Overview of iFoster

Resources Our Children & Youth Need to Succeed!
Who iFoster Serves

- 175,000 emancipated youth (age 18-24)
- 400,000 children and youth in foster care (including cross-over)
- 2.7 Million children and youth in kinship care
- And the Caregivers and Organizations that support them

Without sufficient resources and supports, their futures are grim

- 45% will need to repeat a grade level or be in special education
- 25% will not complete high school
- 29% will only receive a GED
- 20% will be homeless
- 48% will be unemployed at age 21
- 25% will be incarcerated
- Less than 12% will earn their BA

Government support falls short of what it costs to raise a child (0-17)

Even extended foster care cannot underwrite our young adults like parents do.

**Tuition & Fees**
$8,893 / $22,203 / $30,094

**Room & Board**
$9,047

**Books & Supplies**
$1,137

**Personal Expenses**
$2,589

**Transportation**
$1,073

**Total**
$13,846

*SOURCES: College Board 2013-2014 school year, Wells Fargo College Financial Planning Guide 2013, College Costs: Tuition is Just the Beginning 2010*
1. **Focus** on Highest Need Resources

2. **Source, Validate and Optimize** Resources

3. **Deliver Online 24/7** via [www.ifoster.org](http://www.ifoster.org)

4. **Follow-up, measure impact, get your feedback** and **iterate**
1. Focus on Highest Need Resources

[Bar graph showing THRIVING and SURVIVING categories for various resources like Education Support, Computers & Comm, Health/Wellness, etc.]
We need your input!

Please complete the Resource Needs survey and tell us:

• What resources you most need

• What products, services or company partners you most wish we had in your area

• What resources you already know and use which you think other Kinship Caregivers should know about
2 Source, Vet and Optimize Resources

• Source across **government, private sector, public sector, faith community**

• Conduct due diligence and form **National, Regional and Local partnerships**

• **Optimize access** through discounts, scholarships, eligibility criteria changes, process improvements, and program modifications to best meet the needs of our Community

• Work with partners to **continuously improve** resource offerings
Example: Free 1:1 Online or Phone Tutoring

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!

1:1 Tutoring in math, science, language arts and social studies

PLUS GED preparation, interview skills, job-hunt skills & resume writing

Available 3pm to 10pm, 7 days a week online

Tutors are college professors, certified teachers and vetted professionals with advanced subject-area knowledge
Example: Free College & Career Guidance

Explore over 600 careers

Check out and get individual guidance on 7,500 colleges & vocational schools

Find financial aid for the program you want at the school you want

Prepare for the ACT or SAT with real test questions, sample exams, and tutorial/study help
Class A refurbished laptops with new Microsoft Windows & Office

If no free program is available, laptops can be purchased for $200 or less

Free USB Mobile Internet device with 1G of data per month (free) on Sprint Network

Free cell phone with unlimited voice and unlimited text a month from Virgin Mobile/Sprint. Coming soon data plans

Discounted family plans with AT&T
Example: Free Eye Exams & Eye Glasses

All iFoster member children and youth Caregivers on a case-by-case basis
Free annual eye exams at any local optometrist who takes VSP insurance
Free eye glasses

*Only if member has no vision insurance*
Example: Braces for $630 (all apt’s + retainer)

For children ages 10-18 BUT exceptions to age 24

Covers all traditional orthodontic treatment for as long as it takes to correct the teeth, plus a retainer at the end of the treatment
Example: Local Programs

- FREE legal services from Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- Save up to 35% from your utility bills with Southern Edison, San Diego Gas and Electric, PG&E and others
- 25% off mattresses and furniture at Ideal Mattress
- FREE haircuts from Paul Mitchell the school and $18 color
- Discount at Disneyland, Six Flags, San Diego Zoo, BOOMERS, Legoland, SeaWorld, Wild Waves, and more
Deliver Resources Online 24/7
Introducing The New iFoster Experience

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iFoster was created to give power to the hundreds of thousands of caregivers scattered in every community across the country. Due to the privacy and security needs of our children, caregivers are disconnected from each other, and often times disconnected from the services and resources that are available to them. iFoster provides 100s of Resources through partnerships with 100s of Companies, Government Agencies and Non-Profits Nationwide. Free and Deeply Discounted Products and Services are available to meet the biggest needs of our Children and Youth. We also provide Rewards for the accomplishments of your children or youth, Job opportunities for your youth, and we are always ready to help ensure you get the resources you and your children are eligible for.

IFoster Eligibility

* If you take care of Children or Youth and you are NOT their biological parent or step parent, you are eligible for iFoster

* Foster or Resource Caregiver

* Formal Kinship / Relative Caregiver

* Informal Kinship / Relative Caregiver

* Legal Guardian or Adoptive Parent

Become A Member

Signing up for iFoster is FREE!

Click on the Member Sign Tab on the top right-hand side of this website

Need Help or Have Questions? Call iFoster at 1-855-936-7837 or email us at support@ifoster.org
Who is eligible to use iFoster

1. Transition-age foster, kinship and probation youth (age 16-24)
2. Foster families
3. Kinship families or relative/near-relative caregivers
4. Legal guardians
5. Adoptive families
6. Any agency or organization serving any of the above

Membership is FREE, but your Member Type must be validated

Sign up at www.ifoster.org or call iFoster 1-855-936-7837
Join the iFoster Community!

Register for free and join thousands of other members of the child welfare community raising millions of children and youth nationwide. With iFoster, you can save thousands of dollars and have access to free programs, services and opportunities too often out of reach for our children and youth.

Membership Type: Individual/Family

* First Name: 
* Last Name: 
* Phone: 
* Email: 
* State: Please select... 
* Zip Code: 

* Member Type

- Average number of children or youth in your care. If you are a transition-age youth or former foster youth indicate 1.
- Please spell out the complete name of the agency or organization you are affiliated with.
- Contact person at agency who can validate your membership type. If you are a transition-age or former foster youth and do not know, please put N/A.
- Phone number at agency who can validate your membership type. If you are a transition-age or former foster youth and do not know, please put N/A.

How did you hear about us?:

Yes, iFoster has my permission to contact the agency or program I provided to validate my Member Type.

Register Change my mind
My Preferences

We want to make your experience at iFoster as simple, easy and fast as possible. By setting your preferences, iFoster filters results so only the resources that you are interested in, you qualify for and are located in your community will be shown. Feel free to set preferences for as many or as few of the criteria listed below. You can always change your preferences, even as you search resources. The choice is always yours!

iFoster is working on regional and local program partnerships. To see resources in your local area, please select the State and Counties you are interested in:

State: California  County: San Diego

Some of iFoster’s resources for children and Youth are age specific, what age groups are most appropriate for you and your family? Check all that apply.

Baby or Toddler: Pre-Schooler (3-5), Primary

What type of beneficiaries are you seeking resources for?

Families
- Foster or Resource
- Informal Kinship
- At-Risk Biological
- Extended Foster Care (19-21)
- Probation Youth

Youth
- Formal Kinship
- Legal Guardians / Adoptive
- Emancipated or Former Foster/Kinship Youth (18-24)
- ILP-Eligible Youth (age 14-18)
- Not ILP-Eligible Youth or Don’t Know (age 14-18)
Filter Results by Sub-Category:
- After School Programs
- Parenting Help
- Child Care
- Summer Programs

National and Regional Partner Resources
- **Teen Parenting Group**: Online Support Group For Teen Mothers
- **FOCUS on Foster Families**: Parenting help with a phone app
- **AAGAP Mental Health Resource Center**: by Experts on childhood mental health disorders
- **KidsHealth.org**: Award-winning website on children/youth health, behavior & mental health
- **National Parent Helpline**: Parenting support from trained parent peers

Local Partner Resources
- **Straight From The Heart**: FREE Parenting Classes
- **Family Resource Center**: Assistance, Services and Referrals for Families in need
- **The Epicentre**: Youth Recreational Services

**Powered by San Diego County - 2-1-1 San Diego**
For additional resources, please click on the 2-1-1 button below
Free Sight for Students Eye Exams & Glasses

Description
The Sight for Students program has partnered with iFoster to bring free vision exams and free glasses to children and youth (up to age 21) whose caregivers or agencies are iFoster members and who are not insured (either with Medicaid or private vision insurance).

Please refer to the attached Request forms to review eligibility requirements and process for requesting your get a Sight for Students certificate from iFoster. iFoster has been granted an almost unlimited supply of certificates so do not worry, we will not run out. We can supply both individual caregivers and agencies with multiple eligible children or youth. As always, call us if you have any questions 1-866-316-7837.

Type of Service
Free/Scholarship Resources

For Age Group
- Primary School Age (6-10)
- Middle School Age (11-13)
- High School Age (14-18)
- Post-High Age (16-24)

Program Website

Program Schedule
June, 2014

Reach
National level

Eligibility Criteria
Youth (16-21) or caregiver/person raising child or youth must be an iFoster member, must be 21 or younger and cannot have any vision insurance.

Brought to you by: VSP Vision Care

Comments
My daughter had the eye exam and ordered super cute glasses and everything went great! Thanks so much! Great program - Colleen - Pinellas County
Kristine Schmeler on 1/2/2014 12:41:49 PM
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My Child’s Successes

My Contacts

Resource Search

Suggested Resources (1)

iFoster Messages (3)

Wild Waves Theme Park Discount
Save $7 off general admission to Wild Waves

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Suggested Resources (1)
Ifoster Messages (3)

Serita Korencox
Thanks for calling today! You have been added to the Free Cell Plan wait list. We will let you know as soon as the program launches!
on 07/30/2014

Serita Korencox
Please register your Microsoft software. If you do not, your software will be deemed illegal and your computer will get shut down by Microsoft. If you need help registering your software, please call iFoster at 1-855-396-7837 on 07/30/2014

Serita Korencox
You laptop has shipped! Your shipping tracking number is ZD123456789 and you can track your shipment at www.ups.com on 07/30/2014
My Child's Successes

Tell iFoster about your Child(ren) and/or Youth(s) accomplishments!

Your Child or Youth's Accomplishments enters them to win great prizes!

Add Accomplishment
Add an Accomplishment

Your child or youth deserves to be rewarded for all their hard work. Please tell us about your child's or youth's accomplishments at school, at work, volunteering, or being a positive role model to other foster youth or people in general. When they do well, we want to know!

Title: 

Detail: Please tell us about your accomplishment and upload any documentation that supports it (i.e. report card, job offer, letter of support)

Upload File: Choose File No file chosen

Save

No record found.
We need your input!

Please give us feedback:

• How easy is it to **sign up**?

• How easy is it to **navigate and find the resources** that you need?

• Have you **called us** and were we helpful? Have you had a **resource suggestion**? Have you receive a **message** from us?

• Have you tried **My Child’s Successes**?

• **What would make it easier for you to use the online portal?**
Follow-Up, Measure Impact & Iterate

- Member uses portal or calls iFoster
- iFoster works internally and with partners to continually improve experience, resources and outcomes
- Resource usage and service delivery is tracked
- Members rate, comment and provide feedback