



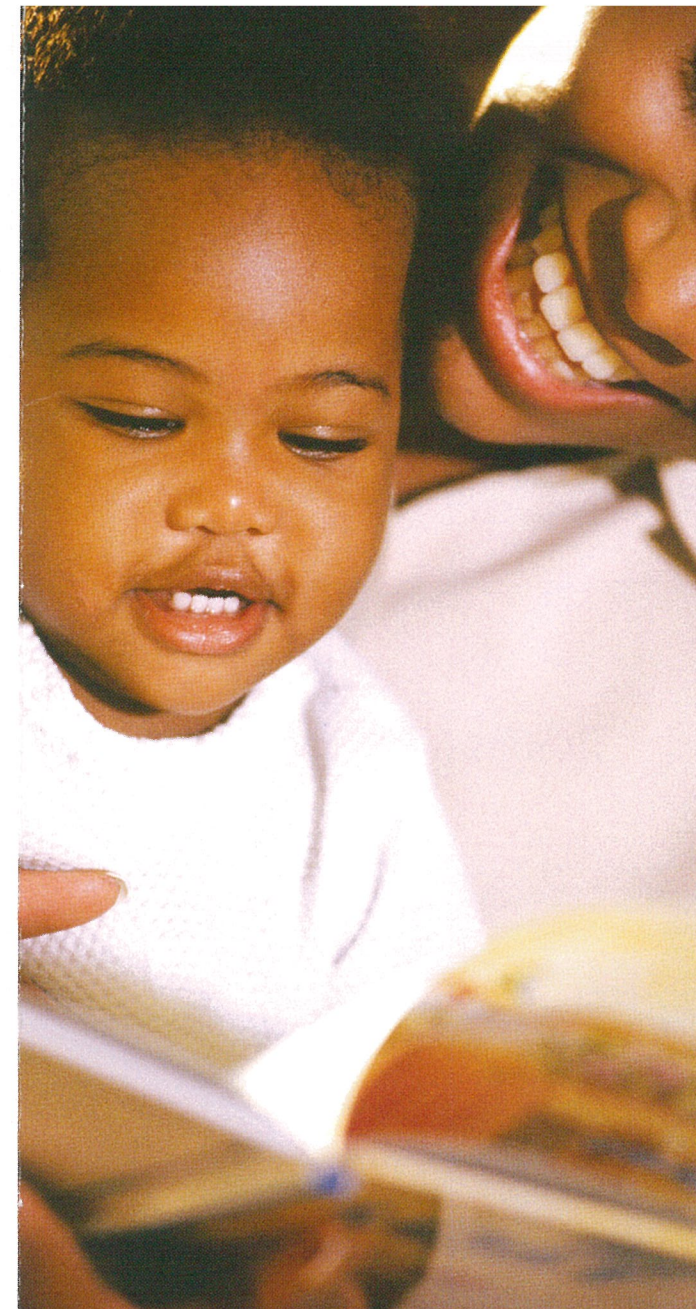
PARTICIPATING COLLEGES (CONTINUED)

Mt. San Jacinto College
Napa Valley College
Oxnard College
Pasadena City College
College of the Redwoods
Rio Hondo College
Riverside Community College
Saddelback College
San Bernardino College
City College of San Francisco
San Joaquin Delta College
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Rosa Junior College
College of the Sequoias
Shasta College
Sierra College
College of the Siskiyous
Solano Community College
Taft College
Ventura College
Victor Valley College
West Los Angeles College
West Valley College
Yuba College - Marysville
Yuba College - Woodland



For more information on the Foster and Kinship Care Education Program, contact your local participating college, or The Chancellor's Office Foster and Kinship Care Education Unit at 916.323.5275. The State Foster and Kinship Care Education Program is a sub-unit of the Career, Child and Community Development Unit within the Student Services and Special Programs Division.

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE
EDUCATION PROGRAM

“the more we know, the more they grow”

INTRODUCTION

The California Community College Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) program was first established in 1984, with the passage of Senate Bill 2003 (Royce, Statutes of 1984, Chapter 1597), known as the Foster Children and Parent Training Act.

The State Chancellor's Office and a system of 67 local community colleges implement the Foster and Kinship Care Education Program each year, in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), a State Advisory Committee, local county departments of social services (DSS), as well as foster parent and kinship (relative) care provider associations. The local colleges provide education and training opportunities to foster parents and kinship/relative care providers to assist them in meeting the special needs of the foster children in their care.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Foster and Kinship Care Education Program is to provide quality education and support opportunities to caregivers of children and youth in out-of-home care, so that these providers may meet the foster childrens' educational, emotional, behavioral and developmental needs.

ROLE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The colleges provide high quality workshops and classes to meet the needs of local foster parents and kinship care providers in their counties. The colleges offer a wide array of class topics to meet the "pre-service" and "in-service/on-going" training requirements for foster parents and kinship (relative) care providers, consistent with state laws: AB 3062, Statutes of 1996, SB 916, Statutes of 1997, AB 2307, Statutes of 2000; and local county policies.

WHO WE SERVE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

Last year the FKCE program served over 20,000 foster parents, kinship (relative) care providers, social services staff and others whom received education and training through the community college FKCE programs.

Some of the core types of workshop and class topics provided include:

- Parenting Skills - Child Development, Behavior Management
- Substance abuse or exposure
- Working with the system - Self-help skills for care providers, working with the local agency
- Permanency planning - reunification/emancipation/adoption/guardianship
- Self esteem
- Kinship care orientation and training
- Cultural diversity
- Training foster parent & kinship (relative) care providers to be trainers
- Prevention of teenage pregnancy

** Classes are customized to meet needs of foster parent and kinship (relative) caregiver populations.*

OUR COMMITMENT

The Foster and Kinship Care Education program is committed to providing high quality education and training at no cost to foster parents and kinship (relative) care providers since 1984. The FKCE program plays a vital role in providing foster parents and relative/kinship caregivers with the training and education that will help them meet the multifaceted and often complex needs of foster children in their care. Our commitment remains strong in continuing to collaborate with key foster care system stakeholders, such as CDSS, local county DSS, Probation and other organizations to best meet the needs of California's foster parents/kinship (relative) care providers and their children.

Following is a list of the 67 participating California community colleges who provide quality education and training opportunities to eligible caregivers.

PARTICIPATING COLLEGES

Allan Hancock College
American River College
Antelope Valley College
Bakersfield College
Butte College
Cabrillo College
Cañada College
College of the Canyons
Cerritos College
Chabot College
Citrus College (Consortium)
Columbia College
Compton College
Contra Costa College
Cosumnes River College/El Dorado Center
Cuesta College
Cypress College
Diablo Valley College
East Los Angeles College
El Camino College
Evergreen Valley College
Fresno City College
Grossmont College
Hartnell College
Imperial Valley College
Lake Tahoe Community College
Las Positas College
Lassen College
Long Beach City College
Los Angeles City College
Los Angeles Harbor College
Los Angeles Mission College
Los Angeles Pierce College
Los Angeles Southwest College
Los Angeles Trade Tech College
Los Medanos College
College of Marin
Mendocino College
Merced College
Merritt College
Modesto Junior College
Moorpark College