

Post Adoption Services Resource Guide



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POST ADOPTION SERVICES

The Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS):

For information about any of the **Post Adoption Services**, contact Santa Clara County **Post-Adoption Service Social Workers** at **(408) 501-6303**.

Post-Adoption Services are available to birth parents, adoptees, and adoptive parents upon finalization of an adoption through DFCS.

Services provided by Santa Clara County's Post Adoption Services program include the following:

- ❖ Reassessment of AAP (Adoption Assistance Program) benefit. One primary function of the County's Post-Adoption Services Program is the facilitation of the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) for those families who were approved for AAP benefits prior to the adoption finalization.
 - AAP assists with the adoption of children who might otherwise remain in long-term foster care. This program provides financial assistance, including help with medical care, to families who adopt special needs children and who may not have the financial resources to meet the needs of these children. The Post-Adoption Social Workers can provide consultation, AAP information, and assistance with information about community resources to address the needs of your child.
- ❖ Request for non-identifying information from adoption records. If you were adopted, we will provide you with a report about your adoption. The information that is provided is non-identifying. (Adoption records are permanent records – preserved and maintained indefinitely by Santa Clara County)
- ❖ Reunions: If you were adopted in Santa Clara County, we will facilitate reunions between adult adoptees and birth parents and between adult adoptees and birth siblings according to California Law.
- ❖ Updating of adoption records: We will update adoption records with current addresses and other information received from birth parents and adoptees.

- ❖ Request to forward letters, cards, and pictures: We will forward letters, cards, and pictures from adoptive parents to birth parents and vice versa per earlier agreements made at the time of adoption finalization or to place such material into adoption records for possible delivery to the adult adoptee or to the birth parent at some point in the future.
- ❖ Requests for support groups by the adoption triad.
- ❖ **Adoption Wraparound Program**: The department of Family and Children's Services works in conjunction with **Seneca Family of Agencies** to provide wrap around services to adoptive families, which is designed to maintain the adopted child in the home.

MEDICAL RESOURCES

CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) Program:

For Medi-Cal eligible children age 3-20 CHDP provides complete health check-ups in order to detect and treat medical and dental problems before they become serious. To obtain a list of CHDP providers contact the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System CHDP Program at 1-800-689-6669. The Santa Clara County Social Services Agency CHDP Program can be contacted at **(408) 501-6669**. Pamphlets are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. <http://www.sccgov.org/sites/sccphd/en-us/HealthProviders/childhealthanddisabilityprevention/Pages/home.aspx>

DENTAL RESOURCES

Medi-Cal also covers dental care and in certain cases, orthodontia. For information about available programs, contact the Denti-Cal Beneficiary Customer Service Line at 1-800-322-6384 or TTY: (800) 735-2922, P.O. Box 15539 Sacramento, CA 95852
Web Address: www.denti-cal.ca.gov

For additional information on the Medi-cal dental program, please visit the local web address or call the toll free number. Representatives are available to assist you Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Other dental resources/services:

- Santa Clara County Dental Society at (408) 289-1480
- Santa Clara Valley Health and Dental Clinic at (408) 808-6102,
- UCSF School of Dentistry (415) 476-1891,
- University of the Pacific School of Dentistry (415) 929-6550 or (415) 929-6555.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services

Provides information and referrals for mental health, substance Use, and Suicide and Crisis Hot Line, for foster/adoptive children of Santa Clara County who are eligible for Medi-Cal. <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/bhd/Pages/home.aspx>

To Access Mental health services please call **1-800-704-0900**. If experiencing a mental health crisis, staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can speak with you in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

To Access Substance Use Services please call Gateway at **1-800-488-9919**

Suicide and Crisis Hotline 24/7 please call **1-855-278-4204** or text **RENEW to 741741**

For the Kids Connection Program (children 0-5 years old): call **1-800-704-0900** or fax referral to: 408-938-4536

Medi-Cal Mental Health Services – Value Options Program

If you live in California but outside of Santa Clara County and you need information regarding health care providers, child psychiatrists and/or mental professional who will accept your child's Medi-Cal insurance, contact a representative from the Value Options program at 1-800-236-0756 for a list of providers in your area.

EDUCATION RESOURCES

The Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services has an Educational Services Coordinator available to answer questions about your child. To contact the Educational Coordinator call (408) 501-6863 or your Post Adoption Social Worker at (408) 501-6303.

COMMUNITY ADOPTION SERVICES

FAIR (Families Adopting in Response)

FAIR is an adoption support organization composed of adoptive parents and adoptive children. Workshops and support groups are available in addition to other services. There is a modest membership fee. To contact FAIR, call (650) 856-3513 or visit their Web site at www.fairfamilies.org

Kinship Resource Center: Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Is located at 195 E. San Fernando Street, 2nd floor, San Jose, CA 95112. The Kinship resource center provides comprehensive services that support relative adoptive families. For information, contact them at (408) 200-0980, or visit their website: <https://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/kinship-resource-center?rq=kinship%20services>

Kinship, Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Santa Clara County (KAFPA)

Located at 373 W. Julian Street, San Jose, CA 95110, the association provides resources advocacy for the needs of foster and adoptive Families in Santa Clara County. There is a modest membership fee. To contact KAFPA, call (408) 501-6367 or visit their Web at <http://sccfapa.org/index.php>, or email: resourcecenter@kafpa.org

Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) Family Resource Centers:

San Jose Family Resource Center:

- Asian Pacific Family Resource Center
- Nuestra Casa Family Resource Center
- Ujirani Family Resource Center

591 N. King Road Suite 3
San Jose, CA 95133
(408) 793-8800

Gilroy Family Resource Center

7933 Wren Ave
Gilroy, CA 95020
408-758-3440

California Department of Social Services:

For additional adoption information, visit the CDSS web-site at www.childsworld.org.

Other Community Resources

For information on Community Resources, dial 211

Bill Wilson Center

3490 The Alameda, Santa Clara, CA 95050

(408) 243-0222

www.billwilsoncenter.org

The Bill Wilson Center offers support to youth and families through counseling, housing, education, and advocacy.

The Children's Health Counsel (CHC)

650 Clark Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303

(650) 326-5530 for general inquiries

www.chconline.org

The CHC offers single discipline as well as multi-disciplinary team diagnostic assessments to children ages 0-18, as well as individual, family and group treatment services.

CHADD

1-866-200-8098

www.chadd.org

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) is the nation's leading non-profit organization serving individuals with AD/HD and their families.

CHADD of Northern California

369 Santa Paula, San Leandro, CA 94579-1952

Contact either by mail or via the online form due to the limited amount of volunteer resources. www.chaddnorcal.org

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) provides information on support groups, programs and events.

Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

New Inquiries: 1-877-448-4747

www.centerforautism.com

Provides treatment to children with Autism, PDD and Asperger's Syndrome

KidScope

828 So. Bascom Avenue, Suite 100, San Jose, CA 95128
(408) 793-5959

KidScope is a comprehensive assessment center, serving children suspected of having complex developmental delay, serious behavior problems, or other undetermined concerns that are interfering with the child's ability to develop and learn successfully.

May Institute's Pediatric Specialist Center

www.mayinstitute.org

Expert evaluation, diagnosis and treatment, support for children with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities.

Morgan Autism Center

950 St. Elizabeth Drive San Jose, CA 95126
(408) 241-8161

www.morgancenter.org

Morgan Autism Center is a non-profit 501(c) (3) special education program for children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Santa Clara County

1150 South Bascom Avenue, Suite 24 San Jose, CA 95128
(408) 453-0400

www.namisantaclara.org

NAMI's programs include support groups and classes for those with a mental illness, their families and friends; individual, group and community advocacy as well as legislative and system advocacy.

Organization of Special Needs Families (OSF)

511 S. Bascom Avenue San Jose, CA 95128
www.osfamilies.org

OSP provides family support to children, teens, adults, and seniors with special needs through social skill learning activities, parent workshops, and after school programs.

PACE-Pacific Autism Center for Education

1880 Pruneridge Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050

(408) 245-3400

www.pacificautism.org

PACE provides high quality programs for individuals with Autism and associated developmental disabilities.

Parents Helping Parents (PHP)

Sobrato Center for Non-profits San Jose

1400 Parkmoor Avenue, Suite 100, San Jose, Ca 95126

(408) 727-5775 or CA toll free (855) 727-5775

www.php.com

PHP provides information, training, and support services for families who have children with special needs.

Disability Rights California

www.disabilityrightsca.org

1-800-776-5746

Disability Rights California advocates, educates, investigates, and litigates to advance the rights, dignity, equal opportunities, and choices for all people with disabilities

Regional Center

For information on Services for adults and children with developmental disabilities, please contact the Department of Developmental Services at (916) 654-1690 for information on your local regional center. For residents of Santa Clara County contact San Andreas Regional Center at (408) 374-9960.

NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES

You should receive your new birth certificate within 10-13 months. If you do not, you can contact the California Bureau of Vital Statistics at (916) 557-6074 or (916) 445-2684.

Or visit the website: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/birthdeathmar/Pages/default.aspx>