



YOUTH CONNECTED PROGRAM (YCP)

# NOW IS THE TIME TO FOSTER

based on *The New York Times* article, "If You've Ever Wanted to Be a Foster Parent, 'Now is the Time to Get Involved'"

## MAKE THE FIRST CALL

Information is ready for you.

*An overwhelming amount of information about the foster care system exists online, but the best thing you can do, advocates advise, is pick up the phone and call your local agency.*

Call Orangewood Foundation's Youth Connected Program at (714) 942-7475 to learn about fostering a student.

## CHOOSE YOUR PATH

There are many ways you can support a youth.

*There are many ways to support children in foster care — even short of hosting a child in your own home if you are not able, or ready, to do so.*


With YCP, you'll be matched with a student with whom you can start building a relationship.

## GET TRAINED AND INFORMED

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*Before hosting children in their homes, all foster parents must undergo education and training. Most programs require 10 to 30 hours of instruction, followed by a three-to-six-month "home study."*

At YCP, 12 hours of training is required over one month, less than the average foster parent training.



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