

**Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Advisory Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023**  
**3:00-4:00pm**  
**Lake Tahoe Community College**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:** Brad Deeds, Dana McKnight, Sara Hunter, Michael Moncrieff, and Sasha Davila

**Roundtable Updates:**

Sasha: As a counselor at LTCC, she is eager to engage with FKCE. Mentioned the “Next Up” Program, and the “Y.E.S.” Grant, Youth Engagement for Success, which will be targeted towards 16-21 year old students.

Dana: Nico has been able to translate trainings into Spanish. Face-to-face participation continues to be lower than zoom. FKCE continues to collaborate with Sierra Child and Family Services. There are currently not many teenagers in Foster Care in the area, but they would like to include probation in future trainings as well.

Michael: El Dorado County and FKCE have strong mutual benefits and continue to have a good collaboration. There has been a change in court custody cases, as CPS moves to be more family focused and encouraging volunteer cases as opposed to court mandated cases. They are hoping to bring back Foster Care Family Appreciation Month this year.

**Program Updates/Upcoming Trainings:**

Zoom RFA -Resource Family Approval Trainings: Collaborating with Folsom College. Classes are scheduled thorough June 2023. There are weekly classes on Monday nights, and Saturday classes 1x per month.

Working Collaboratively with Sierra Child and Family and El Dorado County to provide RFA training and In Service English Language training hours on Zoom and in person-Turning Dreams into Degrees curriculum.

Laura Medina has retired as of December 2022.

**FKCE Updates:**

The FKCE Allocation Taskforce will be helping to develop a redesign for allocations/different scenarios for restructuring FKCE and the budget. The FKCE State Institute will be held virtually on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing Discussion:**

Training topics to consider in the future: How to support parents and foster parents with children currently in probation.

**Meeting adjourned.**