

# Paving a Better Future in Foster Care Education

Seven ways your support and involvement can Make A Difference!

## Foster & Adopt

Alliance for Children | <http://www.allforchildren.org>  
Foster Care Adoption Hotline at (888) 811-1121 | <http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us>  
Southern California Foster Family and Adoption Agency | <http://www.scffaa.org>  
Offer a warm and safe home environment to foster abused and neglected children or provide a permanent, loving home to a foster child through adoption. You do not have to be wealthy or married; single people, unmarried couples, and partners can all adopt.

Every child needs a network of caring adults and a supportive community in order to thrive.

## CASA

Become a volunteer  
Start a CASA program  
Work at CALCASA or a local CASA program

California CASA Association | [staff@californiacasa.org](mailto:staff@californiacasa.org) | [www.californiacasa.org/CalCASA](http://www.californiacasa.org/CalCASA)

Rights of foster youth | [www.clcla.org/training.htm](http://www.clcla.org/training.htm)  
Judicial Council forms | [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms)  
Foster care education liaisons | [www.cde.ca.gov/lc/pf/fy](http://www.cde.ca.gov/lc/pf/fy)  
Foster youth education resources | [www.cde.ca.gov/lc/pf/fy/resources.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/lc/pf/fy/resources.asp)

## Ed Rights

The Juvenile Court is in need of volunteers to act as education rights holders for children in their Delinquency Division.

Peace 4 Kids | <http://www.peace4kids.org>  
California Mentor Foundation | <http://calmentor.com>  
Children Uniting Nations | <http://www.childrenunitingnations.org>  
Children Youth and Family Collaborative | <http://www.cyfcla.org>  
California Governor's Mentoring Partnership | <http://www.mentoring.ca.gov>

## Mentor

Visit these organizations for more information on how to become a mentor.

## Make Calls

Find out who your assembly members are and contact them, ask for a face-to-face meeting here in L.A. (available Fridays), or as an alternative speak to them via phone in Sacramento. Ask the assembly member what his/her plan is to improve the lives of California's foster youth, or if s/he isn't proposing legislation what assembly member's proposal s/he he will support. To find your assembly member or senator, go to <http://www.assembly.ca.gov> click "Find My District".

Junior League of Los Angeles | <http://www.jlla.org/?nd=sponsorship>  
The Children's Law Center | <http://www.childrenslawcenter.org>  
California CASA | <http://www.californiacasa.org>  
Public Council | <http://www.publiccounsel.org>  
New Visions | <http://www.newvisionsfnd.org>  
Youth Law Center | <http://www.ylc.org>

## Donate

Even a \$25 contribution can make a difference to our foster youth!

<http://www.calyouthconn.org> | California Youth Connection  
[parenting@newalternatives.org](mailto:parenting@newalternatives.org) | New Alternatives Inc.  
<http://www.learningrights.org> | Learning Rights Center  
[jit@jitfosteryouth.org](mailto:jit@jitfosteryouth.org) | Just In Time for Foster Youth  
[tmoore@spacademy.org](mailto:tmoore@spacademy.org) | San Pasqual Academy  
[www.voices4children.com](http://www.voices4children.com) | Voices for Children

Join the ThinkTank!  
Since 2007, Judge Groman has organized a monthly meeting (ThinkTank) to help educate the professionals who work at the Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center or who provide services to our probation youth. To receive her monthly newsletter, email Judge Donna Quigley Groman at [DGroman@LASuperiorCourt.org](mailto:DGroman@LASuperiorCourt.org)

## Stay Informed

Join the Kids Alliance Mailing List  
Find information about the work the Alliance for Children's Right's is accomplishing for children in poverty and receive updates on recent news and events.  
<http://www.kids-alliance.org/contact.asp>

Join Free E-NewsNotes  
Subscribers will be notified about important legislative or regulatory proposals and changes, significant litigation, new reports and publications, and other important events that impact the health and well-being of California's children.  
<http://www.cachildlaw.org/subscribe1.aspx>