

## CHILDREN'S BUREAU:

Children's Bureau gives vulnerable children and their families the knowledge and support they need to succeed as they face each day. Prevention is the key to stopping child abuse and we remain committed to designing quality programs and services to meet the needs of at-risk families. With over 100 years of experience, Children's Bureau is looked to as an expert and recognized leader in the child welfare arena, not only throughout the Southland, but nationwide.

### Comprehensive programs include:

- Foster Care and Adoption Services
- Community Mental Health Services
- Neighborhood Family Resource Centers
- NuParent classes
- Parent Cooperative Child Development Center
- School Readiness

For more information about Children's Bureau, call (888) ALL-4-KIDS or visit our website [www.all4kids.org](http://www.all4kids.org).

## APSS OFFICES LOCATED AT:

### Children's Bureau

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Palmdale, CA 93550 (SPA 1)  
**(661) 272-9996**

### Children's Bureau

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Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (SPA 3)  
**(626) 337-6611**

### Children's Bureau

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Los Angeles, CA 90004 (SPA 4)  
**(323) 644-3900**

### Children's Bureau

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Suite 122  
Carson, CA 90746 (SPA 8)  
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## Adoption Promotion & Support Services



*Promoting Adoption  
Through Support*

Adoption Promotion and Support Services (APSS) is federally funded through the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act.

## PROGRAM GOAL

To increase permanency for Los Angeles County children by:

- Supporting nurturing lifetime commitments between parents and children
- Expediting the adoption process
- Reducing adoption disruption
- Increasing the number of finalized adoptions.

## ELIGIBILITY

Los Angeles County dependent children and resource families referred by CSW.

- Children for whom adoption recruitment efforts are underway
- Children in long term foster care that could benefit from adoption
- Children who are hesitant about being adopted
- Families involved in all phases of the adoption process
- Children and families in need of support and services before, during and following adoptive placement
- Families in need of support services due to risk of adoption disruption after adoption finalization.

## CASE MANAGEMENT

Families and children are assigned case managers whose role is to coordinate all services, provide adoption information and linkage to community services and monitor progress towards their APSS goals. Service plans are developed with the clients to address their specific needs.

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mental health services available to children who have Medi-Cal and EPSDT coverage. Children and families who are referred through the program will be assigned therapists who are trained in adoption clinical issues.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

Support groups for children and families are offered that explore the adoption journey. Groups run concurrently and are held at convenient times for families. This is a great opportunity to receive support from and meet other families and children who are touched by adoption.



## ADOPTIVE PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

- All mentors complete 40 hours of initial training, background checks and ongoing training.
- All APSS Parent Mentors are experienced adoptive parents.
- Mentors support relative and non-relative adoptive parents who are in the process of or who have already adopted a child or children through the Los Angeles County foster care system.
- Your mentor will contact you via telephone, so you can mutually agree upon what type of contact is desired, where the contacts will occur, how frequently (at least twice monthly) and who will be involved.

To participate in the program, please call your CSW or if your adoption is finalized, the Post Adoption Services Hotline at (800) 735-4984.