



Life-Changing Impact

Witnessing the happy faces of the children whose adoptions we finalize is the foundation of what we do. But it isn't the start or end of our advocacy for children and their families.

Rosie, top left, came to us through our Medical-Legal Partnership at L.A. County + USC Medical Center. This is also where we met Sophia, top right in stripes. In both cases, learning of their special needs soon after they entered foster care allowed our benefits staff and pro bono attorneys to advocate for sufficient financial resources so the families can provide for the girls' unique medical and educational needs.

Earlier this year, we watched three siblings join the Lopez family, bottom right, but not before our education team got appropriate therapies and services in place so the children are ready for school.

We met Anthony, bottom left, when he was in junior high, before an adoptive family had even been found for him. For four years, we followed his case through multiple placements and obtained appropriate classroom support and resource assistance. Our work, alongside his CASA, gave Anthony what he needed to thrive in school and stabilized his behaviors at home. Earlier this year, at his adoption hearing, 17-year-old Anthony thanked his adoptive mom for sticking with him and being his family forever.

The benefits of a holistic approach are visible in our clients. When our programs and community partners work together to meet a child's needs, we ensure they have safer and brighter futures. [Read More>](#)

Alliance of Moms in THR Philanthropy Issue

The Alliance and volunteer auxiliary group the [Alliance of Moms](#) (AOM) are in the 2015 philanthropy issue of The Hollywood Reporter. The piece includes a stunning photo of AOM leaders along with two young women, former clients, who inspire our collective work. AOM supports the work of the Alliance while making a tangible difference in the lives of pregnant and parenting foster teens.

"I wouldn't have tried the Alliance program if it wasn't for the fear that my son would become me.

The worst thing you could ever do is make someone else suffer the things that you hated most in your life." -Jessica Chandler, former client, now a social worker for L.A. County. [Read More>](#)



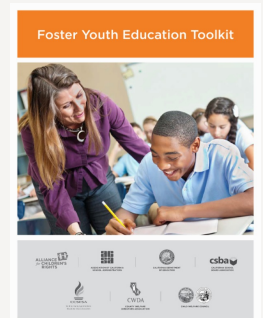
Upcoming Webinars

Education Toolkit

The Alliance's education team is hosting an in-depth webinar series on the [Foster Youth Education Toolkit](#). The toolkit is designed for all school personnel who work with foster youth, and the webinar is for school staff, social workers, probation officers and caregivers. First two in series:

September 3: [Defining Foster Youth under LCFF and Working with their Education Decision Makers](#)

September 17: [Enrolling Foster Youth](#)



Kinship Series

[Step Up](#) is proud to present a five-part webinar series on kinship care. The series will focus on the struggles and inequalities relative foster parents face. It will also explore opportunities and challenges to providing the support, assistance and services needed to empower caregivers to advocate for the children they are raising. [Learn More>](#)



Upcoming Events



17th Annual Tennis for Tots September 19

Grab your rackets and get ready for our round-robin doubles tournament at the Los Angeles Tennis Club. Amateurs and seasoned players alike are welcome to play. Even if you aren't the tournament champ you can still enjoy delicious barbecue. Tennis for Tots is underwritten by board member Mitch Kaplan and the Kaplan Stahler agency and honors the memory of David and Lynn Angell. [Get Tickets>](#)

12th Annual "All-in" for Kids Celebrity Poker Tournament - October 18

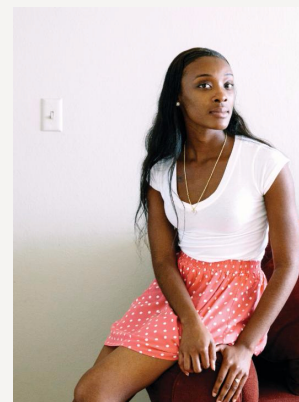
Join us for a fun day at the tables at our annual celebrity poker tournament hosted by Commerce Casino. You'll play alongside some famous faces and support foster children in L.A. It's sure to be a good time, so join us! [Get Tickets>](#)

Aging Out

Over 4,000 foster youth age out in California every year, and make the transition from foster care to adulthood, without the help of a parent or supportive adult. The book Aging Out follows 11 youth as they try to find stability and balance work, school and in some cases parenting.

Each of the youth share stories from their pasts and dreams for their future. The photographs beautifully capture the youth, several of whom are former Alliance clients. All profits benefit the Alliance and our community partner [The Right Way Foundation](#).

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The Alliance is among only 4% of nonprofits to receive this ranking for five consecutive years.



