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Supporting vulnerable youth & families since 1978.

**"Every AFS care plan is individualized for that particular child in that particular family. "**

**DR. JAY BERLIN**  
Founder & Chief Executive Officer

## What We Do

Youth who enter foster care often face a series of **equity issues & psychological trauma**.

We mostly serve **children and families of low socioeconomic backgrounds**, many of whom are individuals of color.

For 43 years, AFS has been the leader in **individualized care** for vulnerable youth & families across northern California.

- Foster Care
- Adoption
- Transition Age
- Juvenile Justice System Impacted Youth
- Resource Parents

## Resource Parents & Youth in Care

As a family-based organization, AFS has a commitment to provide the **highest quality of equitable care** that meets the diverse needs of our community.

Stigma free language is important to us. We refer to our families as Resource Parents and Youth in Care.

## Who We Are

### 24/7 EMERGENCY SHELTER

AFS partners with the City and County of San Francisco to run the Emergency Placement Program **providing 24/7 on-call emergency care** to SF county's children.

### AVOID JUVENILE INCARCERATION

In recent partnership with the SF Juvenile Probation Department & the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, AFS **houses SF county youth experiencing probation**.

### HOUSING TEENS AT RISK

Most often, youth who age out of care leave with no financial or social support system. Our Transition Age Youth Housing **keeps youth 18-24 housed & connected to resources**.



## It Takes a Village



## Where We Need Help

Youth in Care entering adulthood often face limited education, housing, & financial support. We are critically focused on **internship opportunities & finding more families** willing to mentor our teenage youth.

Youth in Care are prone to school relocation. The pandemic has worsened this instability to **education access**.



## Resource Parent Referrals

There is a national shortage of available Resource Parents.

Without Resource Parents, we are forced to turn away youth at risk.

Share [Resource Parent Application](#).

## How to Help

### GET INVOLVED

Support an annual drive!

**Education Equity** (July-August)  
**Holiday Spirit** (November-December)  
**Signature Event** (May 21, 2022)  
**Birthday Share** (Annual)

### JOIN YOUTH SUPPORT SYSTEM

**Host an event** with AFS youth & families.

### VOLUNTEER TECH & TALENT

**Volunteer** knowledge, skills, or tutor Youth in Care.

**Give technology** equipment or software donations.

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