

Joint Foster Youth Task Force

Semi-Annual Update



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.



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.



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
Total	298	106	

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).



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.



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