

Shoutout



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Greetings

May is Foster Parent appreciation month. It goes without saying that the Agency deeply appreciate the awesome work and service the foster parents continue to exhibit. We are especially elated with the on-going low number of Special Incidents that occur in our homes. In order for this to happen foster parents have to be dedicated and care about the quality of services they provide.

Once again, your efforts and success is recognized.

Training

“Reunification”

Wednesday, May 15, 2019
(10:00 to 12:00) At the office

Holiday

Monday, May 27, 2019 is Memorial Day. The office will be closed.

Recruitment

The Agency is again aggressively recruiting foster parents or resource families. At this time the stipend is \$500 once a child is placed in the home.

Agency Recommended Foster Parent Goals

During the latter part of last year an edition of Shoutout indicated the Agency has decided going forward, the primary focus would be on Reunification. The rationale for this is the state of California has set three options for children in foster care. Those options are Reunification, Adoptions and Guardianship. These are three good options as in the past, children in foster care quite often did not have solid case plans. While the Agency will work at achieving all three of the goals, Reunification will be the top priority and resources will be directed to help make that happen.

If Reunification is to occur at

at an appreciable rate, the foster parents must be on board with that. To help move this forward the Agency is recommending that foster parents set the following Reunification goals:

- (1) Continue to provide a safe, clean living environment for the children. This helps children develop a sense of pride and high standards.
- (2) Work with the other parties involved with the child and family in a collaboratively manner. This includes wraparound personnel.
- (3) Work to minimize the effects of trauma associated with being a foster child. A foster child has experienced at least two or three prior placements. Any move has some trauma associated with it.

