



## TAR: YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

**Need to fill a prescription for antipsychotic medication? Make sure you know about the new requirements so you don't experience a delay in getting what your child needs.**

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently made changes regarding antipsychotic medication for Medi-Cal beneficiaries between the ages of 0 and 17. DHCS is now requiring a treatment authorization request (TAR) be made by the pharmacist. In some cases, this has led to delays in children and youth receiving their medication. If you are caring for a child under the care of a physician and are prescribed anti-psychotic medication, make sure you are familiar with the new process.



### Who reviews the TAR and makes the decision for approval?

TAR requests are reviewed by pharmacists working in Medi-Cal field offices. The information on the TARs is used to establish medical necessity.

### How long does the approval last?

Initial TARs for continuation of care are approved for at least 6 months. The maximum approval period for a pharmacy TAR is one year.

### Is it DHCS policy to deny antipsychotics for children?

No. Medications are not denied if they are medically necessary.



### Your Prescription

In the event submission of the TAR has been delayed or there are issues with information on the TAR causing further delays, have your pharmacist fill a 72 hour emergency supply. If after three days the issue has not been resolved, have the pharmacist fill another 72 hour emergency supply until the full supply can be dispensed.



### Contact

Questions about the TAR process may be directed to the Department of Health Care Services' Pharmacy TAR office at:

**1-800-572-9315**

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. and closed between noon and 1 p.m.

# camp alandale



Our goal is to make each child's stay at camp one of their most precious memories. The Camp Alandale program is designed especially for children who are in the foster care system. They make up 100 percent of our campers. There is one counselor for every two campers so each child will have a great deal of individual attention and supervision. While our activities are designed to be non-competitive and non-threatening, they are challenging and character building at the same time. We are a Christian camp with the goal of helping children find purpose and meaning in their lives and to build positive changes that will last.

## location

Camp Alandale is in a beautiful, mountainous area five miles from Idyllwild in the San Jacinto Mountains above Palm Springs at an elevation of 6,000 feet.

## registration

A \$5 registration fee covers the cost of camp. For registration forms, please visit our website at [www.campalandale.org](http://www.campalandale.org) and click on the camps tab on the top of the page and select summer camp. Confirmations are mailed out within 10 days after a signed registration is received. For more information, please call (951) 659-5253.

## camp dates

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| 1. June 15 - 19       | 4th - 6th Grade Camp   |
| 2. June 22 - 26       | 4th - 6th Grade Camp   |
| 3. June 29 - July 3   | 7th - 9th Grade Camp   |
| 4. July 6 - 10        | 7th - 9th Grade Camp   |
| 5. July 13 - 17       | 7th - 9th Grade Camp   |
| 6. July 20 - 24       | 7th - 9th Grade Camp   |
| 7. July 27 - August 1 | 10th - 12th Grade Camp |
| 8. August 3 - 8       | 10th - 12th Grade Camp |
| 9. August 10 - 15     | 10th - 12th Grade Camp |

**\*\*Please use the grade your child will be going into next fall.**

# Relative support services available

Olive Crest's Kinship Support Services Program is excited to continue on-going opportunities for our relative caregivers. We now offer five support groups per month to caregivers. Olive Crest Kinship clients, with advance registration, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Each group structure varies based on the specific needs of each group. All of our support groups offer opportunities to connect, share and hear about information based on topics of interest and concern to kinship families.

Other workshops and family-focused group activities and events are planned in order to help support kinship families. All services are free of charge. There are also some great opportunities for caregivers to share their time, knowledge and experience to volunteers or to serve as mentors in outreach and assistance to other kinship families.

For more group information, or general inquiries, please contact our advocates, Claudia Sapien (Spanish) at (714) 543-5437 ext. 1230 or [Claudia-Sapien@olivecrest.org](mailto:Claudia-Sapien@olivecrest.org) or Vanessa Williams (English) at (714) 543-5437 ext. 1157 or [Vanessa-Williams@olivecrest.org](mailto:Vanessa-Williams@olivecrest.org).

## Support Group Locations

Olive Crest will host support groups in Santa Ana for English and Spanish speakers. English will be held on the first and third Thursday of every month. Spanish will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Mission Hills Church in Mission Viejo will host an English speaking support group on the second Friday of each month.

La Habra Family Resource Center will host a Spanish speaking support group on the first Wednesday of each month.

All support groups will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## 18th Annual Foster, Adoptive & Kinship Families Conference

### APRIL 25, 2015

### Mariners Church Irvine

## Medi-Cal coverage until age 26 for former foster youth

The Health Consumer Action Center (HCAC) of The Legal Aid Society of Orange County assists low-income Orange County residents get needed health care services. HCAC provides free information and individual assistance on a variety of health care programs, including: Medi-Cal, CalOptima, Covered California, Cal MediConnect, In-Home Supportive Services, Medicare, Medical Safety Net and private health insurance.

HCAC is reaching out to former foster youth and their families to inform them that they qualify for free Medi-Cal coverage until the age of 26 regardless of income and assets. All that is required is that the former foster youth:

- was in foster care in any state on his or her 18th birthday
- currently lives in California
- currently is under the age of 26

To sign up, contact the local Medi-Cal office and fill out the MC 250A form which is available on the [www.coveredtil26.org](http://www.coveredtil26.org) website. This website also explains everything a person may need to know about Medi-Cal eligibility for former foster youth. If the former foster youth is still having trouble or does not know whether he or she was in foster care at the age of 18, he or she may call the Foster Care Ombudsman at 1-877-846-1602 or e-mail [fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov).

If the youth is in need of legal advocacy to help obtain the coverage and benefits that he or she needs, including aid with complaints, grievances and appeals, they may contact the Legal Aid Society of Orange County at (800) 834-5001.



# Share your experiences

**D**o you remember when you were a brand-new foster parent? Did you wish there was someone you could call for advice or direction? If yes, then become a Caregiver Mentor. The Caregiver Mentor program is looking for experienced foster parents who are willing to support and mentor other foster parents. A minimum of eight hours a month is all that's required. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting, new program, please contact Arlene Erickson, Caregiver Mentor Coordinator, at (714) 935-8214 or at [Arlene.Erickson@ssa.ocgov.com](mailto:Arlene.Erickson@ssa.ocgov.com) or Joanna Hussey, Foster Parent Liaison, at (714) 704-8255 or at [Joanna.Hussey@ssa.ocgov.com](mailto:Joanna.Hussey@ssa.ocgov.com).



## Orangewood Children's Foundation Independent Living Program News

**E**xcitedly, the Independent Living Program (ILP) has been awarded another three year contract with Orange County Social Services Agency. With this contract, we continue to provide current and former foster youth with independent living services to assist in their transition into adulthood. With the start of this new contract in July 2014, our focus has slightly shifted. The ILP program is looking to be more involved with foster parents, caregivers, group home staff, etc., by implementing workshops specifically for them. This collaboration will assist in guiding the youth toward a successful transition. ILP will continue to provide monthly workshops, special events and support services to youth between the ages of 16 and 21. Each month, ILP focuses on one of the four key areas: education, career, relationships, and daily living.

### ILP Workshops

The Orangewood Children's Foundation offers workshops on independent living skills each month. Most of our workshops occur at the Orangewood Children's Foundation. Other locations will be listed on our ILP schedule located on our website. Examples of workshops include: job search, financial Aid, transitional housing, college tours, and much more! We also have monthly ILP workshops for emancipated-NMD youth.

### ILP Case Management:

In addition to leading ILP workshops, Independent Living Program specialists provide:

- One on one support with goals, resource referrals, basic living skills and emancipation planning with emphasis on housing, education and employment.
- Outreach to caregivers in order to educate and collaborate with youth's needs.

How can I participate in this program?

- Self-refer or referral TILP from SSA/social worker/probation officer.
- Meet with an ILP specialist to discuss OCF programs and services to determine youth's current needs.

For more information, contact Tisha Roberts at (714) 619-0222 or go to [www.orangewoodfoundation.org](http://www.orangewoodfoundation.org).



# Foster Care Auxiliary

By Kathy Harvey, Auxiliary President

The Foster Care Auxiliary always strives to offer the most services, trainings, events, and products to our foster families.

Available to our members:

- Computers for Foster Students Program
- Support Group
- Lending Library of Foster and Child Care Related Material
- Baby Gear Lending Program
- Foster Parent Training Opportunities
- Fun Family Events
- Scholarships
- Birthday Corner
- Monthly Distribution Days of New Items Obtained from Community Resources
- Thrift Store with Deeply Discounted, Used Donations
- A network of Foster Families Available for Support and Help

Visit our web site or contact us if you are interested in joining!

333 S. Brookhurst St. Anaheim, CA 92804

FosterCareAux@yahoo.com

(714) 778-3383

www.FosterCareAux.com



## Free Spanish Support Groups for Relatives

La Habra Family Resource Center

- Meet other relatives who are raising children for a family member
- Receive and give emotional support
- Receive community resource information

La Habra Family Resource Center

301 W. Las Lomas Dr.

La Habra 90631

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Every first Wednesday of the month.

Child care is provided. To register, call

(714) 447-3460 and press 0.

Grupos de apoyo para parientes criando a hijo de un familiar. Acompáñenos y conozca a otras personas que están criando al hijo de un familiar.

- Reciba y brinda apoyo emocional
- Reciba información sobre recursos en la comunidad

Habrà cuidado de niños. Llame para apuntarse al (714) 447-3460 y oprima 0. Cada primer miércoles del mes.

## Foster & Kinship Care Education



The Foster and Kinship Care Education program at Saddleback College provides quality education and support opportunities to caregivers of children in out-of-home care. The free classes are designed to assist the caregivers in meeting the children's educational, emotional, behavioral, and developmental needs.

In order for foster parents to meet their annual eight hours of training, monthly classes are offered throughout Orange County. To view classes, visit [www.saddleback.edu/fkce](http://www.saddleback.edu/fkce) or call (949) 582-4884 to request a class catalog and to register for classes.



# ready to commit?

to  
YOURSELF



Get on track with finance, education, career, legal issues, health, and more!

At Rising Tide, we are here to motivate and support young adults that are ready to commit to themselves, their goals and their future.

to  
YOUR GOALS



Most of our youth leave Rising Tide with car paid in cash and average of \$10,000 in savings.

to  
YOUR FUTURE



Most will attend college. All will receive job experience. All will save money.

- What we offer:  
Eight full time staff
- 24/7 access to on-site staff
- Youth keep ALL of their AB12 \$
- An unparalleled savings program
- A fully furnished, shared apartment or room in a historical home
- Three Locations in Tustin, Garden Grove and Old Towne Orange
- Individualized program for each youth focused on their goals and needs
- Open to young men and women and single moms with kids (18 to 24 yrs+)
- A full-time parenting specialist for single moms
- Full-time education specialists that will guide you through college
- Healthy activities and exciting events

For more information, contact Linda Levshin at (714) 619-0239 or via e-mail at [llevshin@orangewoodfoundation.org](mailto:llevshin@orangewoodfoundation.org).



**F**amilies and Communities Together, also known as FaCT, is a network of 12 Family Resource Centers (FRC) located throughout Orange County's highest-risk communities providing essential family support services, education and resources.

**Family Resource Centers:**

Each FRC is a family-friendly, community-based site that provides access to comprehensive prevention and treatment oriented social, educational and health services for all families, including birth, blended, kinship, adoptive and foster families. FRCs serve as vehicles for engaging local residents and community organizations in the identification and resolution of community concerns related to raising healthy children. Every FRC is unique to its community; services are offered by multicultural and multilingual staff that reflect the surrounding neighborhoods and the families they serve.

**Services Provided:**

(Core FRC Services -Services are offered at all FaCT funded FRCs)

- Counseling
- Parenting Education
- Family Advocacy/Case Management Support Services
- Domestic Violence Prevention & Treatment
- Community Resources and Referrals
- Comprehensive Case Management Team

**Additional FRC Services:**

(Services vary across FaCT funded FRCs)

- Family Health & Wellness
- Family Economics & Self-Sufficiency
- Child Development Activities
- Emergency Assistance
- Family Literacy and Education
- Adoption Promotion and Support

**Locations:**

Anaheim Harbor Family Resource Center  
819 S. Harbor Blvd.  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
Phone: (714) 399-0590  
Fax: (714) 399-0595

Corbin Family Resource Center  
2215 W. McFadden Ave.  
Suite G  
Santa Ana, CA 92704  
Phone: (714) 480-3737 ext. 0  
Fax: (714) 543-4947

Friendly Center Family Resource Center  
147 W. Rose Ave.  
Orange, CA 92967  
Phone: (714) 771-5300  
Fax: (714) 771-7627

Anaheim/Fullerton Family Resource Center  
320 W. Elm Ave.  
Fullerton, CA 92832  
Phone: (714) 525-3776  
Fax: (714) 525-3777

El Modena Family Resource Center  
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Orange, CA 92869  
Phone: (714) 532-3595  
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La Habra Family Resource Center  
301 W. Las Lomas Dr.  
La Habra, CA 90631  
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Magnolia Park Family Resource Center  
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Garden Grove, CA 92841  
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Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
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Stanton, CA 90680  
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Minnie Street Family Resource Center  
1300 E. McFadden Ave.  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
Phone: (714) 972-5775  
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South Orange County Family Resource Center  
23832 Rockfield Blvd.  
Suite 270  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
Phone: (949) 364-0500  
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Westminster Family Resource Center  
7200 Plaza St.  
Westminster, CA 92683  
Phone: (714) 903-1331  
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# Directory

**FOSTER CARE INFORMATION LINE**  
(888) 871-KIDS (5437)

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES RECEPTION**  
(714) 704-8000  
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Call for an appointment

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**TIME OUT FOR PARENTS (TOPS)**  
New Alternatives, Inc. (714) 245-0045

## WORKING CAREGIVER CHILDCARE

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## FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION

Saddleback College (949) 582-4884

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Cynthia Bradbury (714) 843-6835

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(714) 347-0300

CalOPTIMA  
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(714) 796-6132  
Member Services (714) 246-8500  
Claims Department (714) 246-8885

Child Health & Disability Program (CHDP)  
(800) 564-8448

Denti-Cal (800) 322-6384

Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County  
Kathy Harvey  
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(714) 957-1004

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(714) 834-5015

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\*\*Vietnamese Speaking

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