



Dave Thomas
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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—an evidence-based program focused on finding permanent, nurturing homes for youth in foster care where they can grow, heal, and thrive.

What is Wendy's Wonderful Kids?

The Foundation supports the hiring and training of adoption professionals at agencies, like SSYAF, who are dedicated to serving children waiting in foster care who are too often overlooked. That includes older youth, sibling groups, and children with special needs. These professionals use an evidence-based, child-focused recruitment model to find the right family for each child.

At the heart of the program is the belief that every child is adoptable. 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:

- 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

Most youth are referred at the point of, or shortly after, the termination of reunification services.

To qualify for WWK services, youth must:

- Be in the public foster care system and reside within a two-hour service radius of our Administrative Office.
- Has no identified adoptive family.

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.

