

FOSTER Program

F—Foster

O—Outreach

S—Strengthened

T—Through

E—Empowerment

and

R—Resources



Joining together to provide activities and services to Shasta County youth in foster care.

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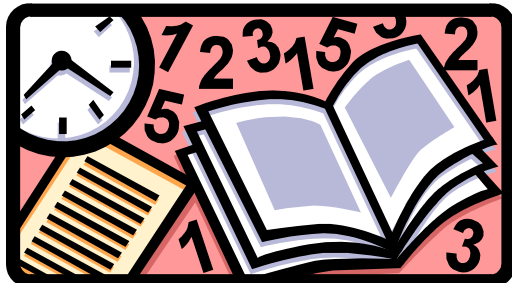
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How is the FOSTER program funded?

In January, 2002, the Safe and Drug-free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSC) was reauthorized at the federal level as part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The purpose of SDFSC is to promote a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student academic achievement for the nation's youth. The SDFSC is the federal government's primary vehicle for reducing drug, alcohol, tobacco use, and violence through education and prevention activities in the nation's schools and the communities they serve. In California, 80% of the state's share of federal SDFSC funds are directed to and distributed by the California Department of Education. The remainder of the funds are directed to and distributed by the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Program. The **FOSTER** program is funded by these monies.



SHASTA COUNTY'S FOSTER PROGRAM

The focus of the **FOSTER** program is to improve services to foster youth by linking them with countywide activities, both public and private, that will increase their 40 Developmental



Assets. The goals are to reduce risky behaviors, reduce or prevent alcohol and substance abuse, and promote positive change. Increasing

assets ensures that youth will grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

How will this be achieved?

- Through the development and training of a **FOSTER** program collaborative
- Through a partnership with the foster care system to assess the foster youths' 40 Developmental Assets
- Through categorizing countywide activities that will focus on identified needs of the foster youth and linking them to those services ensuring case management through the program
- Evaluation and assessment of the program

YOUR ROLE

- Provide transportation and support for youth to fully participate in the **FOSTER** Program
- Maintain communication with the **FOSTER** Program to overcome barriers to the full implementation of the program
- Communicate specific needs of foster youth so they can be provided services meaningful to them that will build their assets
- Participate in focus groups and program-specific surveys as requested



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