

******Please continue the CDC recommendations regarding safety protocol for hand washing, social distancing and wearing your masks when out in public.





Due to COVID-19, monthly reimbursement checks will continue to be mailed out.

Please be aware that with everything occurring, the U.S. postal service may be delayed.

| Monday October 12 th | Office closed. Columbus Day. |
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| Week from the 26 th to 30 th | Delivery of Halloween candy bags. |
| Saturday October 31st | Halloween be safe! |
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Karing 4 Kids

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Just a reminder, it is your responsibility to assure the minors in your care are completing their necessary school assignments. Resource parents should be checking student portals, arranging meeting times with teachers and school personnel, and lastly letting your FFA SW know if assistance is needed in these areas. Meetings have been occurring between our staff and contracting counties regarding the lack of participation

some of our parents display in reference to school related incidents. Karing 4 Kids encourages parents to get involved. Remember part of the parenting plan when accepting placement is supporting your minor's success and helping them learn from their mistakes using positive approach. Let's work together as a team for a successful school year

Karing 4 Kids does understand that this school year can be challenging and frustrating. We are all learning together; however, it is imperative that we assure daily check ins of student work. It is a challenging year for all, our kids need our support and so do you. Please do not hesitate to reach to our staff if needed







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Most of **2020** has been altered by the coronavirus pandemic, and the spookiest night of the year is likely to be no different.

Health experts are urging caution and care during Halloween, asking that people avoid large parties and events and stay safe while trick-or-treating. Some organizations have already canceled their October events, while others are working to move the fun online.

If you are planning to do something for Halloween this year, **2020**. Take all the precautions required to maintain the safety of your families and the kiddos that we serve.



Karing 4 Kids Will be passing out Halloween candy bags to our foster kids from their FFA social worker in the last week of October.



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Things to remember



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The child's home files must be kept in a locked drawer, cabinet or in the foster parent's closet. Child's files must always be kept up to date and organize. All information regarding a foster child must always be kept confidential.

When a minor leaves the home, you are responsible to RETURN the white binder to the assigned FFA social worker ASAP to be able to terminate the minor from our system.

Foster parent Training hours

Every applicant is required to complete 12 hours of annual training before the next anniversary date. For example, If Mr. and Mrs. became resource parent on 7/16/2019 they shall have 24 hours of training before the annual certification on 7/16/2020. All the training hours will have to be documented on your RFA update. If you have any questions regarding your training hours, please call the office. Thank you



CPR FRIST AID

If you need CPR/First Aid or Water Safety, please call office before it expires to schedule an appointment. Fresno office (559) 452-9500, Hanford office (559) 583-9500.



Land Line

Per CCL regulations (section 88487.9), it is required that the resource family shall have a landline,

cellular telephone, or internet telephone service in the home at all times.



<u>Calls & Voicemails</u>

• Phone contact is important to assure everyone's needs are being met. If an outside service provider is attempting to get in contact with you and they are unable, future placements in your home maybe in jeopardy due to non-compliance with

service needs.

- All voicemail inboxes should be available to leave voicemail messages.
- Please make sure to check your voicemails and return calls to all services providers

• Karing 4 Kids FFA is here for you and as a whole, we will all get through this together.



- If a minor's visitation needs to be cancelled for any reason, please inform your social worker. We may be able to provide assistance as contracted counties do not like when visits are cancelled as they are court ordered.
- Resource parents are unable to waive 14-day notices on behalf of a minor dependent. The waiving of a 14-day notice must come from a Karing 4 Kids supervisor. Please direct the county to contact our office if this should happen.
- Please assure a current phone number is provided to all service providers. It is also prevalent that resource parents answer their phones or get back to a service provider within a 24-hour period
- Children's personal rights must be posted in each foster youth's room regardless of age.
- Medications must always be locked and inaccessible
- All knives, scissors, lighters, matches, etc., must be stored in a place that is inaccessible to children (locked away).
- Firearms must be stored in a locked area

- Ammunitions must be stored in a locked area separate from the firearms
- All disinfectant, cleaning solutions, and other similar items must be stored in a locked area.



If any resource homes have any changes in the home, such as: *phone number*, moving, new people moving in, etc., Foster parent(s) need to notify Karing 4 Kids or the social worker ASAP!



On call is always available. If for some reason the on-call line is not answering, please contact Danielle Vieira (559) 394-7166 to report.