

# Community leaders attend annual foster youth symposium

**El Dorado County Office of Education**  
News release

Over 40 community leaders came together on Monday, May 4, to identify ways to improve the lives of foster children in the area. The Foster Awareness Network hosts the annual symposium at the El Dorado County Office of Education, bringing together professionals and agencies who work with foster children to exchange ideas and work proactively to enhance current programs. This year, the group evaluated strategies used to raise awareness regarding foster care and services in El Dorado County.

"We endeavor to discover areas of opportunity and cultivate awareness of the existing educational and community services available that benefit these children," FAN Executive Director Jeanne Hall stated. "The work done over the last year has significantly increased awareness about how people can help and become a foster family for kids who need that stability

the most."

FAN partners with EDCOE and the El Dorado Community Foundation to make this annual gathering possible, in addition to the work they perform year-round.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with these two remarkable organizations, as we all work together to provide the best possible experiences for our foster youth," Superintendent of Schools Jeremy

M. Meyers said. "At EDCOE, we strive to deliver excellence in education and support the educational needs of El Dorado County's student population — because every single child deserves the opportunity and guidance to succeed."

There are many ways you can help a foster child. Visit [fan-usa.org](http://fan-usa.org) for more information about FAN or call 530-626-0444 for questions and to get started.



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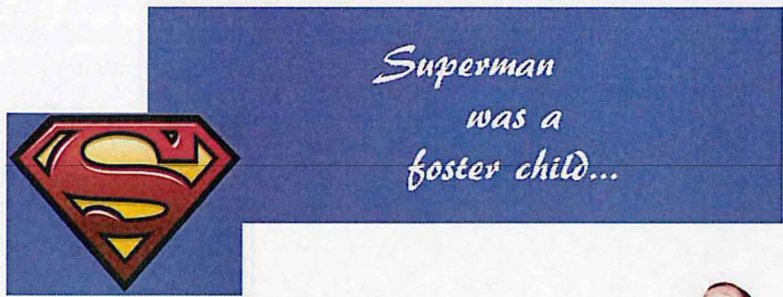
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- ◆ Provide transportation
- ◆ Volunteer services
- ◆ Sponsor a child
- ◆ Donate clothing and school supplies



**Help us make a difference and keep our kids local by calling:**

- ◆ EDC Foster Care & Licensing 530-642-7100
- ◆ Sierra Child & Family Services 530-295-1491
- ◆ Foster Awareness Network 530-626-0444
- ◆ Environmental Alternatives 530-748-4300

**Questions? Please join us and get answers!**

Foster Care Community Forum  
September 10, 2015  
Smith Flat House Conference Room  
Smith Flat, CA  
6:30 pm– 8:30 pm  
RSVP: [pam@eldoradocf.org](mailto:pam@eldoradocf.org)

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