">Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children policy and procedure</a> . Ongoing services to be determined by supervision team.
<b>Probation</b>	Coastal Valley Academy-In-custody treatment program at San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall for juvenile offenders who previously would likely have been sent to group home placement. Serves 14-17 year old moderate to high risk wards of the juvenile delinquency court that require removal from the home and a secure treatment environment in order to safely address their criminogenic risk factors.	Probation officers can refer youth on their caseloads, who have qualifying juvenile delinquency records, through an internal staffing procedure for program consideration and suitability. Youth are committed to the program only through an order of the juvenile delinquency court. For more information you can call: 805-781-5352.
<b>Transitional Housing Placement Program</b>	A structured, intensive program for foster youth preparing to leave the foster care system, providing youth with independent housing, substantial one-on-one counseling, support, instruction and guidance. <b>Eligibility: Youth Age 16-18 living in foster care, group home, or placement probation. All Applicants must be eligible to and offered participation in the county ILP Program.</b>	Referral from Child Welfare or Probation officer to FCNI. You can contact the following agencies at the numbers below: FCNI: 805-781-3535, Probation: 805-781-5352, CWS: 805-781-1700
<b>Transitional Housing Placement Program + Foster Care</b>	Pursuant to AB12, passed into law in 2010 and implemented in 2012, THP+FC is a placement option for foster youth age 18-21 (Non-Minor Dependents) who are provided affordable housing and a wide range of supportive services, including one-on-one life skills development assistant and case management in order to successfully establish permanency and self-sufficiency. <b>Eligibility: Non-minor dependents age 18-21.</b>	Referral from Child Welfare or Placement Probation officer to FCNI. You can contact the following agencies at the numbers below: FCNI: 805-781-3535, Probation: 805-781-5352, CWS: 805-781-1700
<b>Transitional Housing Placement Program +</b>	In partnership with Social Services and Behavioral Health Services departments, the agency provides supportive housing programs for transitional aged youth (18-24) who are not in foster care. Participants are provided with affordable housing, case management and one-on-one life skill development assistance. <b>Eligibility: Young adults age 18-24 that have emancipated from foster care system.</b>	Referral from ILP worker. You can reach Family Care Network at: 805-781-3535

<p><b>Wraparound Foster Care and Emergency Care</b></p>	<p>Family-based treatment in a very structured and supportive behavioral management system to support emotionally and/or behaviorally challenging children/youth, as they work to reunify with family or a more permanent placement/Immediate foster care that is available 24-hours per day, seven days per week for abused, neglected or disrupted children/youth. Eligible children include those at risk of out of home placement and are either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court Dependents,</li> <li>• Court Wards,</li> <li>• Eligible for Adoption Assistance (AAP).</li> </ul>	<p>Referral from Child Welfare or Probation officer to FCNI. You can contact the following agencies at the numbers below:  FCNI: 805-781-3535,  Probation: 805-781-5352,  CWS: 805-781-1700</p>
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## Placement Matrix

	SLP	Relative/NR/REM	RFA or Licensed	Specialized County RFA	FFA	Finalized Guardianship	Finalized Adoption	OFFR	I/FC	THPP (age 16-17)	THP+ (age 18-24, not in FFA)	THP-FC (age 18-21 in FFC)	CS/C or NMD emergency	Shelter	Temp. In Home Support	SDS	WRAP	Group Home	STRP
Foster Support Unit	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Mental Health	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clothing Allowance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Education Travel Reimbursement (K-12th)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Foster Youth Enrichment	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Healthcare	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Independent Living Program (age 14-21)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	potentially	potentially	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TAY-FAP (ages 18-21)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	potentially	potentially	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Youth Mentoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Resource Parent Mentoring	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
In Home Behavioral Therapy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	D	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Intensive Home Based Services	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Respite	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Therapeutic Behavior Services	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
WRAP	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Youth Employability Program (age 16-18)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Free school lunch (under 18)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Eligibility to reduced High School graduation requirements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Partial credit granted for High School age youth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education Counselor (high school aged youth)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Extended Foster Care (after 18)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	hited ba	No	No
Additional speciality stipend	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Adoptions Assistance Payment	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
KinGap	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

<b>Childcare Referrals</b>		
<b>What Services/Resource</b>	<b>Who is Eligible</b>	<b>How to Access</b>
<b>Subsidized Chilcare</b>	All foster children receive priority enrollment; however, enrollment is dependent on available space. If there are no subsidized spaces available, the family will be placed on a wait list.	<p>There are 4 different subsidized child care options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Voucher program:</li> <li>2. State Child Development Programs: Head Start is a 3-hr program, located at the Head Start sites. The sites with state child development may also offer full day programs.</li> <li>3. Early Head Start &amp; Head Start Programs: Call Head Start office at (805)-544-4355 to see if there are current openings. You can also email them at HSERSEA@capslo.org include age of children and location and the office will respond with what options are available.</li> </ol> <p><b>If you are interested in Subsidized Child Care, please contact your social worker or the Foster Parent Support Unit at 788-2807.</b></p>
<b>Tangible Needs</b>		
<b>Clothing</b>	Youth placed with an approved Relative, NREFM, or certified caregiver including State vendor licensed homes, FFA's, non-dependent non-related legal guardians, Kin-GAP and Dual Agency. AB 12 youth (except THP+FC).	If you need assistance with providing clothing for the child, contact your social worker and ask about our special clothing allowance. You can also contact the Foster Support Unit at 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808 and they can let you know about local Clothing Closets in your area.
<b>KinGap</b>	Kin-GAP is a child-only cash aid program that promotes family preservation and stability and provides a permanency option for children placed with "traditional relative" or " <b>fictive relative</b> " guardians pursuant to W&IC Section 11391(c).	<p>Effective 3/25/14 the following are allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child must have resided in the approved home of the prospective relative/<b>fictive relative</b> legal guardian for <b>six consecutive months. The six consecutive months' time clock starts on the date the RFA (Resource Family Approval) is complete.</b></li> <li>• Payments to probation-supervised youth when case was dismissed to a relative/<b>fictive relative</b> legal guardian.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued eligibility regardless of the state of residence of the relative /<b>fictive relative</b> guardian and child.</li> <li>• Special Care Increment (SCI) payments.</li> <li>• Dual Agency rates for youth who are consumers of regional centers.</li> <li>• Extend Kin-GAP benefits to age 21 for a youth who has a physical or mental disability that warrants the continuation of assistance.</li> <li>• FC Annual Clothing Allowance.</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	Children and youth in grades K through 12.	To gain assistance with transportation, please contact your social worker so they can take the necessary steps to assist or call 805-781-1700.
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	Reimbursement for expenses associated with having a foster child in their home.	For questions about monthly payments, please contact: 1. Your Social Worker 2. The Foster Support Unit at: 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808
<b>Car Seats</b>	Family must be involved in Family Stabilization Services, must be staffed with a supervisor & approved request.	If you are in need of a car seat, please speak with your social worker or call the 805-781-1700.
<b>Beds/Cribs</b>	Family must be involved in Family Stabilization Services, must be staffed with a supervisor & approved request.	Requests for beds, cribs, etc. can be made through your social worker or the Foster Support Unit at: 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808.
<b>Health Needs</b>		
<b>What Services/Resource</b>	<b>Who is Eligible</b>	<b>How to Access</b>
<b>Foster Care Public Health Nurse</b>	Children in out-of-home care, including children that are detained as well as voluntary paid and non-paid placements.	Contact the Foster Care Public Health Nurse at the CWS agency at: 805-781-1934.
<b>Medical</b>	All foster children are eligible to full scope Medi-Cal.	Contact your social worker or the Foster Support Unit at: 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808.
<b>Mental Health</b>	Children and Non-minor dependents (NMD) up to the age 21 are eligible if: 1. Eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal. 2. Open child welfare services case (voluntary or court ordered). 3. Meets medical necessity for treatment (to be determined by Mental Health). 4. <b>At least one</b> of the following:	The Social Worker will evaluate minor/Non-Minor Dependent's need for a mental health referral and assessment. You can speak to your social worker by calling: 805-781-1700.

	<p>a) Is in or considered for: wraparound, therapeutic foster care, specialized care rate due to behavioral health needs or other intensive EPSDT services.</p> <p>a) Is in or considered for group home, a psychiatric hospital or 24-hour mental health treatment facility, or has experienced three or more placements within 24 months due to behavioral health needs.</p>	
<p><b>AB12 Extended Foster Care (EFC)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Youth in foster care under the juvenile court jurisdiction who turn 18 any time after 1/1/2012.</li> <li>2. Youth who are in a NRLG established through the juvenile court and who have signed a mutual agreement to remain in foster care.</li> <li>3. Youth who turn 18 any time after 1/1/2012 and are under the jurisdiction of a Title IV-E Indian Tribe.</li> <li>4. Youth who are on probation and under an order for foster care placement at age 18 on 1/1/2012 or thereafter (will be handled through probation department).</li> <li>5. Youth who are receiving Kin-GAP or AAP if the youth entered Kin-GAP or AAP after attaining his/her 16th birthday</li> <li>6. Youth who are over 17 years five months of age and under 18 years AND have achieved rehabilitation status through probation AND were adjudged a ward under W&amp;IC section 725 and were under an order for foster care placement. These youth will now be under transition jurisdiction.</li> </ol>	<p>Contact your social worker or the Foster Support Unit at: 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808.</p>
<p><b>Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)</b></p>	<p>The Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) provides necessary financial assistance to families in order to remove or reduce barriers to the adoption of children who otherwise would remain in long-term foster care. Federal AAP cases are required to meet the Title IV-E requirements. Eligibility guidelines require one of the following criteria are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Minor is in the care of a public or private child placement agency</li> <li>2.) Minor has met all medical or disability eligibility requirements for federal SSI benefits,</li> <li>3.) Minor was residing in a foster family home or child care institution with the child's minor parent,</li> <li>4.) The child received AAP with respect to a prior adoption that dissolved.</li> </ol>	<p>Contact the adoption social worker to make arrangements or the adoption department at: 805-781-1700.</p>
<p><b>Foster Support Unit</b></p>	<p>The Foster Support Unit provides support to resource families and foster youth. All services available to DSS and Probation children and families.</p>	<p>The Foster Support Unit can be contacted at: 805-788-2808 or 805-788-2807.</p>
<p><b>Foster Youth Enrichment Activities</b> Provide an opportunity to experience community with each other while exploring culturally enriching activities.</p>	<p>All Resource Families and families are invited to participate in Foster Youth Enrichment activities.</p>	<p>Contact the Foster Support Unit at 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808 to get registered for events.</p>



<p><b>Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care</b> (HCPCFC)The Health Agency's Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program provides health exams for children to find and correct health problems early in life. The yearly exam is provided at no cost.</p>	<p>All foster youth who are in the Medi-Cal program and are a CenCal Health member.</p>	<p>Call the Foster Care Nurse at 805-781-1934.</p>
<p><b>The Housing Support Program the CalWORKS Housing Support Program (HSP)</b> Provides services to eligible families who are homeless and have at least one family member receiving CalWORKS benefits in San Luis Obispo County. HSP is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for eligible CalWORKS families.</p>	<p>To be eligible for HSP services, a family must have been residing in San Luis Obispo County for the past 12 months.</p>	<p>If your family is homeless and receiving CalWORKS benefits, ask your CalWORKS case manager about HSP.</p>
<p><b>Indepentent Living Program</b> Is a program designed to provide services and resources for foster youth and probation youth between the ages of 14-21. ILP receives funding through federal, state and county funds. Services include assistance with the following: education, employment, housing, daily living, financial literacy, TAY-FAP, Case Management, and Senior Activities.</p>	<p>All foster youth and probation youth between the ages of 14 and 21 are eligible.</p>	<p>Contact the social worker and if necessary contact Foster Support Unit at: 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808.</p>
<p><b>The Mentoring Program</b> Provides direct support from existing resource families to help develop</p>	<p>All foster youth and probation youth between the ages of 14 and 21 are eligible.</p>	<p>Complete the Foster Care Mentor Request E-Form with your social worker. For more info, please call 805-781-1700.</p>

connection, relationship and a support network.		
<b>In Home Parenting Support</b>	All resource families are eligible to be referred to CAPSLO's in-home parenting support program.	Contact Foster Support Unit if Staff for assistance or any specific concerns, as they can make referrals to CAPSLO for services. 805-788-2808 or 805-781-1700.
<b>In Home Behavioral Therapy</b>	For Resource families who need more intensive services.	Contact the social worker and if necessary contact Foster Support Unit at: 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808.
<b>Intensive Home Based Services</b>	Youth who are full scope Medi-Cal that meet the requirement for specialty mental health services.	Mental health clinician or network provider would refer to FCNI. To reach Family Care Network please call 805-781-3535.
<b>Developmental and Recreational Activities</b>	All parents interested in providing additional developmental and recreational activities for youth, while the CWS case is open.	Work with your social worker to receive prior authorization.
<b>Respite Care</b>	All Resource Families, but only when a certified caregiver plans to be away for less than 72 hours. (This MUST be pre-arranged.)Reimbursement can be claimed: 1. No more than 24 consecutive hours at one time. 2. Each 12-hour increment (or portion), paid at \$50.00/first child and \$25.00/each additional child. 3. (2) 12-hour increments may be provided consecutively. 4. Maximum of (4) 12-hour increments claimed per month, per child. 5. Must NOT exceed 24 hours consecutively.	When the care giver is unable to arrange his/her own respite care, the caregiver is to contact the Foster Support Unit at 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808 or ss_fpsupport.org to inform that they intend to use Respite.
<b>Specialty Respite Care</b>	All Resource Families, but only an option when a certified caregiver plans to be away for less than 72-hours. (This <b>MUST</b> be pre-arranged).	Contact the Foster Support Unit at 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808 to discuss options for use of Specialty Respite Care.
<b>SSI/SSP Benefits</b> It is the policy of San Luis Obispo County Child Welfare Services (CWS) to ensure that federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security, Retirement, Survivor, or Disability Insurance (RSDI) benefits are in place for potentially eligible youth before the youth transitions from foster care. Providing SSI benefits to disabled foster youth exiting foster care will increase	Social workers on the case will determine eligibility.	Contact the case carrying social worker and ask for assessment of eligibility. You can reach you social worker by contact CWS at 805-781-1700.

<p>the chances for a successful transition to independent living and could help prevent homelessness.</p>		
<p><b>Therapeutic Behavior Services. A short-term EPSDT</b></p> <p>Funded mental health service, available to eligible children and youth under age 21. It is intended to prevent a young person from having to go into a more restrictive placement, or to support the transition of a young person from an institutional placement back to the child's home or community.</p>	<p>Eligibility: Full scope medical mental health clients that either has been OR is at risk of hospitalization or RCL 12-14.</p>	<p>Referral from Mental Health Clinician to FCNI. To reach Family Care Network please call 805-781-3535.</p>
<p><b>Transitional Aged Youth Financial Assistance Program</b></p> <p>Provides financial support to ILP eligible TAY with needs related to enrolling in or maintaining enrollment school or employment that enhances their ability to achieve independence and self-sufficiency.</p>	<p>Eligibility: ILP youth enrolled in college or vocational program.</p>	<p>Referral from ILP worker. To reach Family Care Network please call 805-781-3535.</p>
<p><b>Transitional Housing Program</b></p>	<p>Programs: <b>Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP), Transitional Housing Plus--Foster Care (THP+FC), Transitional Housing Placement Plus (THP+).</b></p>	<p>(Please see CWS-Probation Placement Sheet).</p>
<p><b>The Youth Employability Program</b></p> <p>substantially improves Transition Age Youth (TAY), ages 16-18, Employability and Career Development</p>	<p>Eligibility: Youth Age 16-18 in any placement.</p>	<p>Please call: <b>Paso Robles</b> 715 24th St, Suite. H Jenny Huss   Career Coach (805)703-3390 jhuss@Eckerd.org</p> <p><b>San Luis Obispo</b> 4251 S. Higuera Suite 102 Stacey Scott Career Coach</p>

potential through Community Engagement, Connections and Networking.		(805)835-9319 stscott@eckerd.org  <b>Arroyo Grande</b> 145 S. Halcyon Ave, Suite G Shannon Sawicki   Career Coach (805)835-9311 ssawicki@eckerd.org.
<b>Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)</b>	The Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) provides necessary financial assistance to families in order to remove or reduce barriers to the adoption of children who otherwise would remain in long-term foster care. Federal AAP cases are required to meet the Title IV-E requirements. Eligibility guidelines require one of the following criteria be met: 1.) Minor is in the care of a public or private child placement agency. 2.) Minor has met all medical or disability eligibility requirements for federal SSI benefits, 3) Minor was residing in a foster family home or child care institution with the child's parent, 4.) The child received AAP with respect to a prior adoption that dissolved.	Contact the adoption social worker to make arrangements or the adoption department at 805-781-1700.
<b>Resource Family Case support (RFCS):</b>	This is an ongoing support group for resource families, relative caregivers, and adoptive parents. The structure is to allow each family to share concerns, ask questions, and receive support regarding their placements. Confidentiality, resources, problem solving, support and shared experiences are the focus within a therapeutic setting.	A DSS staff member will attend periodically and as needed to provide accurate information and DSS guidelines.
<b>Youth Mentor</b>	FCNI and CASA both offer youth mentors. Please see FCNI and CASA for more info.	Contact the social worker and if necessary contact Foster Support Unit at: 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808.
<b>Resource Parent Mentor</b>	Available to the following youth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relative/NREFM</li> <li>• RFA or Licensed</li> <li>• Specialised County RFA</li> <li>• FFA</li> <li>• OFR</li> <li>• IFT</li> </ul>	Contact the social worker and if necessary contact Foster Support Unit at: 805-788-2807 or 805-788-2808.

<b>FOSTER EDUCATION LAW</b>	
<b>Completed by San Luis Obispo County Office of Education</b>	
Provided by: Jessica Thomas, Senior Coordinator — SLOCOE H&FYSCP	
<b>Legal Requirement</b>	<b>All Foster Youth</b>
<b>School District Liaison</b>	<b>Federal Requirement</b>
<b>School of Origin</b> (SB 445 — Ch. 289, Stats. 2015) (ESSA — eff. 10-1-16)	Any school attended within the last 15 months. When no longer under court jurisdiction, the student can attend for the duration of the school year (K-8) or through graduation (9-12th). May matriculate with peers.
<b>Enrollment</b>	Required immediately, regardless of lack of documentation, immunizations, etc.
<b>Immunizations</b>	Must be enrolled regardless of lack of immunization information including Tdap.
<b>School Transfer of Records</b>	State: completed within 2 days of receiving request.
<b>Special Education</b>	Appropriate and immediate placement in classes regardless of records; 30-day review.
<b>Equal access</b>	Every program or afterschool activity that any other student would qualify for.
<b>Free and Reduced Lunch</b>	Automatic qualification.
<b>Transportation</b> (SB445 — Ch. 289, Stats. 2015)	Provided by caregiver or foster parent. Placement agency must provide reimbursement to caregiver. This applies only to students not receiving transportation services through an IEP.
<b>Partial Credits</b> (AB 1806 — Ch. 767, Stats. 2014) (SB 578 — Ch. 472, Stats. 2011)'	Schools must provide credits based on the amount of time student was present, regardless of whether student completed the semester at the school.
<b>Grade and Credit Protection</b> (AB 1806 — Ch. 767, Stats. 2014) (AB 490 — Ch. 862, Stats. 2003)	Student maintains grade and credit earned from previous school placement, even if student transfers mid-semester.
<b>Minimum Requirements for Graduation</b> (AB 1806 — Ch. 767, Stats. 2014) (AB 216 — Ch. 324, Stats. 2013)	Must be considered homeless or foster youth, transfer after the 2nd year of high school, unable to complete local requirements within 4 years or if offered a 5th, and must be informed within 30 days of transfer.
<b>Dispute Resolution Process</b>	Required to have a district process.
<b>Expulsion</b> (AB 1806 — Ch. 767 Stats. 2014)	10 day notice to attorney, educational rights holder, and social worker for extension of suspension, manifestation determination and expulsion hearing.

<b>MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>		
<b>NOTE:</b> Services are listed from “Least Restrictive/Intrusive” to “Highest Level Service”		
Provided by Patty Ford		
<b>What Services/Resources</b>	<b>Who is Eligible</b>	<b>How to Access</b>
<p><b>Clinic based Mental Health Services</b> (assessment, individual, family and group therapy; rehabilitation services; case management; crisis intervention; psychiatric evaluation, medication monitoring).</p>	Medi-Cal Eligible youth age birth to 21 and Educationally related Mental Health Services	Call 1-800-838-1381 or for CWS, referral is through the DSS Net data base
<p><b>Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)</b> ICC can involve assessing; service planning and implementation; monitoring and adapting; and transition. ICC services are provided within the Child and Family Team (CFT) and in accordance with the Core Practice Model (CPM).</p>	Any Full Scope Medi-Cal eligible youth that need a cross-system/multi-agency collaborative services approach as described in the CPM.	Call 1-800-838-1381 or for CWS DSS Net data base. If current MH client, ask the MH therapist.
<p><b>Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS)</b> Are interventions to address mental health conditions that interfere with a child/youth’s functioning. They help the child/youth build skills necessary for successful functioning in the home, community and school.</p>	Any Full Scope Medi-Cal eligible youth that is currently receiving ICC and meets medical necessity for the service.	Call 1-800-838-1381 or for CWS DSS Net data base. If current MH client, ask the MH therapist.
<p><b>Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)</b> TBS is 1:1, short-term, intensive, behavioral intervention provided in the home, school or community.</p>	Full scope Medi-Cal children/youth under 21 with serious emotional challenges. Child/youth must be involved in another Specialty Mental Health Service.	Call 1-800-838-1381 and/or ask the current therapist.
<p><b>Full Service Partnership (FSP)</b> Provides intensive (multiple times per week), community based array of mental health services (MHS) including rehabilitation services focusing on activities of daily living, social skill development and vocational/job skills driven by the Child and Family Team.</p>	Youth age Birth to 25, regardless of insurance coverage, that have severe mental health issues where the services above are not sufficient to meet their needs.	Call 1-800-838-1381 and/or a referral is submitted directly to the Youth Services Program Supervisor: in North County 805-461-6060 or San Luis Obispo 805-781-4179. The SLO team provides services to SLO, South County and the Coast.
<p><b>Katie A Intensive team</b> Provides intensive (multiple times per week), community based array of mental health services (MHS) including ICC and IHBS driven by the Child and Family Team.</p>	Children must have an open Child Welfare case and meet Katie A subclass criteria.	CWS DSS Net data base and or Call 1-800-838-1381.



<b>FAMILY CARE NETWORK</b>		
<b>NOTE:</b> Services are listed from “Least Restrictive/Intrusive” to “Highest Level Service”		
Provided by:		
<b>What Service/Resource</b>	<b>Who is Eligible</b>	<b>How to Access</b>
<b>WRAP Around</b>	300 dependents, 602 wards, and Adoptions Assistance Youth.	Referral from Child Welfare or Probation officer to FCNI – Placement.
<b>Therapeutic Foster Care</b> (including WRAP foster care and Emergency Shelter Care)	300 dependents and 602 youth needing to be placed in out of home care. Level of placement is determined at Interagency Placement Committee.	Referral from Child Welfare or Probation officer to FCNI – Placement.
<b>Transitional Housing Placement Program</b>	Youth Age 16-18 living in foster care, group home, or placement probation.	Referral from Child Welfare or Probation officer to FCNI.
<b>Transitional Housing Placement Plus Foster Care</b>	Non-minor dependents age 18-21.	Referral from Child Welfare or Placement Probation officer to FCNI - Placement/Housing Program.
<b>Transitional Housing Placement Plus</b>	Young adults age 18-24 that have emancipated from foster care system.	Referral from ILP worker - Service/Housing program.
<b>Therapeutic Behavioral Services</b>	Full scope medical mental health clients that either have been OR are at risk of hospitalization or RCL 12-14	Referral from Mental Health Clinician to FCNI – Service.
<b>Transitional Aged Youth Financial Assistance Program</b>	ILP youth enrolled in college or vocational program.	Referral from ILP worker – Service.
<b>Independent Living Program</b>	CWS and probation foster youth: age 14-21.	Referral from Child Welfare or Placement Probation officer to FCNI – Service.
<b>Youth Employment Program</b>	Youth Age 16-18 in any placement.	Complete request form and submit to Pieter Neethling at FCNI – Service.

<b>Intensive Home Based Services</b>	Full Scope medical youth that meet the requirement for specialty mental health services.	Mental health clinician or network provider would refer to FCNI – Service.
<b>Housing Support Program</b>	Homeless families that have resided in SLO county for at least 12-months.	Referral from eligibility (ERS) worker at DSS – Service.
<b>Youth Mentors</b>	Mentoring for youth in care who have experienced trauma.	

## CASA

**NOTE:** Services are listed from “Least Restrictive/Intrusive” to “Highest Level Service”

Provided by:

What Service/Resource	Who is Eligible	How to Access
<b>Youth Mentors</b>	Current and former foster youth have a need for mentors as they transition into adulthood without family support. With the passage of AB12, now called After 18, effective 01/01/12, foster youth are eligible to receive foster care and ILP services until the age of 21 when they meet eligibility criteria.	CASA- need input from Pete Skarda as how referral process goes.

<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT FOSTER YOUTH LIAISONS</b>		
EDUCATION- Completed by the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education		
<b>2016-2017 School Year</b>		
Provided by Jessica Thomas, Senior Coordinator, SLOCOE H&FYSCP		
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<b>Atascadero Unified School District</b>	Dan Mosunich, Ed.D. AUSD	805-462-4200 danmosunich@atasusd.org
<b>Cayucos Elementary School District</b>	Liz Villalobos CESD	805-995-3694 lvillalobos@cayucosschool.org
<b>Coast Unified School District</b>	Bob Watt CUSD	805-927-4666 bwatt@coastusd.org
<b>Grizzly Challenge Charter School</b>	Brandi Baldiviez Grizzly	805-788-6924 bbaldiviez@mygya.com
<b>Lucia Mar Unified School District</b>	Wendy Bruse LMUSD	805-474-3000x1107 wendy.bruse@lmusd.org
<b>Paso Robles Joint Unified School District</b>	Paul Press PRJUSD	805-769-1000x30141 ppress@pasoschools.org
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