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TRANSFORMING CAREGIVING | BUILDING COMMUNITY

A Tragic Spark: In 2013, a lack of foster homes -- and of high-quality care for youth that need them -- was been bubbling at crisis levels, not only disrupting the futures of the youth involved, but also straining LA County's future economic, infrastructure and social prospects.

Stories of children waiting overnight in DCFS offices, at overcrowded shelters, in hotels or institutions-- simply because no families are available -- have too frequently surfaced over the years.

Our Solution: Foster Together Network began out of a desire to utilize the collective impact model to bring together deeply invested organizations into a space where we could problem solve these challenges together.

Our collective impact effort is a vibrant collaborative, based in the Center for Strategic Partnerships, that includes philanthropy, former foster youth, parents, foster family agencies, the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Mental Health, Probation, and community leaders, all dedicated to together tackling our child welfare system's greatest challenges.

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Our collective impact model proved fruitful, leading to some significant accomplishments:

- Creating of an LA County Data dashboard for analyzing key resource family needs, capacity, & retention data
- Piloting faith-based partnerships that have been replicated throughout Los Angeles County
- Development of responsive COVID-19 tools to support resource families in their well-being and home schooling under the pandemic
- Hosting informative and relationship-building conferences and virtual convenings-- bringing together hundreds of industry professionals, County and nonprofit leaders, parents, and philanthropy to build capacity, knowledge, and partnership on key timely issues (such as improving family stability, addressing racial disparities, self-care, best practices in recruiting via social media, reducing family disruption, and peer support models)
- Launching strategic cross-sector initiatives to improve foster youth matching practices, placement stability, and more
- Completing landscape analyses to identify best practices and opportunities to improve the recruitment and support of resource families in LA County and nationwide; using these tools to establish shared goals and cross-sector workgroups that effectively tackle opportunities to improve foster family participation and quality of care

Join us in achieving radical change.

We believe we have an opportunity to transform Los Angeles County and the State of California, and to serve as an example nationally for how collaborative engagement can advance the quality foster families.

Are you ready to be part of the solution—to change the lives of children by ensuring our systems provide every child safe and nurturing care?

To learn more or get involved, please contact the Center for Strategic Partnerships at rochelle@socialimpactadvisory.com



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