



◆ **Learn More About CPS**

The CPS Citizens Academy offers a close-up look at the child welfare system. For information, call (916) 875-2000 or email saffolds@saccounty.net

CPS Speakers Bureau. Call (916) 876-5462 or email slothowerl@saccounty.net.

◆ **How Can I Help?**

Become a foster or adoptive parent. Call (916) 875-5543 (SKID).

Sacramento Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Be a child's voice in juvenile court. Phone (916) 875-6460 or email info@sacramentocasa.org.

Wonder, Inc. provides mentors for foster kids who guide them in fun enrichment activities. Phone (916) 231-3027 or email info@wonderinc.org.

Donate to Making Memories. Your gifts help pay for summer camp, senior prom, after-school sports and other "little extras" for foster children. Phone (916) 875-6460 or (916) 876-5584 or email makingmemories@sacramentocasa.org



The 24-Hour CPS Child Abuse Hotline:

**916-875-KIDS
(916-875-5437)**



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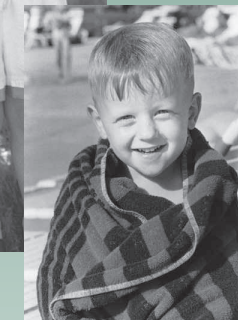
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Sacramento County
Child Protective Services



Keeping
Children Safe
While
Strengthening
Families





◆ What is Child Protective Services?

Sacramento County Child Protective Services (CPS) investigates reports of child abuse and neglect and provides services designed to keep children safe while strengthening families. The agency also recruits and trains foster families, acts as an adoption agency, and licenses family daycare homes. The following are descriptions of the ways CPS works in the community.

◆ Keeping Children Safe

You can help keep children safe. If a child is in a life-threatening situation, call 911. If you know of or suspect child abuse and the situation does not require immediate response by the police or sheriff's department, call the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at **916-875-5437 (916-875-KIDS)**. You will speak with a social worker that will assess your report and determine what action to take.

Calls are confidential and callers (except for mandated reporters) do not have to give their names.

◆ Strengthening Families

Child safety is the highest priority for CPS. Whenever possible, we accomplish this by providing voluntary services and support to families. When services alone are not enough to protect children, the Juvenile Dependency Court can provide additional protection by making children dependents of the court.

In serious situations, it may be necessary to remove children from the home.

If this happens, CPS may contact family members to provide children with temporary care while parents receive intensive services focused on helping them reunify with their children.

If a safe, appropriate family member is not available, CPS may place the child with a foster family or group home.

Services to help children and families may include:

- Parenting and anger management classes
- Referrals for alcohol and drug treatment
- Individual and family counseling
- Domestic violence treatment
- Emergency shelter care
- Emergency food/nutrition services
- Emergency medical services
- Referrals to community resources



◆ Foster Families

Foster families provide care and support to children while their parents go through reunification.

Sacramento County recruits and trains foster families using the Parents Resource for Information, Development and Education (PRIDE) training, a national model for preparing couples and individuals to become caring, capable foster parents.

Foster parents care for children for anywhere from a few days to a few years, but care is temporary, unless the foster parent has expressed an interest in adopting. Reimbursement rates for foster families vary depending on the age and needs of the child.

◆ Finding a Permanent Home

Every child deserves a family. When children cannot be safely reunified with family, adoption or guardianship helps them make permanent family connections. Relatives and foster parents may be considered for adoptive or guardianship homes.

◆ Helping Foster Youth to Adulthood

While most foster children return home or live with another family, some turn 18 while in foster care. The Independent Living Program (ILP) offers support and services to help these emancipating foster youth make the transition to adulthood. ILP services are available for youth ages 12 to 21.