

## SUPPORT FOR LOUISIANA FOSTER PARENTS

### CRISIS SUPPORT for Foster and Kinship Caregivers

#### ***Keeping Calm through COVID Hotline: 1 (866) 310-7977***

Trained counselors are available for you 24/7. All calls are confidential. If you feel overwhelmed with stress, fear, or anxiety about the uncertainty surrounding this public health emergency, you are encouraged to call this special Keeping Calm through COVID Hotline. You will talk with trained, compassionate counselors who can offer support and who can direct you to helpful services.

#### ***DCFS EMERGENCY Contact: 1 (337) 936-2303***

This is the emergency contact for DCFS foster parents and caregivers who cannot reach their assigned foster care worker and/or supervisor. Someone is available 24 hours a day.

#### ***211***

Louisiana citizens can dial 211, 24/7 to reach a live 211 specialist to discuss available help and information for COVID-19. Citizens can also text the keyword "LACOVID" to 898-211 to have instant access to the most current information.

### INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 ILLNESS

The Centers for Disease Control provides the following information about the COVID-19 illness.

- [COVID-19 Symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- [Coronavirus Self Checker](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- [If You are Sick](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html) : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>
- [If Someone in Your Home is Sick](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html#precautions) : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html#precautions>

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## LOCAL SUPPORTS FOR LOUISIANA FOSTER PARENTS BY REGION

STATEWIDE				
NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	EMAIL AND WEBSITE	COMMENTS
Louisiana Foster Care Support Organization	<a href="http://www.LouisianaFosterCare.com">www.LouisianaFosterCare.com</a>	(877) 554-7012  Southeast Louisiana: Cassie Guillaume  Southwest Louisiana: Shalonda Thibeaux  North Louisiana: Margie Nielsen	<a href="http://www.LouisianaFosterCare.com">www.LouisianaFosterCare.com</a>	Louisiana Foster Care Support Organization's Ambassadors assist foster caregivers, help organize local foster care support groups, and coordinate with volunteers who work across Louisiana to take care of Louisiana's children in foster care.
Louisiana Children in Families Institute	1100 Poydras Street, Suite 100 New Orleans, LA 70163		<a href="http://www.lachildreninfamilies.org">www.lachildreninfamilies.org</a>	The Louisiana Institute for Children in Families is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of children

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				without families, and removing policy barriers that prevent children from know the love and support of a "forever family."
The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Information Center of Louisiana	7325 Caprice Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70812	(225) 810-3555	<a href="http://www.lagrg.org">www.lagrg.org</a>	The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Information Center of Louisiana offers information and support to kinship caregivers and their families. The GRGICL has supportive materials and referral sources, access to expert advice on legal matters such as custody laws, legal guardianship, and adoption.

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<p>Brave Heart</p>	<p>3636 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd. Suite 690 H Baton Rouge, LA 70816</p>	<p>(225) 778-7338</p>	<p><a href="http://www.braveheartchildren.org">www.braveheartchildren.org</a></p>	<p>Brave Heart provides backpacks with toiletries and small gifts for children entering foster care. Provides life book supplies for children in foster care.</p>
<p>Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy</p>	<p>310 W. Dakota Street White Hall 28-131 Hammond, LA 70402</p>	<p>(985) 549-2497</p>	<p><a href="mailto:LCWTA@selu.edu">LCWTA@selu.edu</a> <a href="http://www.LCWTA.org">www.LCWTA.org</a></p>	<p>LCWTA is a partnership between DCFS, the Pelican Center for Children and Families, and the University Alliance. LCWTA ensures that child welfare staff and stakeholders will have a fundamental and common base of knowledge and skills necessary to effectively intervene within the child welfare system. LCWTA</p>

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				accomplishes this goal by providing both live and online training and professional development opportunities.
ALEXANDRIA				
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Fostering Community	P.O. Box 12910 Alexandria, LA 71315	Andria Fontenot, Director (318) 446-0403	<a href="mailto:info@fosteringcommunity.org">info@fosteringcommunity.org</a>	Heart Gallery, Foster Care Closet
Children's Advocacy Network	1751 Jackson St., Alexandria, LA 71301	Wade Bond: (318) 445-5678	<a href="mailto:wbond@childrensadvocacy.net">wbond@childrensadvocacy.net</a>	Christmas gifts, art camp, prevention trainings
Leesville – Vernon Parish Foster Parent Association		Tammy Mock	<a href="mailto:Tammymock7@gmail.com">Tammymock7@gmail.com</a>	
Alexandria Regional Foster Parent Mentor Group (still in development)		Cozette "Michelle" Hall (318) 718-3778		
ORLEANS				
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One Heart NOLA & NOLA HOPE Foster Parent Association	4452 Markham Ave., Jefferson, LA 70121	Terri Hrabovsky, Director (504) 957-9224	<a href="mailto:teri@onehearnola.com">teri@onehearnola.com</a>	Provides furniture, clothing, infant items, senior expenses and assistance for

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				youth aging out of foster care. Provides foster parent one-on-one support
Access Pregnancy Center	921 Aris Avenue Ste. B, Metairie, LA 70005  Tuesdays through Thursdays	(504) 832-1503	<a href="http://www.accesspregnancy.com">www.accesspregnancy.com</a>	A diaper distribution partner
Community Center for Life	539 Lafayette St, Gretna, LA 70053	(504) 250-3483	<a href="http://www.pregnancytestingwestbank.com">www.pregnancytestingwestbank.com</a>	A diaper distribution partner
Orleans FP association Antoinette Ackerson - president 504 250-3483		Antoinette Ackerson - president (504) 250-3483		Provides support services and training for foster parents and school supplies for children in care, as well as Christmas toys and gift cards for children and youth
<b>BATON ROUGE</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>EMAIL AND WEBSITE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Foster Village Baton Rouge	2791 O'Neal Lane Baton Rouge, LA 70816	Janay Jones- Clark	<a href="mailto:info@fostervillagebatonrouge.org">info@fostervillagebatonrouge.org</a>	Programs goals: Meet basic needs, provide therapeutic support and promote community engagement.

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<b>THIBODAUX</b>				
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Bayou Region Foster & Adoptive Parent Association		Heather Williams- President (985) 803-8099	<a href="mailto:bayouregionfapa@gmail.com">bayouregionfapa@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.bayouregionfapa.org">www.bayouregionfapa.org</a>	
River Parishes Foster and Adoptive Parent Association Sheri Soper-President 225-571-6632 <a href="mailto:riverparishesfapa@gmail.com">riverparishesfapa@gmail.com</a>		Sheri Soper- President 225-571-6632	<a href="mailto:riverparishesfapa@gmail.com">riverparishesfapa@gmail.com</a>	
<b>COVINGTON</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>EMAIL AND WEBSITE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Tristate Fostering		Jennifer Peak (certified foster parent) -	<a href="mailto:tristatefostering@gmail.com">tristatefostering@gmail.com</a>	
Northshore Enduring Hope Nonprofit Organization & Resource Center		Doree Kelly – certified foster parent Face Book page; (504) 339-1382 FACEBOOK		
Foster Village Nonprofit Organization & Resource Center	32470 Walker North Road Walker, LA 70785	Shayna Landry (certified foster parent); Face Book page (225) 283-6297 FACEBOOK : The Foster Village	<a href="http://www.tfvwalker.org">www.tfvwalker.org</a>	The Foster Village is a donation center for items that will equip local children who have been separated from their homes in a traumatic

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				event all free of charge.
James Samaritan Nonprofit Organization & Resource Center		(985) 888-6100 FACEBOOK	<a href="mailto:staci@jamesamaritan.org">staci@jamesamaritan.org</a>	
<b>MONROE</b>				
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Louisiana Baptist Children's Home		Kerri Byrd, Director of Foster Care and Adoption Ministries (318) 918-0091	<a href="mailto:Kerri@lbch.org">Kerri@lbch.org</a>	Provides monthly foster parent support nights and free trainings.
North Monroe Baptist Church Foster Parent Support	210 Finks Hideaway Road, Monroe, LA 71203	Erin Powell (318) 557-1780		Hosts support nights for foster parents
Catholic Charities	3208 Concordia Avenue Monroe, LA 71201	(318) 361-5198		Provides clothing for newborns to 4T
Thrive on Thrift	10010 US 165 Sterlington, LA 71280	(318) 665-2288		Provides children and teen clothing
Fair Park Baptist Church Foster Parent Support Ministry	4412 Whites Ferry Road West Monroe, LA 71291	Angela Westenburg	<a href="mailto:westerburg@opsb.net">westerburg@opsb.net</a>	Hosts support nights for foster parents with special emphasis on foster parents of children

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				ages 9 and older
Project 2.5 Plus	Facebook: Project 2.5 Plus	Anthony Bartley (318) 953-4533	<a href="mailto:Project2.5plus@gmail.com">Project2.5plus@gmail.com</a>	Provides items for foster families such as beds, furniture, and baby equipment (cribs, high chairs, etc.)
First West Thrift Store	1 Mill Street West Monroe, LA 71291	(318) 410-0999		Provide children and teen clothing
Children's Coalition - Family Resource Center		Lynne Clark (318) 323-8775		Provides nurturing parenting classes that foster parents are invited to attend.
Nourish		Rachel Shamburger (318) 533-7383	<a href="mailto:R_Smith1984@live.com">R_Smith1984@live.com</a>	Provides a meal to foster families taking in a new child.
The Bridge	500 W. Georgia, Ruston, LA 71270	Tara Stone, Director – (318) 957-0551	<a href="mailto:tstone910@gmail.com">tstone910@gmail.com</a>	Hosts monthly foster family dinners. Sponsors monthly foster parent support group. Sponsors training for foster parents.

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				Assists with funding for special needs and/or activities for children in foster care.
<b>SHREVEPORT</b>				
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Shreveport Region Foster Parent Association		Stacy Eppers, foster parent, is rebuilding the foster parent association. (318) 572-1295		
Unite Ministries		Tony Streetman (501) 952-4839	<a href="mailto:tony.streetman@uniteministries-louisiana.org">tony.streetman@uniteministries-louisiana.org</a> <a href="http://www.uniteministries-louisiana.org">http://www.uniteministries-louisiana.org</a>	Recruits support from the business and faith-based communities to provide discounts, sponsor children and youth for extracurricular activities, and sponsor special events for children and families

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Brookwood Child Advocacy Team	9014 Brookwood Church Way, Shreveport, LA 71106	Melinda (318) 402-9199		Provides a "team" of support for foster families and training for those who want to help
Word of God Ministries	6645 W. Bert Koons Industrial Loop, Shreveport, LA 7112	Kim Banks	<a href="mailto:Kim.banks@wogm.com">Kim.banks@wogm.com</a>	Provides ETC Conference and other training for foster parents
Volunteers for Youth Justice	900 Jordan Street, Shreveport, LA 71101	(318) 425-4413	<a href="https://www.vyja.org">https://www.vyja.org</a>	Provides CASA, TBRI Advocacy and Training, Families in Need of Supervision
<b>LAFAYETTE</b>				
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Foster the Love		Heather Meylian (337) 230-6658	<a href="mailto:heather.duhon@fosterthelovela.org">heather.duhon@fosterthelovela.org</a>	Support organization
Extra Mile, Evangeline Boudreaux		Evangeline Boudreaux (337) 277-2489	<a href="mailto:evangelineb@bellsouth.net">evangelineb@bellsouth.net</a>	Family Resource Center and Bio parent mentor program
<b>LAKE CHARLES</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>EMAIL AND WEBSITE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Lake Charles Foster Parent Association		Sarah Burleigh (337) 263-2711	<a href="mailto:burleighslr@hotmail.com">burleighslr@hotmail.com</a>	

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