

Section 5:

FAMILY EDUCATION

Child & Family Center

City of Santa Clarita - Youth and Family Programs

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AGENCY NAME: CHILD & FAMILY CENTER

MISSION STATEMENT: The Child & Family Center builds healthy communities by providing mental health and behavioral services to children, adults, and families.

SERVICES: Mental Health treatment services for children, teens, young adults, parents, and families; school-based mental health treatment services; substance abuse treatment services for teens; and preschool/childcare services for those who are working, but have very limited incomes and a need for such services.

AGE GROUP SERVED: Primarily birth to 25 years old, but some adults, as well.

PHONE AND FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (661) 259-9439
Fax: (661) 222-7709
21545 Centre Pointe Parkway
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

WEBSITE: www.childfamilycenter.org

FEE FOR SERVICES: Sliding scale, based on ability to pay. However, most clients qualify for Medi-Cal and other government-funded services.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Case Manager on duty

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

AGENCY NAME: CITY OF SANTA CLARITA - YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

MISSION STATEMENT: The City of Santa Clarita's Youth and Family Programs identify resources and collaborate with community partners to strengthen youth and families. Through family educations, character education, and teen leadership, the City strives to continually enhance the quality of life for its citizens.

SERVICES: We offer family education classes and workshops to help support, encourage, and foster parental skill development. We work with community partners to identify, enhance, and promote resources for families in the Santa Clarita Valley. Please contact us to find out more about our current offerings.

AGE GROUP SERVED: All

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (661) 250-3708
Fax: (661) 250-3730

WEBSITE: www.scyouthandfamily.com

FEE FOR SERVICES: Please call for more information

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Janine Prado, Community Services Administrator
Veronica Navarro, Community Services Coordinator

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

AGENCY NAME: COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT: The Foster and Kinship Care Education Program offers Family/Parenting classes and workshops several times a year.

SERVICES: These workshops are for adults only, and childcare is not provided. Low-enrolled workshops are subject to cancellation.

WEBSITE: To obtain a schedule of classes or workshops go to: [www.canyons.edu/departments/CD/FosterCareEducation.
htm](http://www.canyons.edu/departments/CD/FosterCareEducation.htm)

CONTACT PERSON(S): To register, call Gloria Lopez, at (661) 362-3531

AGENCY NAME: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES - BUREAU OF CHILD PROTECTION

MISSION STATEMENT: Bureau of Child Protection: Our mission is to provide thorough investigations and prompt initial assessments that will maximize child safety through improved child abuse investigations, minimize the number of detentions, minimize the number of disrupted placements, minimize the length of time a child remains in the system, minimize response time, and meet legal sufficiency standard on petitions files.

SERVICES: Bureau of Child Protection: Child Protection Hotline, triage services, emergency response and command post services, provide home studies for other jurisdictions, intake and detention control services and juvenile court dependency investigation services, assessment services, quality assurance services.

AGE GROUP SERVED: Infant to 18 years old

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (661) 702-6262
Child Protection Hotline: (800) 540-4000 [CA Only]
Outside of California: (213) 639-4500

WEBSITE: www.dcfcs.co.la.ca.us

FEE FOR SERVICES: None

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): N/A

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

AGENCY NAME: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS)

MISSION STATEMENT: To enrich lives through effective and caring services.

SERVICES: Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps, Medi-Cal, CalWORKS (employment and training) Homeless Assistance, and General Relief

AGE GROUP SERVED: All

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): (661) 298-3404 or (661) 298-3402
27233 Camp Plenty Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

WEBSITE: www.dpss.lacounty.gov

FEE FOR SERVICES: None

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): N/A

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

DRIVING SCHOOLS

Name	Services Offered	Cost	Contact Information
<p>Genesis Driving School (DMV LIC# 4014)</p>	<p>Driver's training, driving classes for adults, rental car provided for DMV test and driver's education course online. Morning and evening classes are available. Serves ages 15½ (with a permit) to adults. English and Spanish.</p>	<p>Fees vary</p>	<p>Phone: (661) 250-7117 www.genesis1DS.com Monday – Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>High Desert Driving School (DMV LIC # 2087)</p>	<p>Driver's education, driver's training(behind-the-wheel). Serves ages 15 ½ to adults.</p>	<p>Fees vary</p>	<p>Phone: (661) 940-8835 www.highdessertdrivingschool.com Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Right Way Driving School (DMV LIC # 3459)</p>	<p>Driver's education, drivers training (behind the wheel), and drivers education online. We equip students with the knowledge and practical skills to be safe and successful drivers. We teach them to drive the Right Way. Serves ages 15 ½ to adults.</p>	<p>Fees vary according to services.</p>	<p>Phone: (661) 288-2256 www.rightwaydrivingschool.com Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>

AGENCY NAME:

EL NIDO FAMILY CENTERS (2 pages)

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of El Nido Family Centers is to empower disadvantage or at-risk children, youth and families through educational and social services offered from neighborhood centers throughout Los Angeles County. Programs provide tools for young people to overcome trauma, recognize their inherent value and achieve their goals; and for parents to create a loving, healthy environment.

SERVICES:

The **Cal-Learn Program** is funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services and is a state-mandated case management program for pregnant and parenting teens receiving TANF. The **Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP)** is funded by the State Department of Health Services, Maternal & Child Health Branch, and provides case management to pregnant and parenting teens not eligible for Cal-Learn. Both the Cal-Learn and AFLP programs offer case management services to pregnant and parenting teens. The goals of both programs are to:

- Ensure healthy pregnancy outcomes for mothers and infants, including a reduction of low birth weight babies.
- Help teens complete educational or vocational programs and become emotionally, socially, and economically self-sufficient.
- Promote healthy family relationships.
- Reduce the incidence of subsequent unplanned teenage pregnancies.
- Promote the development of collaborative and integrated community services that support pregnant and parenting adolescents and their children.

Comprehensive case management includes assessment, home visits, and referrals for counseling, child care, parenting classes, and other community services. In addition, the **Cal-Learn Program** provides financial assistance with child care costs, ancillary school-related costs, such as books and transportation, and financial bonuses or sanctions tied to school attendance and progress.

EL NIDO FAMILY CENTERS (cont'd)

AGE GROUP SERVED: The **Cal-Learn Program** is mandatory for pregnant and parenting teens, under 19 years of age, who receive TANF (welfare) either on their own case, or as part of a parent/guardian's case, and who have not graduated from high school or its equivalent. The Adolescent Family Life Program is a voluntary program that assists pregnant/parenting females, 18 years old and under, and males 19 years old and under.

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (818) 896-7776
Fax: (818) 834-7976

WEBSITE: www.elnidofamilycenters.org

FEE FOR SERVICES: Free

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Eugenia Castro, Outreach Worker

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

FAMILY EDUCATION RESOURCES

Child Care Referral Services

<http://www.scyouthandfamily.com/ChildCarereferral.asp>

Family Education/Parenting Classes and Workshops

<http://www.scyouthandfamily.com/familyed.asp>

Specialized Guidance, Counseling, and Support Groups

<http://www.scyouthandfamily.com/counseling.asp>

Special Needs Services

<http://www.scyouthandfamily.com/specialneeds.asp>

Youth Leadership Services

<http://www.scyouthandfamily.com/youthleadership.asp>

AGENCY NAME: GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT: Providing programs and services to meet the urgent and ongoing needs of grandparents and other relative caregivers raising at-risk children.

SERVICES: Santa Clarita group meets Monday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Please call the office in case of any last minute changes. Other services include: weekly support groups throughout Los Angeles County, educational training, respite and social activities, advocacy with courts, schools, DCFS, and referrals.

AGE GROUP SERVED: Relative Caregivers of any age (18 to 90 years old)

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): (818) 264-0880 Corporate Office

WEBSITE: www.grandparentsasparents.org

FEE FOR SERVICES: Cost free – no charge

HOURS OF OPERATION: Office is open Monday – Friday, normal business hours. Support groups throughout the county take place at various hours.
Spanish language group meets in Pacoima on Tuesday mornings. Call for information.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Madelyn Gordon, Ed.M

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English

AGENCY NAME: LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION, INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide comprehensive services and resources to assist Transition Age Youth (TAY) successfully from dependency to self sufficiency.

SERVICES: Core services include education, career development, assistance/referral to promote health (including mental health) and safety skills, referrals to mentors and mentoring programs, daily living skills, financial resources, and housing.

AGE GROUP SERVED: 14-20 years old (current and former foster/probation youth)

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (661) 702-6281
Fax: (661) 775-8492 or (877) MYILP411

WEBSITE: www.ilponline.org or lopeza@dcfs.lacounty.gov

FEE FOR SERVICES: Free to foster youth eligible to receive services from the Independent Living Program

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Amalia Lopez, Transition Coordinator

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

AGENCY NAME: NEW ECONOMICS FOR WOMEN (NEW) - FAMILY SOURCE CENTER

MISSION STATEMENT: At New Economics for Women (NEW) we have a mission - to reduce poverty by creating wealth opportunities for women and children. We realize that overcoming poverty and achieving family and personal prosperity are very broad goals. That's why we measure our success by the specific improvements families experience in their quality of life such as increased wealth, education and health as a result of being touched by NEW.

We implement a holistic approach to all we do - from addressing families' basic needs, such as finding a stable and safe place to live, to supporting ambitious plans such as purchasing a home or starting a business.

SERVICES: Pre-employment/employment support services, financial literacy/money management, information and referral, adult education (ESL/GED), multi-benefit screening, case management, legal services, computer classes, parenting classes, tutoring (K-12th grade), mentoring, youth leadership, youth cultural activities, youth recreational activities, cash for college/college activities, and supportive services.

AGE GROUP SERVED: All

PHONE NUMBER(S): (818) 786-4098
6931 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 201
Van Nuys, CA 91406

WEBSITE: www.neweconomicsforwomen.org

FEE FOR SERVICES: Free

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): N/A

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

AGENCY NAME: THE VALLEY PREVENTION AND TREATMENT CENTER

MISSION STATEMENT: To assist people break the cycle of violence and to attain a health, well-balanced life.

SERVICES: Individual, couples, family, children, and teen counseling. We specialize in the treatment of abuse and neglect.

AGE GROUP SERVED: From three years old and older

PHONE NUMBER: (661) 251-1023 / (818) 365-3827
27225 Camp Plenty Road, Second Floor, Suite 7D
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

WEBSITE: N/A

FEES FOR SERVICE: Victims of Crime (state funded for victims of abuse or violence). Private insurance, Medi-Care, sliding fees starting at \$40 per session.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturdays

CONTACT PERSON(S): Sylvia Hernandez, Program Director
Aracely Vizcarra, Case Manager
Veronica Avalos, Case Manager

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Spanish, and Hebrew