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WENDY'S WONDERFUL KIDS®

A PATH TO PERMANENT, LOVING HOMES FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE



At Stanford Sierra Youth & Families (SSYAF), we believe every child deserves the love, safety, and unwavering support of a family, along with the opportunity to grow into a healthy, confident, and thriving young adult. In partnership with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, we are proud to offer the Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) program—a proven initiative focused on helping youth in foster care find permanent, nurturing homes where they can grow, heal, and thrive.

What is Wendy's Wonderful Kids®?

Wendy's Wonderful Kids® is a nationally recognized, evidence-based program committed to finding permanent families for children in foster care. Using a child-focused recruitment model, highly trained adoption professionals work closely with each child, especially those who are often overlooked, including older youth, sibling groups, and children with special needs.

At the heart of the program is the belief that every child deserves the love, support, and stability of a committed family. Our approach goes far beyond placement. We focus on building strong, lasting relationships, ensuring every child has a lifelong connection to a permanent and nurturing family.



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Who We Serve

WWK prioritizes services for children and youth who are often the hardest to place.

Children 9 years and older (or younger if meeting criteria below):

- Sibling groups
- Children with special needs
- Youth who are resistant to or unsure about adoption
- Children in long-term foster care
- Youth who do not have an identified adoptive family

Program Eligibility

To qualify for Wendy's Wonderful Kids services, youth accepted into the program must:

- Be in the public foster care system and reside within a two-hour service radius of our Administrative Office.
- Currently has no identified adoptive family.
- Most youth are referred at the point of, or shortly after, termination of reunification services.

Contact Us

To learn more about the WWK program or make a referral, please contact:

Nalee Moua, Program Manager, by phone at (916) 926-7517 or via email at nmoua@ssyaf.org.

Together, we are changing lives—connecting children in foster care with permanent, loving families and helping them move forward with hope and belonging.

