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Looking Through The Windows of Chrysalis House

Road to Accreditation

2017 has brought some changes to the foster care and adoption community within the state of California and we have been busy keeping up with the ever evolving process.

We are in the midst of receiving our Private Organization Accreditation. All Foster Family Agencies are required to receive this accreditation to ensure foster care and adoption processes are being conducted to the same standard. Our agency expects to host Site Reviewers from the Council on Accreditation in the coming year and to receive our full accreditation in 2018. This accreditation is in addition to the Hague Accreditation we received in 2008.

Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) and the Resource Family Approval (RFA) processes have gone into effect and therefore we have seen some significant changes to the way foster care and adoptions are being handled within the state. The purpose of these new regulations is to improve California's child welfare system; increase the use of home-based family care and decrease the length of time to achieve permanency; strengthen cross-agency networks of services and supports and to ensure children and non-minor dependents have a stable, permanent family. Changes to licensing requirements means that all families will be held to the same standards of approval regardless of whether you are a relative, mentor family, foster family or foster-to-adopt family. The state hopes that by implementing these new requirements we will see an improvement in the quality of care our foster youth receive. We feel as though we have always held our families and our agency to a higher standard and therefore our families will not experience much change to the approval process.

While our agency has been busy behind the scenes updating our processes and procedures to meet these new requirements, we have yet to see the impact these changes may have on our adoptive families. We may see increased wait times for placement, some more higher risk placements, a change in the age of available children and a change in the finalization process. We ask that our families stay patient during this transition time and trust that we are advocating for you throughout your adoption journey.

Our director has been in frequent communication with representatives at the state and county levels to provide them with feedback and to stay up to date on the changes that are still rolling out. While we see the

Chrysalis House, Inc. will be closed in observance of the following Holidays:

- Labor Day: September 4, 2017
- Veteran's Day: November 10, 2017
- Thanksgiving: November 23-24, 2017

Annual CHI Family Picnic

Chrysalis House held our Annual Family Picnic on May 20, 2017. We celebrated at a local park while the kids enjoyed running through bubbles, playing with a giant parachute and whacking at a piñata! The weather was a bit warm this year but we always enjoy catching up with our wonderful families. We look forward to this event every year and we hope that next year will be even better!



Post-Adoption Support Services

Adoption is not an event but rather a journey and we at Chrysalis House recognize that families may need our assistance months or years after the adoption is complete. We have been working to develop some Post-Adoption support services for our families including Adoptive Parent Support Groups, Adoptive Family Social Gatherings and low-cost Family and Individual Counseling.

Do you know how to answer the adoption questions your inquisitive child has? Do you know how to parent a child who comes from a hard place? Do you know how to positively talk about birth parents or open the lines of communication with your child's birth family? For help navigating through all of the



Celebrate Adoption!

Save-the-Date for our "Celebrate Adoption" fundraiser! **Friday, December 1, 2017** at Second Space Theater in Fresno. We will be kicking off the holiday season with wine, appetizers, a silent auction, surprise boxes and the performance of "A Christmas Carol" performed by the Good Company Players.

This will be our 3rd year hosting this fundraiser and we are thankful for the success that we've had. The money we raise throughout the year helps us to increase our outreach and education within our community, keep costs

Stay Informed!

Please check your e-mail throughout the year for information about all of our upcoming events! If you are not currently receiving these e-mails, please contact Megan Bojorquez at megan@chrysalishouse.com or 559-229-9862. Check out our blog at <http://chrysalishouseinc.wordpress.com>, "Like" us on Facebook at Chrysalis House, Inc. Fresno and follow our Pinterest page for lots of useful tips on adoption, parenting and more! Chrysalis House makes every effort to keep your personal information confidential. We encourage you to have a safe online presence and to be aware of your privacy settings.