

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

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

**Roundtable Updates:**

**Michael:** El Dorado County is celebrating Foster Family Appreciation Month for the month of May. They will be having small events throughout the month and are planning on a larger event next year. There has been a big push toward prevention in CPS, which has been going well and resulting in fewer court mandated cases. They have been focusing on training around family engagement and less court involvement.

**Mario:** CASA has just hired a new program supervisor. She will be taking over much of Foster Care and Mario will be focusing on more Juvenile Hall cases. They are excited for new changes.

**Brad:** Senior Day is coming up at LTCC. There will be extra help available to incoming students- LTCC is committed to making registration easier and supporting their students in ongoing ways through programs such as Promise, the Food Pantry, and events like Career Day. Career Day will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> this year and offers free services such as mock interviews and resume building to students. LTCC's Student Housing Project is still on track.

**Sasha:** There will be a guest speaker on May 18<sup>th</sup> centered on basic needs, wellness, healing, and somatic scanning. The guest speaker will be presenting at Tallac High School as well as LTCC. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, he will be presenting a Professional Leadership Training for student workers and faculty.

**Upcoming Trainings:**

Resource Family Approval Trainings are scheduled through June 2023, and they are working on next year's schedule. They provide weekly Monday night class and Super Saturday once a month.

A requested training on "What you Need to Know when Caring for Our Foster Children with Serious Mental Health Diagnosis" was offered as a 2-part class series. It had a good turnout and was well attended.

Trainings will continue to be offered in Spanish on Zoom as 2hr classes, twice a week. Zoom trainings continue to have higher attendance.

**FKCE Updates:**

The FKCE allocation has been approved to stay the same for 23-24 and 24-25 fiscal years. After that, they will be going to a Regional Design. This could change things, but there is potential to reach more people in smaller, more rural communities.

FKCE will be collaborating with Sasha to provide YESS/ILP classes for age 16-21 foster or prior foster youth.

**Meeting adjourned.**