

Our Mission

The mission of Crittenton Services for Children and Families is to help heal the wounds of abuse and neglect; to strengthen families, whether birth, foster or adoptive; and to help troubled adolescents reach their full potential.



Our Values

- ✿ We believe that every child is entitled to healthy relationships and a loving family.
- ✿ In all our dealings, we conduct ourselves with honor and decency: respecting the children and families we serve, tending to relationships with each other, and proudly representing our agency to the community.
- ✿ We demonstrate the very tenets of personal responsibility that we encourage in our children: trying our best, picking ourselves up when we fail, and having the courage of our convictions.
- ✿ We are committed to an atmosphere of trust, openness, and fairness in which all members of the agency - staff, client, board and volunteer - can actively participate in setting the course.
- ✿ We will never rest on our laurels.

Believe
Achieve
Empower



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LICENSE

All programs are licensed by the State of California Department of Social Services as a foster family agency.

Lic. Nos.:
306099612 / 336424300 / 374603916

ACCREDITATION

Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children

The Joint Commission

CORPORATE

Incorporated 1966 as a charitable nonprofit, 501 (c)3.

Federal Tax ID 95-2492427

LOCATIONS

Crittenton Offices and Family Centers are at multiple locations in:

- Los Angeles County
- Orange County
- Riverside County
- San Bernardino County
- San Diego County

FUNDING

Voluntary contributions; grants; Federal, state and county contracts

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Stepping Stones



Crittenton™
services for children and families

Our Youth Need Help

Crittenton has a long history of helping system-involved youth achieve their fullest potential. We take great pride in advocating for the most vulnerable youth in our community; in particular, those that have experienced the foster care or juvenile justice systems. Based on our history of working with foster and juvenile justice youth we know that they don't grow up learning the basic life and social skills that the rest of us take for granted. Making it extremely difficult to transition into adulthood in a safe or successful manner.

The reality facing **transitional age youth** as they transition into adulthood without a support system is dire. It's for this reason that Crittenton prioritizes case management, mentorship and education as a way to teach these young people how to stay safe, healthy, and self-sufficient throughout their adult life.

Our hope is that we can continue to help transitional age youth "age out" in a way that is empowering to them and beneficial to the larger community as a whole. But **Crittenton's Stepping Stones Program** can't accomplish this mission on our own. We need your support to help the next generation of youth step into the next chapter of their lives in a safe and stable manner.

Interested in helping transitional age youth thrive? Ask us how you can partner with us. Together we can make a difference!

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Helping Transitional Age Youth

We believe that every young person has the ability to thrive in adulthood. However, leaving the foster care or juvenile justice systems, without family support, is tough. This is where Crittenton's Stepping Stones Program fills the void by helping transitional age youth with the following:

- Teaching the basic life skills, like opening a bank account, living within a budget, applying for a job, and dressing for success.
- Developing life goals that include graduating from high school or getting a GED, applying for college and financial aid, or starting a vocational program.
- Working in partnership with foster care parents to jointly encourage youth to move towards independence while still in foster care.
- And when the young person is ready we help them move further into independence by finding them a safe and stable housing option.

Partnering With Crittenton

There are a number a ways that you can help ensure that youth encountering many life hardships can get the help they need to move forward and live happy and productive lives. We are thankful that you, much like us, believe in the power of potential and your help is appreciated. And these are just some of the actions you can take today in order to help transitional age youth succeed:

- Volunteer to become a mentor and help create life and career changing opportunities for youth who need them the most.
- Donate to exclusively help system-involved youth reach independence.
- Advocate for transitional age youth (16-24) on legislation that will help allocate appropriate funding and resources at a county, state and national level

Is there something else we didn't think of that you feel can help enrich the lives of transitional age youth? Connect with us to discuss. We would love to partner with you in order to brighten the future of youth who need our support!

“Crittenton helps you in the immediate and helps you sustain a good and positive future. Whether it's going to school, whether it's finding an apartment, whether its financial support Crittenton has been there for me when they say they're going to be. Most importantly they've provided encouragement and an emotional support system when I needed it the most. And I'm grateful because so many other former foster youth don't have that help.”

— Norma, Crittenton Stepping Stones Client