


Child Welfare Services



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*Did you
know:*

SLO County
received 1,014
referrals from
10/1/2018 to
12/31/2018



As of 1/2019 we had
372 children in foster
care in our County



What kind of kids are in foster care?

- Gender is split evenly at about 50% between male and female children
- 31% are under the age of 5, 26% between 6 and 12 and 42% are age 13 or older
- 46% have been in foster care less than one year, 20% between one and two years
- 44% are placed in homes more than 11 miles from their home of removal



Local Statistics



- ▶ City of Arroyo Grande and Surrounding Areas
 - ▶ In the Arroyo Grande Service Area (Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Oceano, and Shell Beach) in 2018, the Department of Social Services received 1053 child abuse and neglect referrals and of those referrals, 94 were substantiated
 - ▶ With around 70 children, youth and teens coming into care from the Arroyo Grande service area, only 38.5% or 27 youth are able to be placed in an Arroyo Grande resource family homes.
 - ▶ Given our current statistics this means that:
 - ▶ 22 youth from the Arroyo Grande Service Area are ages 0-5
 - ▶ 18 youth are ages 6-12
 - ▶ 29 youth are ages 13 or older



What can we
do?

Our goal is for every child to obtain permanency with a Loving Family who will support all their needs

- ▶ Permanency can be:
- ▶ Return to the birth home (preferred)
- ▶ Adoption
- ▶ Legal Guardianship
- ▶ Long term Foster Care

How we can partner

May is National Foster Care Month!

Help us get the word out!





Using the Power of Local Government

- ▶ In order for the Department of Social Services to overcome the ever-growing deficit of resource family homes, it is critical to raise as much awareness as possible to the need.
 - ▶ We are asking our local city council representatives to use their voice to help raise awareness about the needs for more resource family homes during the month of May. This could be done in many different and creative ways:
 - ▶ Write-Ups in Monthly Newsletters
 - ▶ Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube
 - ▶ Hosting Foster Youth Inspired Art at City Hall Locations



Together, we can find a
home for every child!!

Thank you Arroyo Grande City Council for your time and consideration!