

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WORKFORCE PREPARATION
FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Fact Sheet

Overview of the Program

Originally entitled the Foster Care Education (FCE) program, the Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Program, as it is known today, was established in 1984, as a result of Senate Bill 2003 - the Foster Children and Parent Training Act. The Community College Chancellor's Office was designated as the agency to administer the program and to provide funding to community colleges for the provision of training and education to potential and existing foster parents.

Funding

- Senate Bill 2003 (1984) - appropriation of \$1 million
- State budget of 1998-99, an increase of \$4 million
- Program received another augmentation of several million in 2000-01, bringing the total to over \$11.5 million. This additional funding was primarily due to the inclusion of kinship (grandparents, aunts, etc) providers as one of the state's target populations.

Program

All licensed Foster Care providers are required by law to attend continuing education training hours each year in order to maintain their license. The state requirement in California is 12 hours per calendar year. In Riverside County, the requirement is 20 hours per calendar year.

All FKCE Programs funded through the Chancellors Office are required to provide a minimum total of 150 training hours per year for foster parents and kinship providers. RCC has provided more than 230 hours in each of the last two years (2003/04, and 2004/05).

Curriculum includes, but is not limited to, age appropriate child development, positive discipline, self esteem, attachment and the effects of trauma, living with difficult children, emancipation issues, caregiver self-care, etc.

RCC serves foster parents and kinship providers throughout the whole of Riverside County. Workshops are held in various locations (Riverside, Corona, Temecula, Hemet, Moreno Valley, Desert community), and times (both mornings and evenings) enabling participants to attend classes close to home, and at times convenient for them. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish. For more information call (951)222-8937.