

# KINSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES



**Our Mission:** *Lincoln Families disrupts the cycle of poverty and trauma, empowering children and families to build strong futures.*

## COMMUNITY- BASED



## KINSHIP LEADERSHIP

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## KINSHIP WEBPAGE

[https://www.lincolnfamilies.org/  
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## FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL

510.273.4700

[www.LincolnFamilies.org](http://www.LincolnFamilies.org)

## WHAT WE DO

**Lincoln Families' Kinship** program provides supports to kin caregivers so they have the resources needed to raise their relative. Since 2001, our staff have addressed the unique needs of each caregiver and child, providing a variety of supports:

- **Family Coaching** – Providing advocacy and referral for financial assistance, legal supports, mental health, emergency, and education services;
- **Education and Skill Building** – Offering programs including parenting and school advocacy to prepare and inform caregivers and youth;
- **Youth Engagement** – Providing children and teen activity groups, social and recreational outings, tutoring, and workshop events;
- **Support Groups** – Facilitating gatherings of caregivers to share joys and concerns, learn about resources, and support each other.

## OUR WHY

Children in foster care can face exposure to alcohol and other drugs, abuse, neglect and abandonment, violence in their homes and communities, trauma from separation from birth families, and frequent changes in foster care placement. These experiences place children at greater risk of developing physical, emotional, and behavioral problems that can lead to school failure, teen pregnancy, homelessness, unemployment, and incarceration. Research shows that living with relatives is better for children and benefits them in many ways. Of children who are not living with their biological parents, 75% of them are being raised by a relative outside of the formal foster care system. Such kin caregivers have little or no time to prepare for this new arrangement and face major barriers in accessing information, benefits, legal assistance, and services.



## OUTCOMES & IMPACT

100% of Kinship families remained stable and together, preventing youth from entering the foster care system

## LOCATIONS & HOURS

**Eligibility:** All kin caregivers and their children residing in our service areas of Hayward, Fremont, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Union City, Newark, Castro Valley, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol, and unincorporated areas of Southern Alameda County are eligible to receive kinship services.

### Hayward

- 111 Review Way Hayward, CA | 510-273-4700, x2000
- Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

### Hayward (Spanish Support Groups)

- 111 Review Way Hayward, CA | 510-273-4700, x2000
- 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30 am

### Tri-Valley

- Activities coordinated from our Hayward office | 510-273-4700, x2000

### Tri-City

- Fremont Resource Center: 39155 Liberty St. Room D450, Fremont, CA 510-273-4700, x2000
- Monday and Wednesday, 10 am - 4 pm

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Caregivers come together to share joys and concerns, learn about resources, and support each other.

- Hayward: Every Thursday from 10-11:30 am. Evening support groups are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 6- 7:30 pm and include dinner and youth activities
- Pleasanton Unified School District Support Groups: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10-11:30 am at the PUSD District Office, 215 Abbie Street in Pleasanton
- Tri-Valley Support Groups: Second Saturday of each month from 10:30 am to noon at Los Positas College in Livermore

"Lincoln's Kinship has been a vital part of our life for many years. It would have been so difficult without their continued support."

— Kinship Caregiver