

**CALIFORNIA
FAMILY
LIFE
CENTER**



**2019
Annual Report**

Inspiring hope, trust, and possibilities for brighter futures.



**“Look at how a single
candle can both defy
and define the
darkness”**

- Anne Frank

Mission Statement

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.

Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program



CFLC Youth Homes help break the cycle of child abuse, drugs, violence, gangs and assist youth to successfully transition into better futures. Our homes provide a warm nurturing place for youth that have been placed with us either through Probation or Child Services. Our homes are staffed 24-hours a day with experienced caring individuals. It is through our Youth Homes that we restore hope and provide warmth and a chance to heal lost

childhoods. Our three STRTP homes house 24 young ladies ages 13-18. Many of the youth have reunited with a parent or guardian, placed with foster parents, successfully transitioned to independent living, or enrolled in a college. After their stay with CFLC, we ask for feedback through a survey of their time with us. One recent survey read "My favorite thing that helped me succeed was giving me rules even though I hated it...and if I want to come back I hope you guys take me back to CFLC." Often the small things make the difference and deep within each person is the need to belong.

Highlights

70 Youth served in our residential facilities

Staffed 24-hours a day with experienced caring individuals

100% Of Youth received mental health services

Our homes house young ladies ages 13-18

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The candle flame is the whole reason for the existence of the candle and the light given allows us to see through the darkness. It is the mission of CFLC that hope is shared as a light that changes each life. One candle can light another or even a thousand more. It is by making a difference in the lives of those we serve that the flame burns even brighter. CFLC's wide variety of effective services equips our children, youth and families for a successful future. We continue to make positive impacts that will be felt in our community for generations to come and keeps the flame of hope burning.



Mental Health

CFLC promotes healing in traumatized youth as we assist them in identifying their strengths and gifts that they can utilize to create a sense of purpose, meaning, and value. Each child needs to feel they have a gift they can develop, share, and access that will enhance their self-esteem and assist them on focusing on goals. CFLC's Clinical Therapists are Certified Clinical Trauma Professionals who provide individual, group, and family therapy. As well as case management, crisis intervention and follow up after-care services. Trauma-informed care includes the Seeking Safety Model to simultaneously help our youth with a history of trauma and substance abuse.



Adoption

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news reports stated that when the children were released from medical treatment they would be placed at a children's center in San Diego. One of CFLC's Foster Families had seen the news story and knew something needed to be done to keep the children together.

With their hearts open through love and concern they took the steps to give these

seven children a "Family." Imagine growing up without the stability of a permanent family and without your siblings. Every child thrives in a permanent loving family and CFLC recognizes that "Forever Families" provide safety and hope for children. So the journey of CFLC's first adoption began with our Foster Family and these seven children. With the legal process and paperwork completed it happened right before Christmas on December 13, 2019. The Adoption was finalized and "love that ignites the stars" ignites a family.



Resource Family Agency

**“Love is more
than a candle,
love can
ignite the
stars”**

**-Matthew
Woodring
Stover**

Our RFA provided 105 children a home with one of our 66 dedicated foster families. 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 strive to provide a healthy permanent home for the children who are unable to reunite with their birth parents.

**20% of the children are adopted
23.5% placed in kinship care**

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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 majority of the relative caregivers who assume the care of their relative children are grandparents 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 capacity of the families served to meet their health, financial, social, emotional, and parenting needs. Support groups help our Kin Care families to provide for the day-to-day care of children and adolescents. The support for families includes Family Fun Nights, holiday parties, picnics, camp, recreation activities and family outings. Kin Care resource counselors have provided 3,997 hours of face-to-face interaction that includes outreach, recreation, respite, support group, and tutoring.



Highlights

450 Kin Care Caregivers
530 Kin Care Children Served
75% of Kin Care children
are under the age of 12

1,597 hours of Family Support Activities
63% of caregivers are over the age of 50
676 hours of guardianship
assistance provided
916 hours of counseling

SafeCare



SafeCare is an evidence-based, parent training program for parents of children ages 0-5 who are at-risk or have been reported for child neglect or physical abuse. SafeCare staff work with families in their homes to improve parenting skills. Parents receive weekly home visits to improve skills in several areas, including home safety, health care, and parent-child interactions. SafeCare is a support to families and helps families to nurture their children.

Youth Opportunity Centers

Job Training & Education



"Thank you for the chance and opportunity" the letter started "For goals I would love to graduate from high school and provide a comfortable lifestyle for my children." This letter was the beginning journey of one of our participants. Many of the young adults served by CFLC are young families with needs that go beyond job training and education. CFLC helps these young adults learn to become productive members of the community through job training, education, and social support. CFLC's three Youth Opportunity Centers (Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Rubidoux) offer young adults the opportunity to engage in work experience, education, post-secondary education, career training and employment. More than 175 have connected to employment which helps them gain control of their future. 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 to at-risk disadvantaged youth between the ages of 16-24.

Highlights

327 Youth Enrolled / **131** Youth Employed
121 Youth Enrolled in College / **198** Paid Internships

Legislative Intern Program



Our program model is a countywide collaboration between the California Family Life Center, Riverside County's Board of Supervisors and EDA Workforce Development Center. The combination of efforts creates an innovative Legislative Internship Program and a county wide Youth Commission that provides hundreds of hours of service to our communities and creates an utmost 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.

Chaplaincy



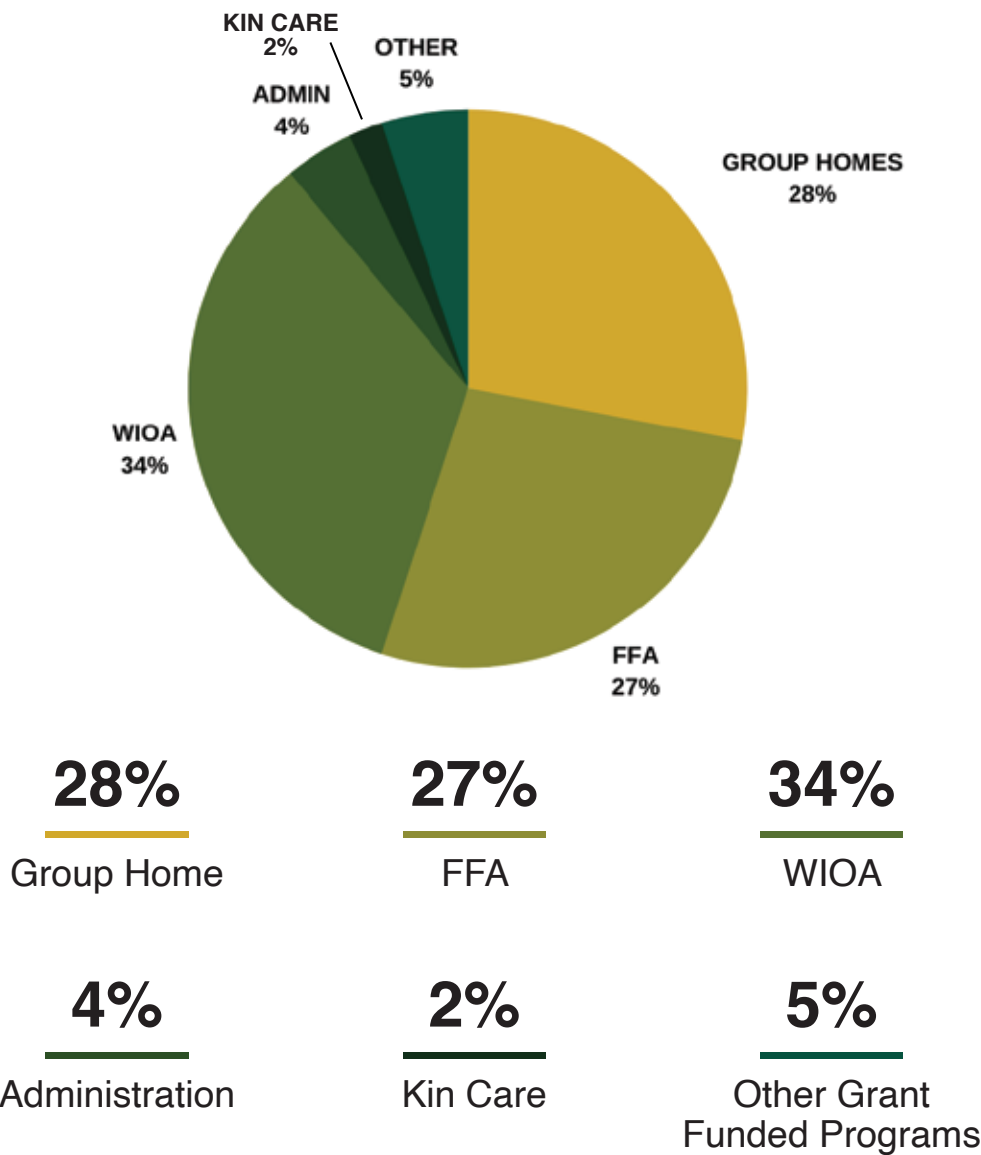
**" A good teacher
is like a candle-
it consumes itself to
light the way for
others"**

**-Mustafa Kemal
Ataturk**

"To assist children trapped in hopelessness and despair" is part of CFLC's mission statement. CFLC connects our children and youth to faith-based camps, sports, special outings, faith-based learning, community service, celebrations, conferences and concerts. We are grateful to many individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations that support our mission through financial gifts and volunteering that inspire hope to heal the life of a child. Our Chaplaincy program provides a connection to safety, comfort and healing and hope for the many children in our care. Our Blessing Breakfast is a time of gathering together with our foster families, kinship families, youth and staff to give thanks together even when life hurts. Our Giving Tree program blesses children, youth and families at Christmas with gifts to make the holiday a joyous time.

Financial Overview

2019 Fiscal Year Expense Distribution July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



\$9,451,1071
Revenue, Grants, & Contributions

\$2,616,798
Assets

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

Empower Youth Opportunity Center

930 N. State St.
Hemet, CA 92543
951-765-0917

Resource Family - Indio

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

Planet Youth Opportunity Center

400 W. Graham Ave.
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
951-471-8415

Kin Care

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

Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center

5656 Mission Blvd.
Riverside, CA 92509
951-683-9622

SafeCare

701 W. Esplanade Ave.
San Jacinto, CA 92582
951-654-2352

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"By lighting a candle, you affirm that you are opening a sacred space"
- Robert Moss