

What is the Quality Parenting Initiative?

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

- ▶ QPI is a process to help CWS develop and practice strategies to ensure success for children through clearly defining expectations of caregivers, social workers/probation officers, and then ensure the process allows for achieving the expectations.
 - ▶ Examples of expectations of caregivers may include (developed in each county): Putting the child’s needs first by supporting visitation, school of origin and contact with biological families, supporting the entire family not only the child, attend supplemental trainings, communicate with agency and family, demonstrate knowledge of child’s development and the necessary parenting skills to meet the need of the child, encourage and support extra-curricular activities
- ▶ The purpose is to reduce unplanned placement changes, reduce the use of FFA and Group Home placements, keep foster youth local, and reduce recidivism (in line with CCR and RFA goals)
- ▶ <http://www.qpicalifornia.org> for more information and additional training videos on specific topics