



National Foster Care Awareness Month



2026

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				<p>1 Participate in Foster Fridays. For more information, visit comfort cases on how to create and host your very own event!</p>
<p>4 Expand your awareness of the foster care system and learn about the issues impacting our students in care, by reading from a curated list of books created by the LA County Library.</p>	<p>5 The first Tuesday in May is National Foster Care Day, an initiative of the Children’s Bureau. Access resources to learn more.</p>	<p>6 Bridge the digital divide! iFoster is a national nonprofit that provides resources for our youth in foster care, that helps to close the digital gap. Contact them for more information.</p>	<p>7 Pledge to support the Foster Youth Services Scholarship Fund by making a donation to the Greater LA Education Foundation Signature Fund.</p>	<p>8 Love baking? Create a birthday cake for a child or youth in foster care! Join For Goodness Cakes' LA Chapter to provide celebration cakes and make a good day GREAT! Visit their website to learn more!</p>
<p>11 Create a meaningful team-building experience by providing a special gift to a child or youth in foster care. Explore team-building opportunities with Foster Love to make a lasting impact together.</p>	<p>12 Watch “Congratulations, You’re On Your Own: Life After Foster Care” a free PBS SoCal documentary sharing stories of young adults and insights from professionals about entering and exiting the foster system.</p>	<p>13 Provide an opportunity for students to explore their interests and careers using the CA Career Zone website.</p>	<p>14 Learn about John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY). For over 20 years, JBAY has supported youth in foster care through training, advocacy, and resources to improve outcomes. Discover how they are making a difference in California today.</p>	<p>15 Consider donating to Camp Mariastella, an all-girls summer camp that builds essential life skills. Your support provides scholarships for low-income and at-promise families, including students in foster care.</p>
<p>18 Help eligible students claim free money for college or career training with the CalKIDS Scholarship.</p>	<p>19 Connect youth with your local America's Job Center of California (AJCC) to gain no-cost job and training skills.</p>	<p>20 Visit the Department of Children and Family Services website to learn more about becoming a foster parent</p>	<p>21 A significant number of youth in the foster care system identify as LGBTQ+. Contact the National SOGIE Center to schedule a training to learn about creating culturally responsive systems for children and their families.</p>	<p>22 The LA County Library provides a library card and a free book for every young person (17 and under) in foster care. Eligibility rules may apply.</p>
<p>25 If you know a high school senior in foster care, ensure they complete their FAFSA or CADAA forms, the Chafee Grant application, and encourage campus visits to inspire excitement for their next educational chapter.</p>	<p>26 Watch the movie “Instant Family”. Based on a true story, this heartwarming film follows a couple navigating parenthood as they become resource parents to three siblings.</p>	<p>27 If you know a student struggling academically, LACOE FYSCP offers free in-home tutoring. To check eligibility and submit a referral, visit the tutoring website for more information.</p>	<p>28 Show your support for youth in foster care and their families by wearing light blue in honor of Foster Care Month! Consider making this a weekly activity throughout May to promote awareness and inclusivity for students in foster care.</p>	<p>29 Support students in foster care by inviting LACOE Foster Youth Services for staff training. Our sessions boost achievement, connection, and belonging. Contact your regional team through our staff contact list.</p>