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Dear Placer County Education Community,

Placer County foster children need your immediate help. As you are well aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed tremendous strain on institutions and our communities. Unfortunately, the stress caused by this strain has impacted the most essential institute in our community, families. Over the past weeks, there has been a sharp increase in reports of domestic violence, substance use, and other situations that have led to a significant increase in children coming into the custody of Placer County's Children's System of Care. While our community is fortunate to have a number of caring homes to place children in custody into, the current increase has overwhelmed placement options.

This is where we are hoping you can help. Placer County System of Care is seeking temporary emergency placements for children and teens.

With this current crisis, the process of becoming a temporary care provider has been streamlined. For a 30 day or less placement, three conditions would need to be met: 1) A home environment inspection, 2) a criminal records check, and 3) completion of an updated Live Scan background check. If you were to choose to provide care beyond the 30 days, additional steps would be required.

If you believe you can help with providing temporary shelter to a foster child, please use this site tinyurl.com/PlacerEdCare to provide a small amount of information. This information will be reviewed by a Placer County Children's System of Care staff member and you will be contacted regarding the next steps and have the opportunity to ask specific questions.

A heartfelt thank you for your efforts in continuing educational services during this difficult time and for your consideration of support for Placer County's foster youth during this extraordinary time.

Sincerely,

Placer County Office of Education in Collaboration with Placer Children's' System of Care

