

# QUALITY PARENTING INITIATIVE

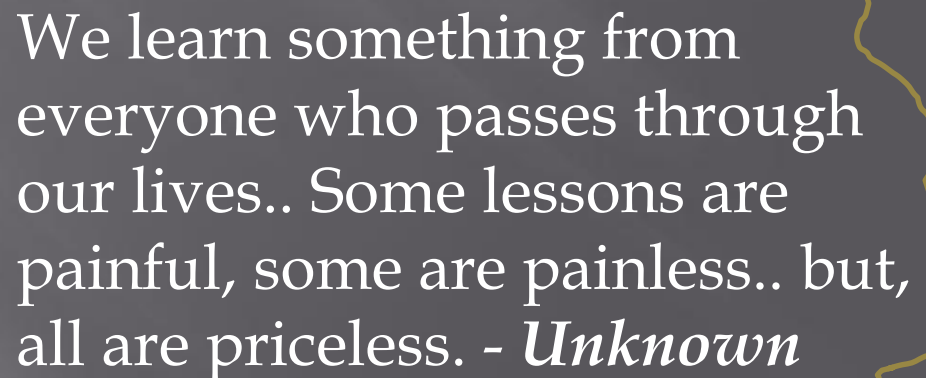
San Luis Obispo County

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can  
change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

# Resource Family Satisfaction Survey

- ▣ Sent out March 2014
- ▣ Will be sent out again January 2015 and annually thereafter
- ▣ Using results and feed back to help drive trainings and projects taken on under the QPI umbrella



We learn something from everyone who passes through our lives.. Some lessons are painful, some are painless.. but, all are priceless. - *Unknown*

# Results from Resource Family Survey

## Areas of Satisfaction

- ▣ In-service Training
- ▣ Majority of Foster Parents stated they felt staff genuinely care about them
- ▣ Satisfied with the amount of monthly reimbursement and the timeliness received
- ▣ Agency is sensitive to the issues of race and culture
- ▣ Overall satisfaction with their experience as a foster parent

The only way to do great work is to love what you do.

-Steve Jobs

# Results from Resource Family Survey

## Areas needing improvement

- ▣ Pre placement arrangements – particularly addressing youth's behavioral needs before placing child with family
- ▣ Staff responsiveness to phone calls
- ▣ Opportunities for older youth and teens
- ▣ More training on handling behavioral issues
- ▣ Trainings being offered in all regions of our county

Life is like photography. You need the negatives to develop.

- *Unknown*

# Monthly QPI Steering Committee

## Mission Statement:

To promote a high quality, vibrant foster care system in San Luis Obispo County. This group is tasked with listening to foster parent representatives, and identifying where changes and improvements can be made in processes, as well as working with the foster parents to identify additional trainings and supports that the foster parents need in order to provide excellent care to our foster children. Additionally, this group will examine current Social Worker training and practices and identify areas that Social Workers could benefit from more training or areas that the Social Workers need additional tools to help them strengthen their practice.



There are no traffic jams along the extra mile. -Roger Staubach

# Quarterly newsletter enhanced

- ▣ Now includes an ILP section to include topics relevant to older youth
- ▣ Cuesta College, our FKCE provider, has been invited to write an article that ties in to the foster parent academy training topics
- ▣ Planning to add an adoption page
- ▣ Caregivers can now receive one hour of training credit by returning a short quiz

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.  
-Chinese Proverb



# QPI Email Blasts -Topics

Topics covered so far:	
QPI Overview	Information Sharing
Working with schools	Confidentiality

Future Topics planned:	
Pre – Placement Issues	Transition Planning
Court Attendance for FPs	Partnership Plan
Post Placement	Foster Parent Supports
Concurrent Planning	Working with Bio Parents
Working with Drug Exposed children	Foster parents as part of the case management team
Fostering Teens	Communication

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. –Martin Luther King Jr.

# Foster Friendly Businesses



If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else. –Booker T. Washington



# Foster Youth Enrichment Program

Monthly group activities scheduled such as attending theater productions, bowling, horseback riding, art lessons, sports clinics etc.

OR

Individual sessions can be requested to explore youth's interests with an emphasis on exposure to potential careers

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. -Maya Angelou

# Mentoring Program

- ▣ Photos with bios available at our pre-service training
- ▣ Currently have 18 mentors serving 18 families
- ▣ 41 families served since mentor program began 2 years ago – this equals over 400 hours of mentoring!
- ▣ Quarterly Mentor meetings held
- ▣ Mentors receive a small stipend and additional training

Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may  
remember, involve me and I learn  
- Benjamin Franklin

# On the Horizon:

- ▣ Welcome packets to newly approved Resource Families
- ▣ Fall Foster Parent/Social Worker Team Building Conference
- ▣ Expansion of Mentoring Program to Relative Caregivers
- ▣ New Foster Care Website under development
- ▣ Send out next Resource Family Satisfaction Survey

You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.

-Christopher Columbus

# Be the change you wish to see in the world -Mahatma Ghandi

The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity.

- Amelia Earhart

Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right.

-Henry Ford

Believe you can and you're halfway there.

-Theodore Roosevelt

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

-Anne Frank