

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 in protecting and nurturing each child.
- * Meeting each child's psychosocial and developmental needs.
- * Supporting relationships between each child and their resource families.
- * Connecting each child to safe nurturing lifetime relationships.
- * Building a professional team of child advocates that involves resource parents.
- * We embrace diversity and inclusion of all religions, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions in order to create loving homes.

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License

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

License Numbers

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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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Foster Care



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Helping Foster Youth

For the hundreds of thousands of children and youth that enter the foster care system, per year, getting the opportunity to experience a safe and stable home environment is often a few and far between reality. These children and youth have unfortunately experienced neglect, trauma or abuse that has resulted in their separation from their biological family. Yet, they are some of the most resilient young people we at Crittenton have the privilege of helping.

For these reasons we are compelled to take action in order to provide **resource families** for **foster youth** who are unable to safely remain with their biological families, or that do not have family to care for them. Crittenton's main goal is to help find and to partner with caring, compassionate and certified resource families who can provide a nurturing home for foster youth in need and give them the emotional support they deserve.

Anyone, including you, can become a **resource parent** as long as there is a desire to open your heart and your home to foster youth who yearn for a safe space and loving home. Our resource parents play a vital role in nurturing and helping our youth learn how to heal from emotional trauma; become self-sufficient; and develop into upstanding members of our community.

Interested in helping foster youth reach their full potential? Ask us how you can join our mission and become a resource parent. Together we can make a difference!

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or Call 714.680.8200

Who are Our Youth

Crittenton helps give hope to foster youth with their own unique set of circumstances. Many variables contribute to the decision-making process of why and with whom our children and youth should be placed with. Yet, all of our youth share a common need for compassionate people in their lives. And these are just some of the reasons why these resilient young people need your help:

- The foster youth in our care may be working towards reunification with members of their extended or biological family, if appropriate, but need a safe and stable home during this transition period.
- Some foster youth in our care may become available for adoption, guardianship, or other permanent arrangement as long as these options serve in their best interest.
- While other foster youth may be working towards self-sufficiency and just need a temporary support system.



Partnering with Crittenton

We are thankful for the help Crittenton resource families bring to our overall mission. We value your compassion and in turn we provide each certified resource family with a monthly stipend that covers the expenses for each foster child invited into your home. All resource family homes are certified for safety and family members living in the home are fully screened. In addition, foster youth will receive medical coverage, and resource families have access to specialized services that can include:

- Educational and Developmental Assessments
- Individual, Group and Family Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Parenting Education
- Transitional Youth Services
- Family Reunification Counseling (If Applicable)
- Psychiatric and Psychological Testing Services
- Social Skills and Vocational Training Workshops

We are here to support you throughout your new journey as a resource parent. Our priority is to make sure your relationship with the newest member of your family is a success!

“A number of years ago I used to watch programs regarding adoption and foster care. I used to think to myself that one day I was going to help or adopt one of these children that I just couldn't understand why no one wanted. Today, I enjoy having my foster kids as a part of my family and watching them grow to become responsible adults.”

— Mrs. Valdez, Crittenton Resource Parent