It's All About the Kids

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Alternative Family Services
Supporting vulnerable youth & families since 1978.
Who We Are

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.

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.

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.

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

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**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.

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**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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**Want to learn more?**

View 19-20 Impact Report