



Foster Family Training Incentive Program (Foster-TIP)

WHY has Foster-TIP been created?

- In California there are over 62,000 children in foster care; Calaveras County Foster/ Kinship Parents play an important role in caring for some of these most vulnerable children
- Foster parent interactions, along with understanding of child development and child trauma, are key contributors to foster children's growth and success
- To provide quality trainings for Calaveras County Foster/ Kinship/ Fos-Adoptive Parents

Participants in Foster-TIP will have access to:

- **No- cost, high quality** trainings presented by professionals with expertise in child development, child trauma, handling difficult child behavior, attachment disorder, and other parenting skills
- Quality training materials and resource information
- Professional training hours that count towards the mandated annual 12 (twelve) hours of training for Foster Parents
- An opportunity to network with current and former Foster/ Kinship/ Fos-Adoptive Parents
- Certificate of Completion for each training session attended
- A stipend for each **pre-registered** training that is completed
- No-cost childcare for children ages 3-12 yrs. old during trainings (dependent upon availability)

HOW is Foster-TIP funded?

Parent trainings and Foster-TIP stipends are administered through **First 5 Calaveras** and funded by **Calaveras County Behavior Health Services** through the California Mental Health Services Act- Prevention and Early Intervention – Proposition 63 (MHSA-PEI).

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How does Foster-TIP work?

- **Foster Parents** meet with their foster agency Social Worker to register for the 2016-17 Foster-TIP and then sign up for trainings through Joyce Peek, Program Coordinator First 5 Calaveras.
Kinship/ Substitute Care Providers need to get a referral and registration papers from their HHS Social Worker. Once registered, they will sign up for trainings through Joyce Peek.
- Participants will receive a **\$35.00 stipend for each 2 hour pre-registered training** that is approved through First 5 Calaveras, up to a total of 12 hours (annually from July 1, 2016 – June 1, 2017)
- **Training Verification Forms and a current W-9 Form are due to First 5 Calaveras twice a year by December 9, 2016 and June 9, 2017.**
- Stipends will be disbursed to registered Foster-TIP participants twice a year, in January and July.
- Participants will complete an evaluation at the end of each training session and will complete a program evaluation upon the completion of the last session.



To Register for 2016-17 Foster-TIP

Foster Parents: Meet with your Foster Agency Social Worker to complete a Registration Form & W-9

Kinship Parents: Meet with your County Social Worker get a Referral Form and Registration Packet

Fos-Adoptive Parents: Call First 5 Calaveras Executive Director for details (see below)

****Note: Must reside in Calaveras County or be providing care for a Calaveras County child to be eligible**

To Pre-Register for Trainings

Contact: Joyce Peek, Program Coordinator First 5 Calaveras

Toll Free: 1-888-787-3654 or (209)754-6916

Still Have Questions?

Contact: Teri Lane, Executive Director, First 5 Calaveras (209)754-6918