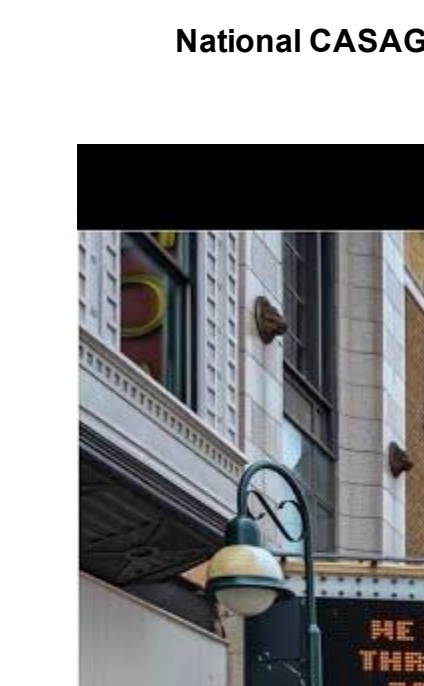


The Advocate Update

November 4, 2020

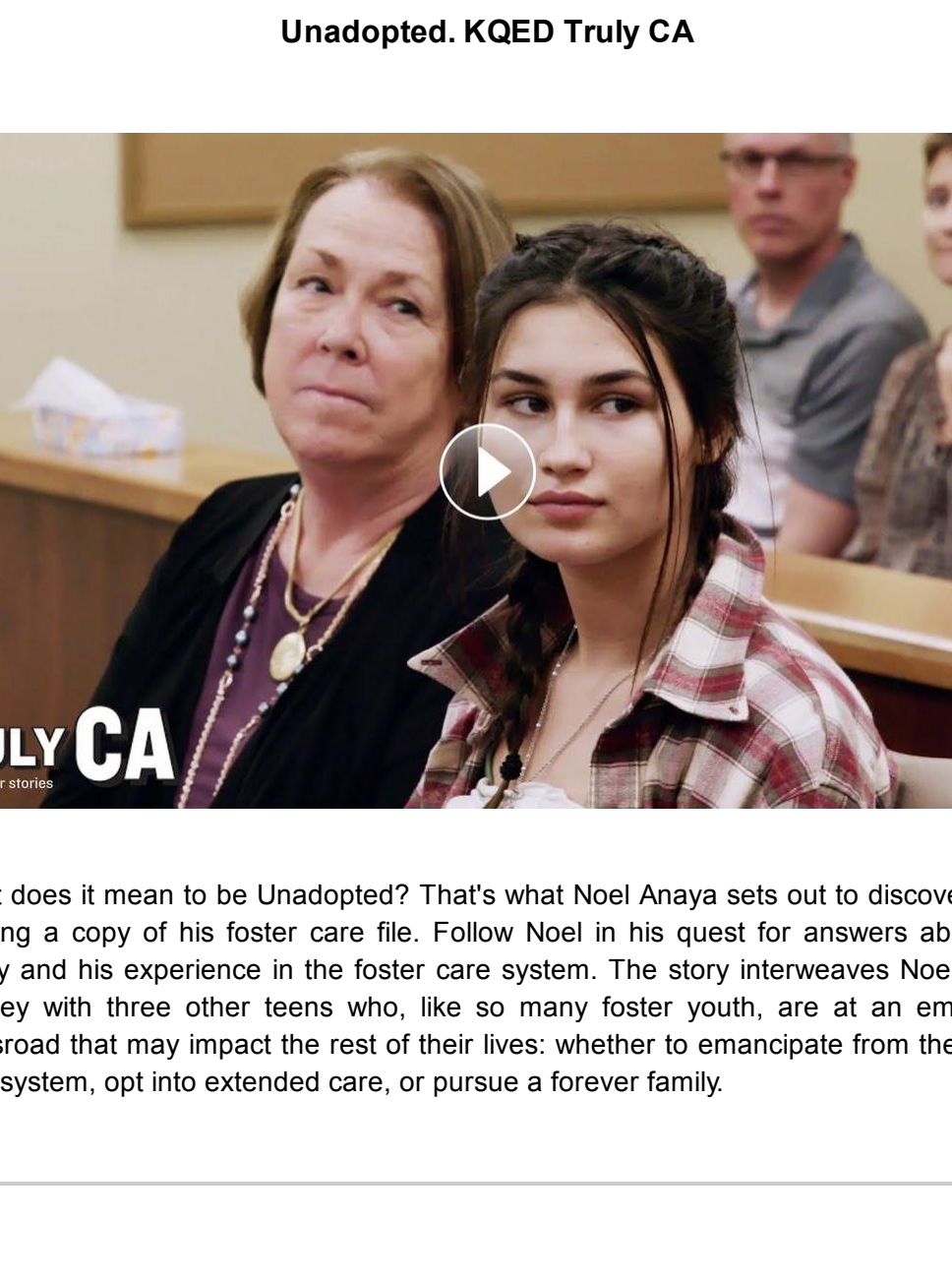


1st 2020-2021 Quarterly Update

This has been a difficult quarter for our community, but for us at CASA, thanks to you and your support, we were able to continue to thrive, grow, and keep showing up for our youth. Thank you for making this possible.

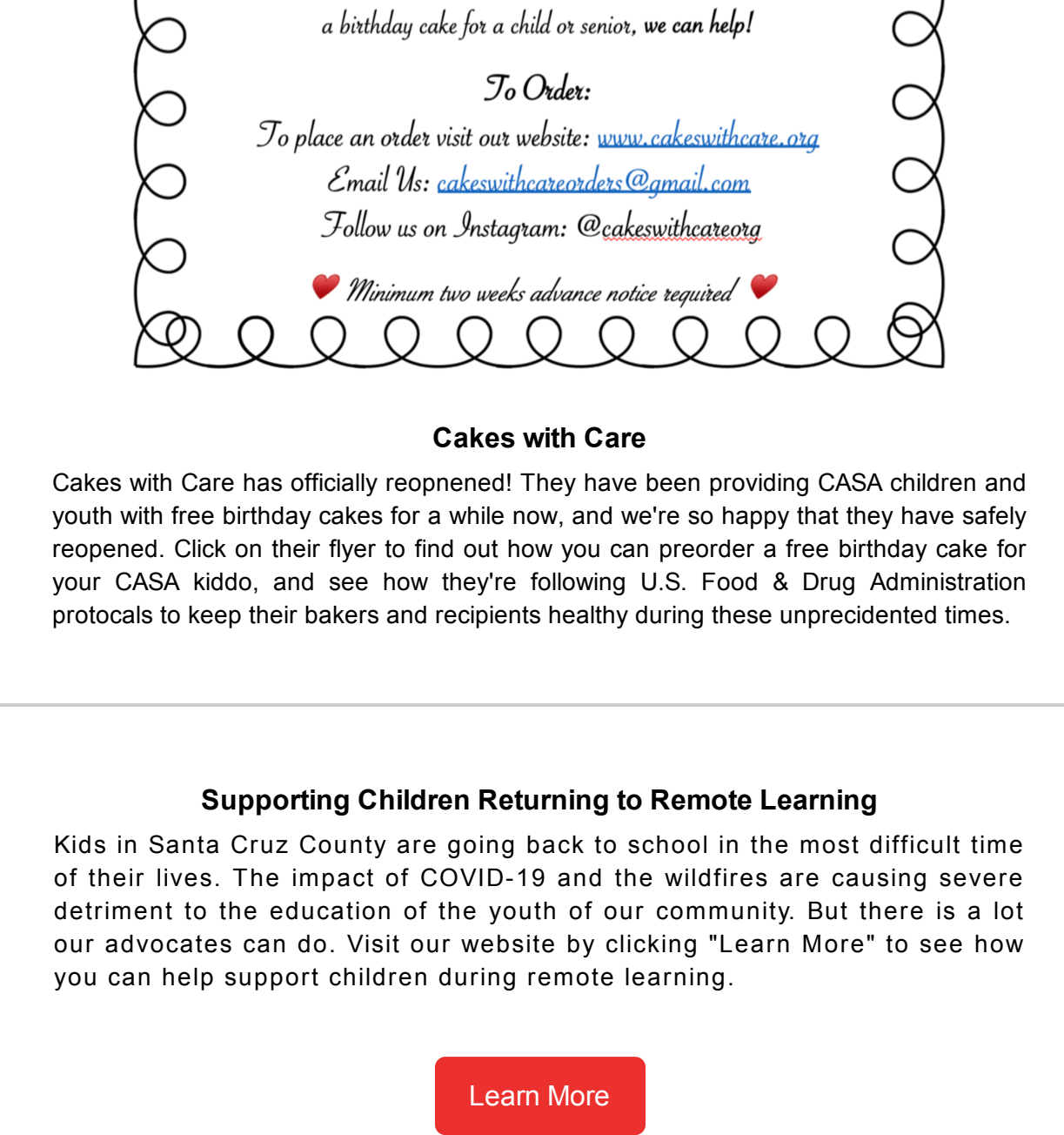
[Click here to read the quarterly update from our Executive Director, Lynne Petrovic.](#)

National CASAGAL Virtual Conference 2020 Video

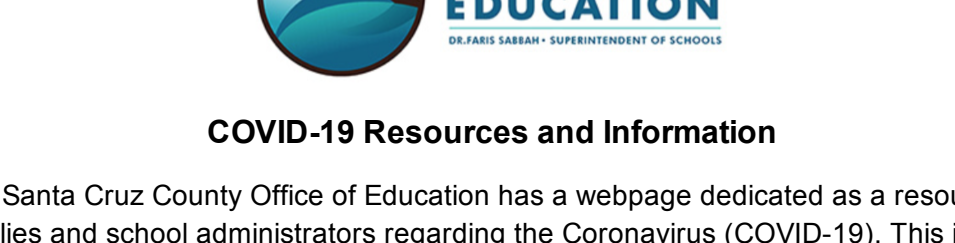


National CASA recorded Advocates and staff all over the country sharing how they have stayed in contact with children during the pandemic.

Unadopted. KQED Truly CA



What does it mean to be Unadopted? That's what Noel Anaya sets out to discover after reading a copy of his foster care file. Follow Noel in his quest for answers about his family and his experience in the foster care system. The story interweaves Noel's own journey with three other teens who, like so many foster youth, are at an emotional crossroad that may impact the rest of their lives: whether to emancipate from the foster care system, opt into extended care, or pursue a forever family.



Cakes with Care provides baked goods free of charge to financially and socially disadvantaged children such as foster youth and seniors through partnerships with local agencies to exemplify care and promote joy within our community.

If you or someone you know cannot afford a birthday cake for a child or senior, we can help!

To Order:

To place an order visit our website: www.cakeswithcare.org

Email Us: cakeswithcare@csn.net

Follow us on Instagram: [@cakeswithcareorg](https://www.instagram.com/cakeswithcareorg)

♥ Minimum two weeks advance notice required ♥

Cakes with Care

Cakes with Care has officially reopened! They have been providing CASA children and youth with free birthday cakes for a while now, and we're so happy that they have safely reopened. Click on their flyer to find out how you can preorder a free birthday cake for your CASA kiddo, and see how they're following U.S. Food & Drug Administration protocols to keep their bakers and recipients healthy during these unprecedented times.

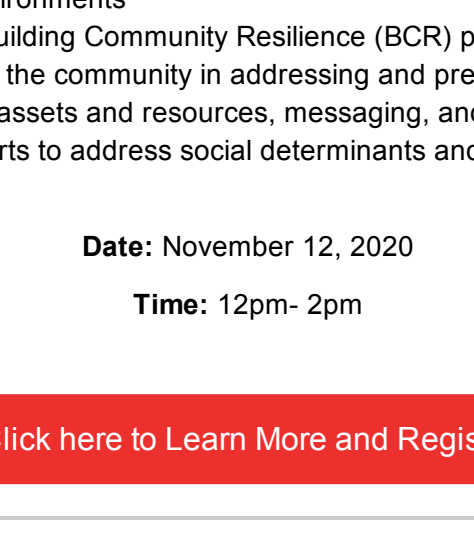
Supporting Children Returning to Remote Learning

Kids in Santa Cruz County are going back to school in the most difficult time of their lives. The impact of COVID-19 and the wildfires are causing severe detriment to the education of the youth of our community. But there is a lot our advocates can do. Visit our website by clicking "Learn More" to see how you can help support children during remote learning.

[Learn More](#)

Is your CASA child or youth having a hard time engaging while we shelter in place? With the help of advocates, CASA put together a list of resources and activities for you to share with resource parents or try out on your own. We're constantly updating it so check back often and let us know if there are other resources not yet stated in our list!

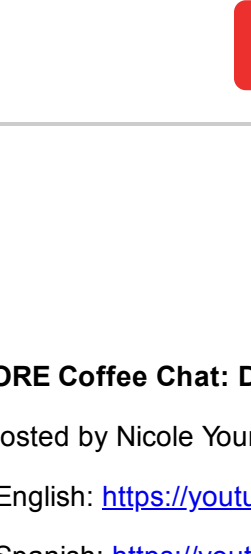
Click here to check out our list of resources



COVID-19 Resources and Information

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education has a webpage dedicated as a resource for families and school administrators regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). This page, so updates and school closure information will be posted on this page periodically. Visit them at <https://santacruzcoe.org/superintendent/health-and-wellness/coronavirus/> to learn more about everything from to wifi and free lunch locations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION



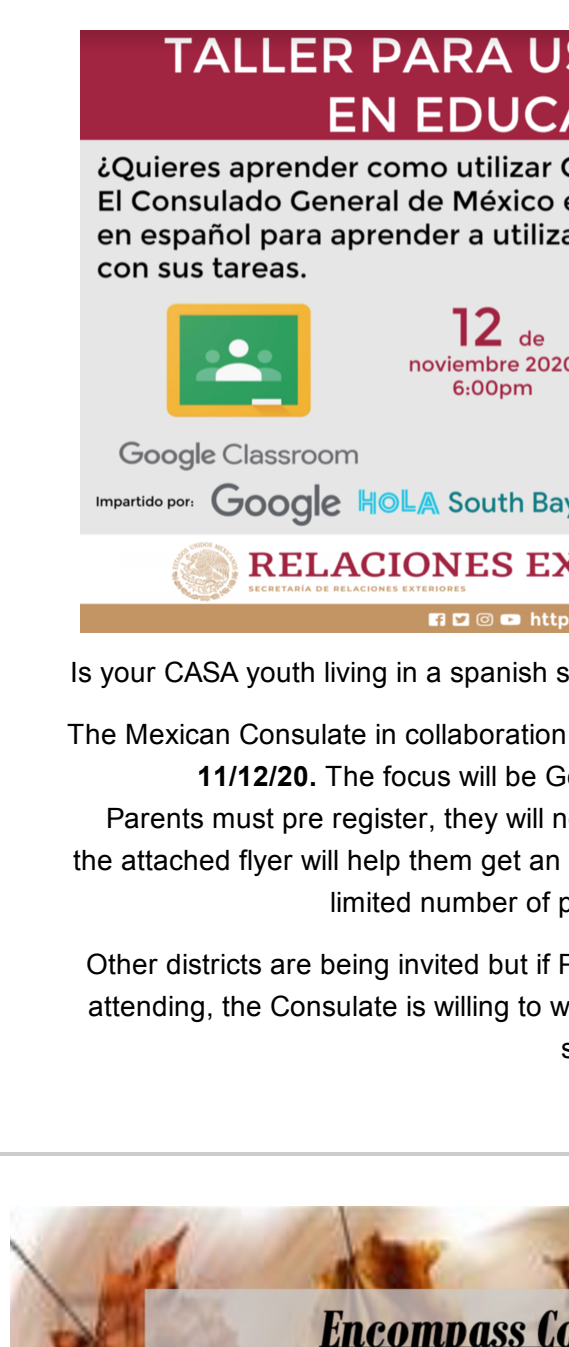
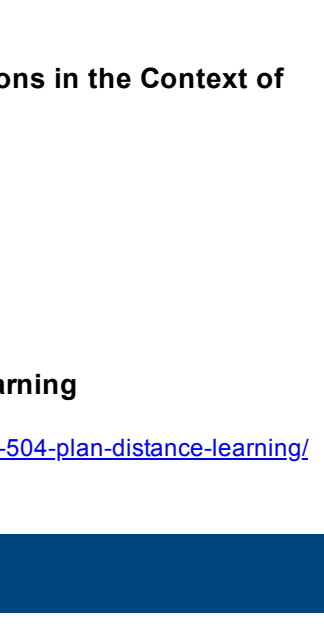
Continuing Education Google Calendar

Check out our brand new Google calendar full of continuing education and development opportunities. Our CASA supervisors are regularly updating it, so check back often for newly added webinars and events.

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

Birth to Five Inservice

With Guest Presenter Susan Huffman, Resource Family Support & Trainer



If you are currently an advocate for a child ages 0-5 or interested in learning more, please join us.

- Child Development
- Effects of Trauma
- Early Intervention
- CASA Advocate Role with Young Children
- Family Strengths
- Improving Outcomes

[Click HERE to register!](#)

November 25, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

[Click here to Register](#)

Santa Cruz County ACEs Network

The Pair of ACEs in Practice

El Par de ACEs en Práctica



Join us for the first session of the Santa Cruz County (SCC) ACEs Network of Care Learning Series on The Pair of ACEs in Practice, presented by Wendy Ellis and Harrison Newton of the Center for Community Resilience (CCR). In this interactive virtual event, participants will:

- Learn about the SCC ACEs Network of Care and the statewide ACEs Aware initiative
- Learn about the Pair of ACEs – Adverse Childhood Experiences in the context of Adverse Community Environments
- Learn to apply CCR's Building Community Resilience (BCR) process and the Pair of ACEs framing to engage the community in addressing and preventing ACEs
- Identify key community assets and resources, messaging, and policy topics that promote "upstream" efforts to address social determinants and build community resilience.

Date: November 12, 2020

Time: 12pm- 2pm

[Click here to Learn More and Register](#)

Neurobiology of Trauma (Trauma Transformed)

An Overview of Trauma: Trauma-Informed Practices - Relationship-Based Approaches that Support Healing and Build Resilience in Children

Trauma-Informed Practices module provides an overview on the neurobiology of trauma, the impact of toxic stress on a child and adult, the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES) and neuroplasticity. Participants will walk away understanding the difference between a challenging behavior and trauma trigger.

Learning Goals:

- Learn the neurobiology of the brain and the impact on the brain, hormones and behavior of young children.
- Learn the research from the Kaiser Permanente and CDC ACE's study on the impact of childhood trauma on health outcomes in adulthood.
 - Explore assessment tools for identification of trauma.
- Learn key strategies to support healing and building resilience such as parent-child engagement, creating a safe place, environment strategies, social-emotional and sensory strategies and finally, self-regulation skills.

Date: November 18, 2020

Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

[Click here to learn more and register](#)

Pre-recorded Webinars and Articles

CORE Coffee Chat: Digital Equity and Distance Learning

(Hosted by Nicole Young—90 minutes):

- English: https://youtu.be/-CRK_BF-imE
- Spanish: <https://youtu.be/QSUmkiHPVk>

Distance Learning and Broadband Discussion with FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel

(Hosted by Congressman Jimmy Panetta—46 minutes): <https://youtu.be/p9GVT45zeQ>

Engaging Parents and Students from Diverse Populations in the Context of Distance Learning Webinar

(Institute of Education Sciences—45 minutes)

<https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/west/Events/Details/362>

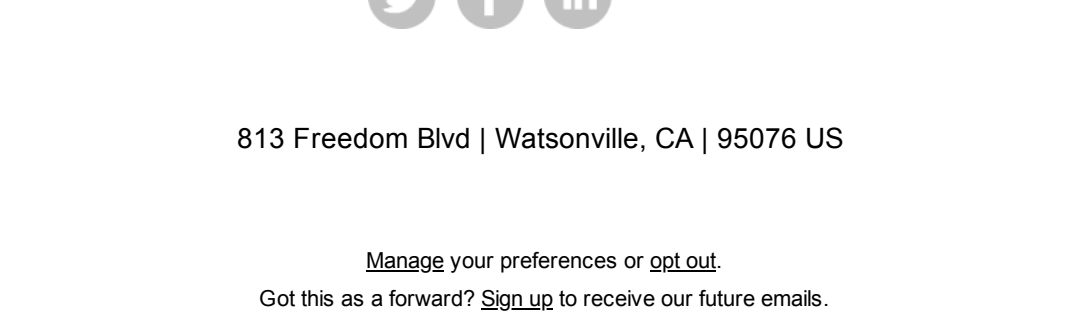
Adjusting Your Child's IEP or 504 Plan for Distance Learning

(ADDitude By Susan Yellin, ESQ.): <https://www.additudemag.com/iep-504-plan-distance-learning/>

EVENTS

TALLER PARA USO DE PLATAFORMAS EN EDUCACIÓN VIRTUAL

¿Quieres aprender como utilizar Google Classroom? El Consulado General de México en San José y Google te invitan al taller en español para aprender a utilizar esta plataforma y ayudar a tus hijos con sus tareas.



Is your CASA youth living in a spanish speaking household? Share this flyer with them!

The Mexican Consulate in collaboration with Google will be offering a parent session on **11/12/20**. The focus will be Google Classroom, offered in Spanish.

Parents must pre register, they will need an email address to register. The link on the attached flyer will help them get an account and register for the session. There is a limited number of participants for this session.

Other districts are being invited but if PVUSD can get a significant number of parents attending, the Consulate is willing to work with us and Google to provide subsequent sessions.

[Click here to Register for the event](#)

Meet the CASA Horse Rooster!

...AND JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

REDUCE RISK OF COVID-19 Keep interactions:

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Encompass Community Services

Transition Age Youth Programs

Cordially invites you to a

Thanksgiving Workshop/Event

To be held on Thursday November 19th, 2020 Via Zoom

From 4:00pm to 6:00pm

(Sign up is required to receive invitation, sign up closes on November 13th)

(Space is limited, Participant will receive a \$40 gift card to a local restaurant)

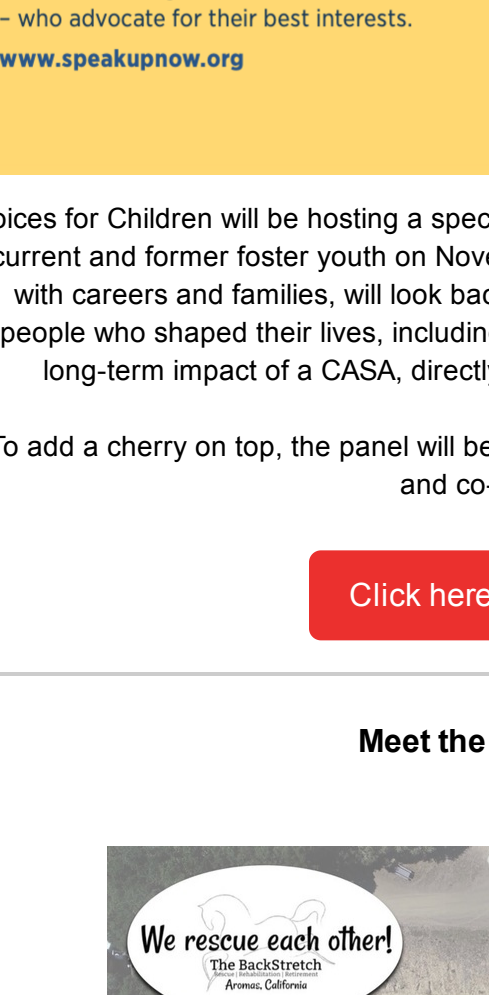
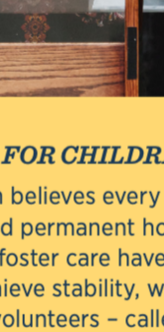
Events begin at 4:00 pm, with an Ice breaker exercise and Explanation of the event followed by a moment to Honor our Land and our Native American Ancestors. After that we will be having break out to groups to participate in fun activities, and closing with a moment to express our gratitude and instructions on how to get your \$40 gift card.

Directions: If you are interest in being part of this event please contact your coordinator or ILP and Housing Manager Jose Sanchez at Jose.Sanchez@EncompassS.org or 831.566.1930 before or by November 13th. Space is limited please RSVP as soon as possible.

How to get the invitation: Do you have an email? Yes! Great, all you need to do is provide us with your email and we will send you an email with the zoom link and instructions on how to join the event. No! Don't worry, all you need to do is create an email (you can ask your/a coordinator to help you with this) and share it with us and you we will send you and email with the zoom link and instructions on how to join the meeting.

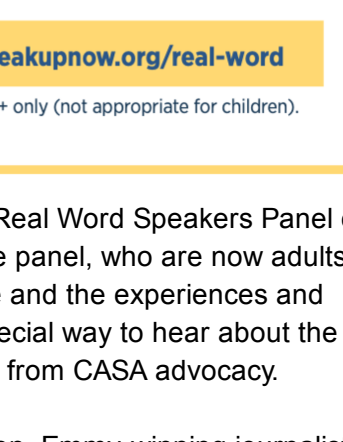
Looking Forward to seeing you there November 19th 2020 at 4PM:

Jose (831) 566-1930 or Jose.Sanchez@EncompassS.org



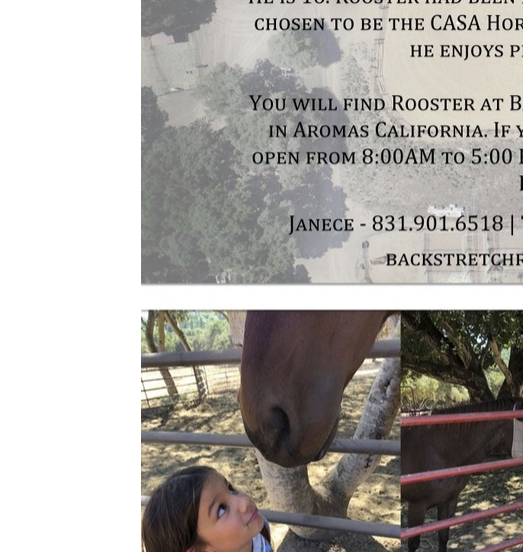
Tuesday, November 17 at 5:00 - 6:15 PM

Featuring special guest moderator:
Emmy-winning journalist and
co-founder of OZY Media,
Carlos Watson



Celebrating 40 years of child advocacy at Voices for Children

Virtual presentation open to the public - RSVP today



ABOUT VOICES FOR CHILDREN

Voices for Children believes every child deserves a safe and permanent home. To ensure children in foster care have every opportunity to achieve stability, we match them with caring volunteers - called CASAs - who advocate for their best interests.

www.speakupnow.org

Have you ever wondered what life is really like for a child in foster care?

The Real Word is a panel comprised of individuals who have spent time in foster care after being abused, neglected, or abandoned by their parents or caregivers. The "Reunion" panel will feature Real Word alumni who will look back at their experiences in foster care, and the ways in which their Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) impacted their lives.

Tuesday, November 17
5:00 - 6:15 PM
Virtual Event (Zoom info provided upon registration)

Emmy award-winning journalist and co-founder of OZY Media, Carlos Watson, will guide a discussion with panelists about their childhood, life since foster care, and the things that have helped them overcome their circumstances and find hope.

RSVP online at www.speakupnow.org/real-word

Free & open to the public. Ages 18+ only (not appropriate for children).

Voices for Children will be hosting a special "reunion edition" of their Real Word Speakers Panel of current and former foster youth on November 17. Four alumni of the panel, who are now adults with careers and families, will look back on their time in foster care and the experiences and people who shaped their lives, including their CASAs. It will be a special way to hear about the long-term impact of a CASA, directly from people who benefited from CASA advocacy.

To add a cherry on top, the panel will be moderated by Carlos Watson, Emmy-winning journalist and co-founder of OZY media.

[Click here to Register for the event](#)