

# Joint Foster Youth Task Force

## Semi-Annual Update

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Board of Supervisors Meeting  
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# Recommendation #1

*A partnership with Child Abuse and Neglect Center (CANC) and non-profit agencies to provide an immediate and warm hand-off for families in need.*

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**Last Step Completed:** Agencies selected: Pacific Clinics, Rebekah Children's Services, and Gardner Health Network. Contract approved on February 6, 2024, and the SAFE program launched on March 1, 2024.

**Next Step:** Partnership with community partners; collaborate to align program with the Families First Prevention Community Pathway.

**Timeline:** Summer 2024

**Partners:** DFCS, Pacific Clinics, Rebekah Children's Services, Gardner Health Network

**Action:** Continue report out on a semi-annual basis in a separate report

# Recommendation #3

*Conduct an impact research study to quantitatively define the fiscal implications attached to system-involvement at each stage of the child welfare process.*

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## **Last Step Completed:**

- Time use survey completed by Chapin Hall in December of 2023
  - Estimated County personnel cost for out-of-home placement of school-age child: \$140,050
  - Estimated County personnel cost for out-of-home placement of baby: \$149,840

**Next Step:** Not applicable as the time use survey is completed

**Timeline:** Not applicable as the time use survey is completed

**Partners:** DFCS (lead); SSA Agency Office, Chapin Hall

**Action:** End report out and sunset this recommendation



# Recommendations #20 & 23

*Former foster youth should be provided with  
Extremely Low Income (ELI) permanent housing.*

**Last Step Completed:** No update

**Next Step:** Multiple projects include supportive housing for Transition Age Youth (TAY) from foster care. Will continue to collaborate with OSH around housing for TAY, foster youth and high entry populations.

**Timeline:** See table

**Partners:** OSH (lead agency)

**Action:** End report out and sunset this recommendation

| Project Name                                 | Total Units | # of Permanent TAY Units | Anticipated Openings |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Mesa Terrace                                 | 46          | 23                       | Open                 |
| Pavilion Inn                                 | 42          | 21                       | June 2024            |
| The Heartwood (formerly the Crestview)       | 49          | 13                       | July 2024            |
| The Roosevelt (formerly Roosevelt Park Apts) | 80          | 9                        | September 2024       |
| Parkmoor Housing (Hub)                       | 81          | 40                       | Summer 2025          |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>298</b>  | <b>106</b>               |                      |

# Recommendations #24

*Collaborate with OSH to provide a continuum of housing supportive services to high-entry populations and families who are "evaluated out" at the CANC and/or referred to Differential Response (DR).*

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**Last Step Completed:** DR providers reported the most common needs were emergency services, housing, recreational services, and mental health referrals

**Next Step:** Collaborate with OSH to assess further opportunities to partner and leverage shared resources

**Timeline:** Not applicable

**Partners:** DFCS (lead), OSH and CalWORKS

**Action:** End report out and sunset recommendation

# Recommendations #27

*The County, school districts, and other agencies should align their contracts with providers to require common data collection and sharing, compatible with DataZone and FosterVision.*

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**Last Step Completed:** SCCOE filled the Web Development position to develop FosterVision+ by summer of 2025 and provide ongoing support for the platform. Updated 5-year MOU signed in June of 2023.

**Next Step:** The partners are making continuous progress and will continue to do so through ongoing collaboration.

**Timeline:** Expected completion Summer 2024, pending staffing.

**Partners:** SCCOE lead for FosterVision Plus and DataZone

**Action:** End report out and sunset recommendation