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Childhood Trauma and Its Effects: Implications for Police

Author Richard G. Dudley, Jr., MD has summarized the current understanding of the effects of ongoing trauma on young children, how these effects impair adolescent and young adult functioning, and the possible implications of this for policing. This is one in a series of papers that will be published as a result of the Executive Session on Policing and Public Safety. [SEE MORE](#)



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L.A. COUNTY IS SHUTTING DOWN TROUBLED CENTERS FOR FOSTER KIDS WITH NOWHERE ELSE TO GO

The waiting rooms for foster youths with nowhere else to go opened with great fanfare several years ago.

Known as Youth Welcome Centers, they were hailed by Los Angeles County officials as an important way to address the chronic shortage of foster homes, especially for children hardest to place. They were the only facilities in the county system with a no-refusal policy and quickly became a place for youths who would otherwise be homeless.



Group Homes

"As a CASA Volunteer
I am the LEAP from
Where that child is
and where that child
wants to be"

*Darryl
CASA Volunteer*

Good bye may,
hello june .

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Mother's and Father's Day arrive every year with great fanfare. Gift suggestions of balloons, brunches and neck ties fill the airwaves. Advertisements boast happy moms and dads hugging adorable children.

But not everyone receives these messages with the same excitement. Children in foster care can often harbor complicated feelings about a day celebrating parents. They may feel lonely, scared and abandoned regardless of how loving their foster family may be. A child living in foster care may not know how to talk about their feelings or even understand what's welling up inside them. They may act out or withdraw while everyone else cheers.

But a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) assigned to a child in foster care can support a child's feelings and help them better understand their world. Children in foster care experience family life differently and, therefore, need a CASA to help them find their place.

WON'T YOU HELP THEM FIND THEIR PLACE.?

BECOME A CASA.

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