

What is AFFI?

AFFI was established in 2014 as a program under KFAM. It is the first foster and adoption family agency in the U.S. to focus on the needs of Asian Pacific Islander (API) families and children.

AFFI Foster Family Agency is licensed by the state of California and contracted with Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties.

AFFI Adoption Agency specializes in cultural/linguistic matching and same race placements. It offers child-centered adoption and post-adoption services.

AFFI Family Support Programs provide culturally competent services to local and some qualified CA families who need help in Asian languages.



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Our Services Include:

Foster Care

- Foster Family Recruitment
- Training & Education
- Home Study & Approval
- Placement & Case Management

Adoption

- Foster to Adopt
- Private Domestic Adoption
- Birth Parent Services
- Safe Surrender Assistance

Family Support

- Cultural Brokers Case Management
- Mental Health Therapies
- Parenting Classes
- Support Groups & Family Wellness Events
- Concrete Support and Linkage

We speak English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and more.

- CARF certified -

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"I felt a language barrier, and the cultural differences were difficult to overcome. Because we had different preferences of food, we ate separately. Between the foster parents and I, it was difficult to discuss important matters and simply talk heart to heart."

15-year-old Asian Pacific Islander Foster Youth who was placed at a non-Asian foster home



Foster Care

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Life as a Foster Child...

ANNA'S STORY

Anna grew up in an immigrant family with seven other siblings. Due to her parents' inability to care for the children, Anna and her siblings had to be separated and placed in multiple foster care homes. Anna was only 9 years old. Anna had to move around 4 different foster homes, each one more crowded, and her caregivers were too busy to pay attention to her desires for Thai food and to speak in Thai, her primary language. To cope with her loneliness, she took on the role of caregiver for the other children, a role she was familiar with in her biological family.

When Anna arrived at an AFFI resource home, she acted like an adult in a children's body—reserved, polite, and withdrawn. At this new home, Anna was encouraged by the foster parents to embrace her culture and especially to embrace being a 9-year-old. She was so happy that her resource parents cooked for her traditional Thai meals.

Her resource parents enrolled her in art classes and school band after realizing her interest in drawing and music. This decision also provided her with a creative outlet to express herself and make new friends. In just one year, she got to enjoy so many firsts and being a child: her first summer camp, family trip, and birthday party to name a few. Her happiest day was when her foster parents accepted two of her siblings to join the family. Anna has found a true place to call home—her forever home.

Are you eligible to become a Resource (Foster) Family

- I have enough room in my home for another child.
- I have adequate income to meet my current family's needs.
- I am able to meet the physical demands of being a parent.
- I have never received supervision for child abuse or neglect.
- No one in my home has been convicted of Crimes Against Children or Domestic Violence.
- I currently live in the home where I intend to foster or adopt, and this home is safe for children.
- I am willing to meet the needs of a child that is placed in my care.

FAQs

What is a foster child?

A child who has been taken into the custody of the government's child protection agency (ie: LA County Department of Children & Family Services) because the child has experienced abuse or neglect, and it is not safe to remain with his/her birth family.

What is a Resource (or Foster) Family?

A Resource Family, formally known as Foster Family, is a family that takes a foster child into his/her home to provide a loving and nurturing environment. This can be a relative, family friend, or someone who receives training like our AFFI resource parent to take in foster children.

What is the process of becoming a Resource Family?

In as little as six months you can become an approved Resource Family. You will attend an orientation, Resource Family training, become CPR/First Aid certified, and have home visits, amongst other things.

What about financial support?

You will receive medical and dental coverage for your foster child, as well as monthly financial support until the child is 18.

