

# CALIFORNIA FAMILY LIFE CENTER



# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

*Inspiring hope, trust and possibilities for brighter futures.*

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## Our Mission

To provide safety, comfort and healing to children suffering abuse and abandonment; to teach love and trust; to instill self-esteem, values and hope for the future; and, in so doing, assist children trapped in hopelessness and despair become compassionate and contributing members of the community.



***"LOOKING BACK SO THAT THE VIEW LOOKING FORWARD IS EVEN CLEARER."***

## Message from our Executive Director

The year 2020 has presented unprecedented challenging times for everyone. The pandemic caused all of us to take pause and reflect on life itself. The first few words of our CFLC mission statement became our action call "To provide safety, comfort and healing"..... that is the heart of who we are. "As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart" Proverbs 27:19. The greatest gift is life with the realization that it can change in a moment. We look at this past year as if gazing at a running stream of water, things moving quickly, the bubbling up of depths so deep yet reflecting back our heart. Our heartfelt message is to provide compassion and love to children, youth and families that get caught in the chaos of things beyond themselves. CFLC helps children, youth and families to recover, heal, and build healthy relationships. Our staff address the unique needs and provides the quality care needed. None of this is accomplished without the generous support of our Board, donors, volunteers, and partners. Together, we transform lives, restore hope and reflect our heart.

-Mary Jo Ramirez



PLEASE NOTE: ALL PICTURES OF YOUTH AND STAFF WITHOUT MASKS WERE TAKEN BEFORE THE COVID-19 MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES. CFLC IS AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS THAT IS OPEN AND FOLLOWING THE CDC AND THE STATE'S GUIDANCE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS TO INCLUDE WEARING A MASK, WASHING HANDS FREQUENTLY AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING.

# WHO ARE WE?

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## SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM



Our homes provide a warm nurturing place for youth ages 13-18 who are placed with us either through Probation or Child Services. It is through our Youth Homes that we restore hope and provide warmth and a chance to heal from traumatic events in their lives. Our homes are staffed 24-hours a day with experienced caring individuals.

**74 Youth served in our residential facilities are ages 13-18**

**100% of STRTP Youth receive mental health services**

## MENTAL HEALTH

CFLC promotes healing in traumatized youth as we assist youth in identifying their strengths, gifts, that they can utilize to create a sense of purpose, meaning and value. Each child needs to feel valued which helps enhance their self-esteem, as well as assists them on focusing on goals. Our Mental Health Department has experienced licensed Clinicians to offer individual counseling, support groups and help youth transition out of congregate care.



## CHAPLAINCY

Our Chaplaincy program is a vital support for many families in need and offers spiritual help and direction in difficult times. This year more than ever the basic things such as food, shelter, and clothing were made available to help stabilize families during the pandemic. Our Giving Tree went virtual and many gifts came in at Christmas time to make the holiday a joyous time. Through our Chaplaincy program we develop and support our community through relationships that inspires hope, friendship, resilience, and support. Chaplaincy continues to provide support for youth and children through the generous donations of our donors.



*"AS WATER REFLECTS THE FACE, SO ONE'S LIFE REFLECTS THE HEART" - PROVERBS 27:19*

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## **RESOURCE FAMILY AGENCY**

Our Resource/Foster parents provide a safe environment and give each child much needed love and guidance. While the children are in our RFA homes, we work with their birth families with the expectation that reunification can be established when a healthy environment can be provided by these families in the future. We provided families for 257 children 0-18 through our 61 Resource families.



**257 Children placed into one of our 61 dedicated homes**



## **ADOPTION**

It's been one year since the opening of our Adoption Agency. Every child thrives in a permanent loving family and CFLC recognizes that "Forever Families" provide safety and hope for children. Although this year was very complicated, families were still opening their hearts and homes to adopt. During this past year 34 children were adopted!

**One year since our Adoption Agency opened**

**34 children were adopted in the past year**

*" REFLECTION. REFLECT ON EVERYTHING YOU SAY AND DO. IT HAS THE POWER TO GUIDE YOU ON AN HONORABLE JOURNEY."  
- UNKNOWN*

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## **KIN CARE**

The Kin Care program helps children remain connected to their families by keeping them with relatives as their caregivers. The relative caregivers are making a commitment that is keeping children out of foster care and connected to a loving family. It is through kinship services that there is an increase to the chances for children's success by building the strength of the families to meet their health, financial, social, emotional, and parenting needs. We have 398 kinship families that were served during the year to provide safety, comfort and healing to children in their families.

**398 Kin Care caregivers**

**65% of caregivers are over the age of 50**

**742 hours of counseling**

**80% of caregivers are biological grandparents**



*"IN A MIRROR IS WHERE WE FIND A REFLECTION OF OUR APPEARANCES, BUT IN A HEART IS WHERE WE FIND A REFLECTION OF OUR SOUL."  
-UNKNOWN*



## **SAFECARE**

SafeCare is an evidence-based, parent-training program for parents of children ages 0-5 who are at-risk for or have been reported for child neglect or physical abuse.

SafeCare staff work with families in their homes to improve parents' skills in several areas, including home safety, health care, and parent-child interaction. SafeCare is a support to families and helps families to nurture their children.



**297 families were served through the SafeCare program**

# YOUTH OPPORTUNITY CENTERS



## JOB TRAINING & EDUCATION

CFLC's three Youth Opportunity Centers (Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Rubidoux) offer young adults the opportunity to engage in work experience, education, postsecondary education, career training, and employment. Over 600 youth benefited from the job training program. As part of the job training, CFLC in partnership with Riverside County Office of Education offers a YouthBuild Plus program to provide education, leadership development, community service, and meaningful project-based occupational skills. Training in construction and logistics is offered to at-risk disadvantaged youth between the ages of 16-24. This year the Youth Community Corp (YCC) was created and we served 439 youth that provided volunteer support during COVID-19 to non-profits and public agencies. Each youth was paid a stipend and gained valuable work experience through the YCC. The STEPS program started this year in partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation to provide work experience and training for youth with disabilities; 100 youth are served through this program.

**147 Youth attained credentials**

**311 Youth placed in employment, education or training**

**264 Youth achieved measurable skills gains**

## LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM

The Legislative Internship Program and County-Wide Youth Commission provides hundreds of hours of service to our communities and creates an upmost professional internship experience working alongside the County's Board of Supervisors staff. This program gives youth in our County a voice, provides on-the-job professional training for our young adult interns, and facilitates county-wide events for high school students and Youth Opportunity Center participants.



# OFFICES AND CENTERS

**Administration**  
 930 N. State St.  
 Hemet, CA 92543  
 951-765-6955

**Resource Family & Adoption- San Jacinto**  
 701 W. Esplanade Ave., Ste. F  
 San Jacinto, CA 92582  
 951-654-2352

**Resource Family - Indio**  
 46900 Monroe St., Ste. A-102  
 Indio, CA 92201  
 760-347-2728

**Empower Youth Opportunity Center**  
 930 N. State St.  
 Hemet, CA 92543  
 951-765-0917

**Planet Youth Opportunity Center**  
 400 W. Graham Ave.  
 Lake Elsinore, CA 92530  
 951-471-8415

**Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center**  
 5656 Mission Blvd.  
 Riverside, CA 92509  
 951-683-9622

**Kin Care**  
 547 N. San Jacinto St.  
 Hemet, CA 92543  
 951-791-3557

**SafeCare**  
 701 W. Esplanade Ave., Ste. F  
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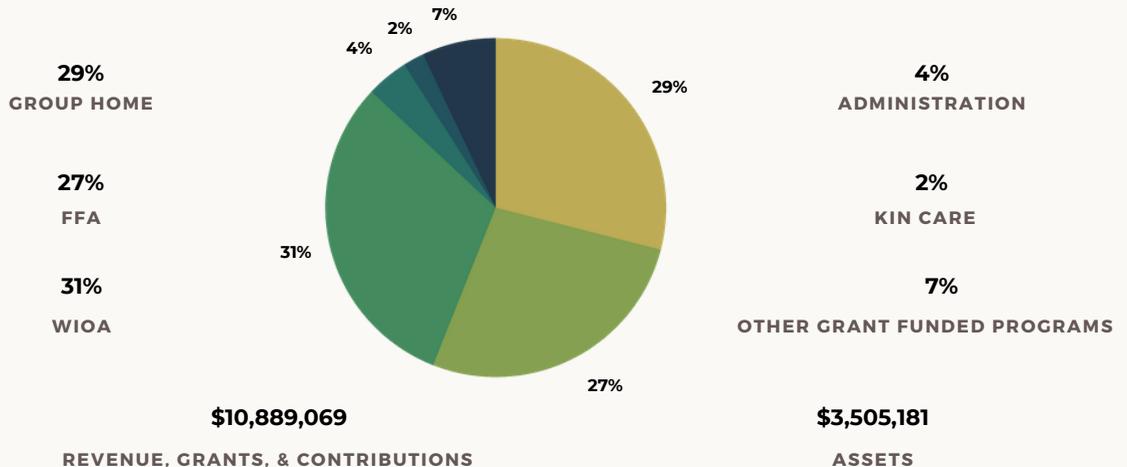
Please visit our website [www.cfckids.org](http://www.cfckids.org) to learn more about California Family Life Center and ways to support our programs and services.



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### 2020 FISCAL YEAR EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION

JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020



**\$10,889,069**

REVENUE, GRANTS, & CONTRIBUTIONS

**\$3,505,181**

ASSETS

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*“Reflection. Reflect on everything you say and do. It has the power to guide you on an honorable journey.”*

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### Mary Snow

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