

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES (FFA)

-  Spanish Services
-  Approves Foster and Adoption
-  Special Health Care Needs
-  Developmental Disabilities Services
-  Intensive Services Foster Care
-  Serves Multiple Counties
-  Regional Center Clients Only
-  Faith-based services

Agency	Website	Phone	Ages Served	Services Provided
Angels Foster Family Network	www.angelsfoster.org	(619) 786-6130	0-5	
Casey Family Programs	www.casey.org	(619) 543-0774	11+ & their siblings any age	
Kamali'i FFA	www.kamalii.org	(760) 761-4300	0-21	 
Koinonia Family Services	www.kfh.org	(619) 326-4222	0-21	 
New Alternatives, Inc.	parenting@newalternatives.org	(888) 599-HOME	0-21	   
Olive Crest	www.olivecrest.org	(619) 291-9347	0-18	  
San Diego Youth Services	www.sdyouthservices.org	(619) 221-8600	0-18	    
Special Families Foster Care	www.centerforchildren.org	(858) 569-2113	0-21	
Towards Maximum Independence	www.tmi-inc.org	(858) 467-0600	0-22 <i>(Not contracted w/ SD county)</i>	
Walden Family Services	www.waldenfamily.org	(619) 584-5777	0-22	     

Foster Family Agencies: Another Option for Resource Parenting

What is an FFA?

- ▶ FFA stands for Foster Family Agency
- ▶ FFAs are private, non-profit organizations who are contracted service providers for San Diego County Child Welfare Services

What is the difference between being a county resource parent and an FFA resource parent?

County Resource Parents

- ▶ Approved by the County of San Diego
- ▶ Each home holds individual license
- ▶ Support comes through the child's county social worker primarily
- ▶ Visits once per month from child's social worker

FFA Resource Parents

- ▶ Agency is certified by Community Care Licensing (CA)
- ▶ Agency holds the license and approves each resource home
- ▶ Children are placed directly with the agency, who then places the children in approved homes

FFA resource parents receive additional support from their FFA, including:

- ▶ Assigned FFA social workers that provide care coordination for any needs related to the child's placement in your home.
- ▶ FFA social workers that have a reduced caseload – no more than 15 children.
- ▶ FFA social workers that conduct weekly home visits once a child is placed. Subsequent visits may be changed to biweekly depending on the child's needs.
- ▶ Ongoing training and case support staff.
- ▶ Monthly compensation for children placed through FFAs that may be higher depending on the child's level of need.

What children are served through FFAs?

San Diego County refers children who may need additional support or extra services to FFAs for placement. Types of children may include:

- ▶ Children with challenging behaviors or mental health needs
- ▶ Children with developmental delays, special health care needs, or certain medical conditions
- ▶ Older youth with increased parenting needs and challenging behaviors
- ▶ Sibling sets
- ▶ Infants and toddlers

If you are willing to consider caring for a child that meets these criteria, an FFA may be a good fit for you.

- ▶ FFAs may vary based on specific ages or populations they serve, services they provide, or locations served.
- ▶ Some agencies approve homes for foster care and adoption, or provide other specialty services.