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This Is How You End the Foster Care to Prison Pipeline

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Almost half of all foster care youth end up in jail within two years of aging out of the system. First Place for Youth has figured out a housing and support strategy to keep these young adults out from behind bars and living on their own. [Foster Care to Prison Pipeline](#)

ACEs Connection Network

Join the movement to prevent ACEs, heal trauma, build resilience.



Implementation Of Senate Bill (SB) 484 The Use Of Psychotropic Medications By Foster Youth Residing In Group Home Placements

SB 484 requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop measures to identify group homes with levels of psychotropic medication usage warranting further review and address psychotropic medication concerns with those identified facilities as appropriate. The bill also adds recordkeeping requirements for facilities serving foster children who are prescribed psychotropic medications.

[READ MORE SB 484](#)

Starting a CASA Conversation: Grief & Loss

Simply by virtue of coming into foster care, every child or youth-and his family is experiencing grief and loss. Often what can be a "normal" response to grief is treated by professionals as a much more serious mental health issue.

One of the biggest gifts you can give to a child is to allow them to acknowledge and be able to share their feelings of grief. You can give the gift of taking the time to truly and authentically listen to a child. For a child, telling the story of what was lost, from their perspective, can be one of the most healing interventions they can receive.

Read more at [Grief and Loss](#)



Summer Activities 4 Kids 32 A through Z BOREDOM BUSTERS

Lake County Child Welfare



Mendocino County Child Welfare



Note: the scales of the charts on this page are not standardized and vary based on the data.

“I AM ENOUGH OF A REALIST TO UNDERSTAND THAT I CAN'T REACH EVERY CHILD, BUT I AM MORE OF AN OPTIMIST TO GET UP EVERY MORNING AND TRY.”

PRESTON MORGAN
QUOTED BY STEVE SEBMAN AT TEND CARE TOWN