

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



CALIFORNIA FAMILY LIFE CENTER



**INSPIRING HOPE, TRUST, AND POSSIBILITIES
FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES**



Mary Jo Ramirez
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sunlight illuminating dust particles suspended in the air. A small child can sit in wonder of such a magical display. Sometimes watching the smallest of things brings us back to our own childhoods. For a moment we too can see a glimpse of who we were so small yet full of hope.

These simple experiences can make us smile. But for many children their lives include distressing or overwhelming experiences that can have lasting negative effects on their mental and emotional well-being. For them there has been physical or sexual abuse, neglect, witnessing violence, serious accidents, natural disasters, or the sudden loss of a loved one; these experiences can significantly impact a child's sense of safety, trust, and ability to cope with stress in later life.

CFLC is there for those children providing them with safety, comfort and care. It is our hope that the children we serve once again experience that sense of hope and love that heals even the most broken. CFLC is here to bring back lost childhoods and allow the healing that brings a smile of hope.

OUR MISSION

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To provide safety, comfort and healing to children suffering abuse and abandonment; to teach love and trust; to instill self-esteem, values and hope for the future- and in so doing, assist children trapped in hopelessness and despair become compassionate and contributing members of the community.

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GETTING BRIGHTER

CFLC introduced four new job training programs for youth of all backgrounds.

The Youth Employment Program serves young people ages 16-24, helping them gain skills for the workforce. The Youth Community Corp program offers 18-26-year-olds meaningful opportunities in nonprofit and government sectors. STEP provides job training for individuals with disabilities, while the 2nd Chance Program supports justice-impacted youth and those at risk of incarceration.

These brand-new programs reflect CFLC's dedication to creating inclusive opportunities for all youth from diverse backgrounds.



CFLC has had a large increase in **community engagement**. Community-focused organizations have shown their support by volunteering at our Foster Family and Kin Care events, helping bring resources and joy to the families we serve. CFLC has actively participated in community events to share our programs and ensure more people know about the support available in their community.



GIVING TREE TOY DRIVE

Each year, CFLC's toy drive delivers Christmas gifts to children and youth involved in all CFLC programs. This initiative is just one of the numerous ways in which in-kind donations enable CFLC to make a meaningful difference in the lives of kids.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our **community partners, donors, and volunteers** for their invaluable contributions!



5,000+

Toys Donated!



CFLC IS 2024'S NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

CFLC was selected as a **2024 California Nonprofit of the Year** by **Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh** on behalf of the **23rd Senate District**. We are one of several nonprofits that have been honored by their state senators and assembly members for their outstanding contributions to the communities they serve.

This amazing recognition highlights our commitment to providing children with a safe and nurturing environment and community youth opportunities for education and employment. We are dedicated to continuing our mission of transforming lives and bringing hope to our community.



CFLC is a proud member of CalNonprofits, the California Association of Nonprofits. CalNonprofits is the leading policy voice for California's nonprofit sector which focuses on advocacy, education, and research to build a more powerful and politically engaged nonprofit network across California.



SPOTLIGHT



RESOURCE FAMILY AGENCY

Our Resource/Foster parents provide homes for 166 children 0-18. Through our Resource Family homes, we work with birth families with the expectation that reunification can be established when a safe and healthy environment can be provided. Becoming a Resource Family creates opportunity to build relationships that last a lifetime.



ADOPTION

CFLC recognizes that "Forever Families" provide safety and hope for children in caring and loving families. CFLC supports families through the adoption process, realizing every child that is adopted deserves the love, safety, and unconditional commitment of a family. CFLC provides those "Forever Families" that each child deserves. In 2024, 20 children were adopted.

SAFECARE

SafeCare is an evidence-based, program for parents of children ages 0-5 who are at-risk for or have been reported for child neglect or physical abuse. The SafeCare curriculum is delivered by trained and certified providers that go into the homes and teach. SafeCare staff work with families in their homes to develop parenting skills by providing real-life practical training. Parents receive home visits to improve skills in home safety, health care, and parent-child interaction. **SafeCare served 277 families this year.**



SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM (STRTP)

Our STRTP serves up to 28 youth ages 13-18 years living in three homes. Our STRTP restores hope to heal from traumatic events in their lives. Each youth is provided mental health service intervention(s) to include counseling, skill building, building positive peer and family interactions, case management and linkage to community-based services.



KIN CARE

Through the CFLC's Kin Care, relative caregivers make a commitment of keeping children out of foster care and connected to their family. It is through kinship services that there is an increase to the chances for children's success by building the strength of the families to meet their health, financial, social, emotional, and parenting needs. **241 Kinship families and 449 children were supported this year.**

MENTAL HEALTH

CFLC promotes healing in traumatized youth as we assist them in identifying their strengths and enhance their self-esteem. CFLC's Mental Health program helps to enhance the youth's psychological safety, wellbeing, with traumainformed interventions, treatment practices, and education. Clinicians offer individual counseling, support groups, and help youth transition out of congregate care by developing lifechanging relationships, mentorship, activities, and experiences.



JOB TRAINING

660 youth benefited from the job training program at our three Youth Opportunity Centers' (Hemet, Lake Elsinore, and Rubidoux). CFLC received ARPA funding to provide job training for Youth Community Corp Program, Youth Employment and 2nd Chance for justice impacted youth. CFLC in partnership with Riverside County Office of Education offers a YouthBuild Plus program to provide education, leadership development, community service, and meaningful project-based occupational skills training. The STEPS program provides youth with disabilities opportunities for career pathways. The STEPS program is in partnership with the Workforce Development Board and Department of Rehabilitation to provide work experience.

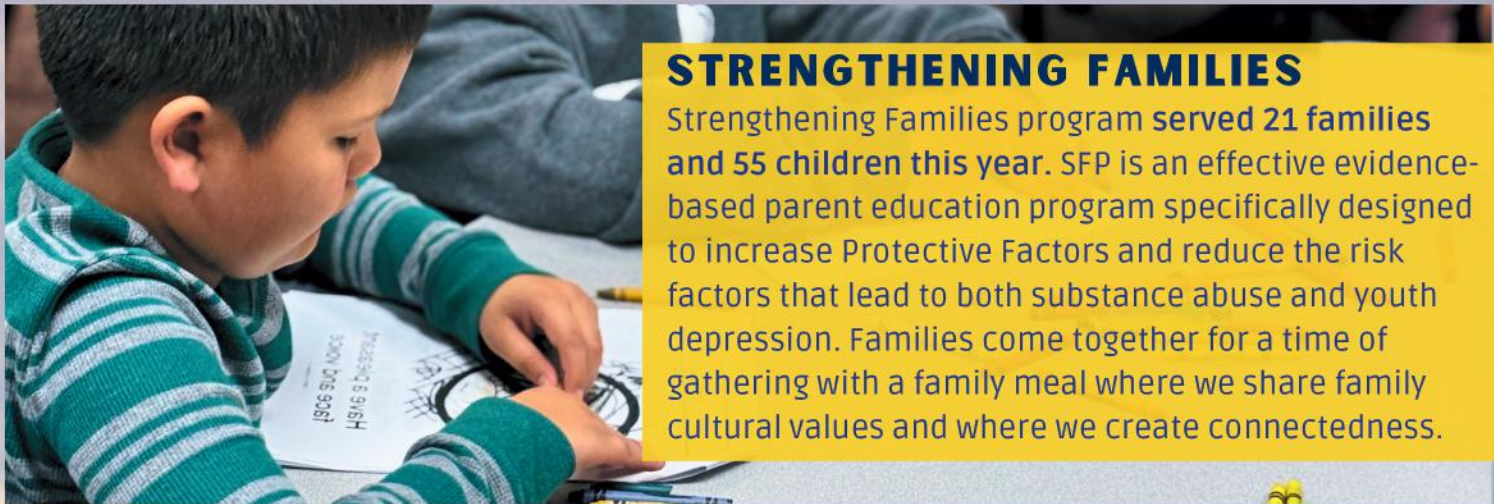
FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

CFLC's Family Resource Specialist is on-site at our Youth Opportunity Center to build family resiliency by reducing parent stress and connecting parents to resources. CFLC is part of the Family Resource Network hub to provide resources for families and children in need. Over 200 families have benefited from resources.



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Strengthening Families program served 21 families and 55 children this year. SFP is an effective evidence-based parent education program specifically designed to increase Protective Factors and reduce the risk factors that lead to both substance abuse and youth depression. Families come together for a time of gathering with a family meal where we share family cultural values and where we create connectedness.



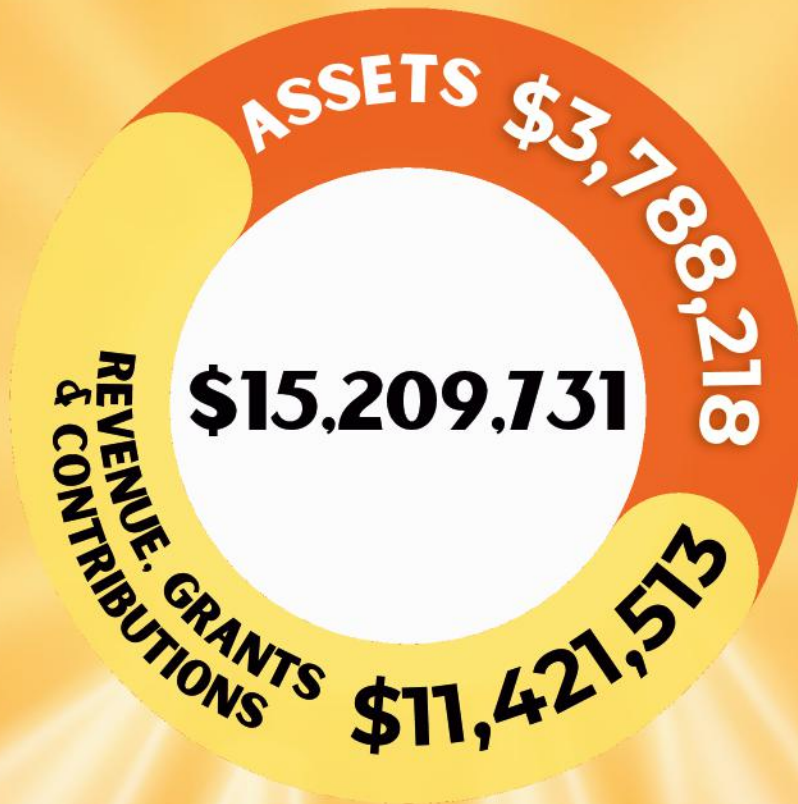
CHAPLAINCY

The Chaplaincy program continues to 'provide safety, comfort and healing' for children, youth and families served during the year. CFLC works in the community to build awareness and increase support to help children, youth, and families in need. Each year we provide an annual CFLC Gala to benefit those served by CFLC. These funds help CFLC to continue to provide additional supports such as camp for children, basic needs such as food, clothing, medical needs, and support for housing. Chaplaincy supports each person's needs with hope and love.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

AN OVERVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION



32.49%



Job
Training &
Education

32.29%



STRTP

22.65%



Resource
Family
Agency

12.57%



Other Grant-Funded
Programs + Admin

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