

## Our Services

- Child, Parent, and Family Mental Health Services (also available in Spanish)
- Support Groups for Parents and Children
- Psychological Testing
- In-Home Infant Mental Health Services
- Developmental Assessments for Infants and Toddlers
- Psychiatric Assessment and Treatment of Children
- Speech and Language, Educational, Pediatric, and Occupational Therapy Consultation
- Parent and Child Mentoring



## Contact Us

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UCLA TIES for Families is an interdisciplinary program dedicated to optimizing the growth and development of foster/adoptive children, from birth to age 25, and their families.



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## Unique Program Features

- Culturally responsive, trauma and resiliency informed, child welfare competent care
- Multidisciplinary Team
  - Mental Health
  - Psychiatry
  - Educational
  - Pediatrics
  - Speech and Language
  - Occupational Therapy
- Infant Mental Health program
- LIFT (grief support for resource parents during and/or following child reunification)

## Preparation of Resource Parents (PREP)

TIES provides nine hours of pre-placement education. Topics covered include:

- Impact of prenatal substance exposure and/or birth family histories of mental illness
- Managing challenging child behaviors
- Disclosing the child's history
- Maintaining contact with the child's birth family
- Understanding substance abusing birth parents
- Substance abuse prevention strategies for the child

To enroll in TIES PREP classes, contact Kimmey Howard at: [howarkb@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:howarkb@dcfs.lacounty.gov)



## How to Access our Services

There are two ways to access our services:

1. If you have attended TIES preparation sessions you may contact TIES directly at 310-825-6110.
2. If you have not attended TIES preparation sessions you may still be eligible through DCFS's Adoption Promotion and Support Services (APSS) program if you:
  - a. Live in West Los Angeles County
  - b. Are adopting or have adopted a child from foster care
  - c. If adoption is not finalized, APSS referral for TIES services must be made by a DCFS social worker. If the adoption is finalized, you may contact TIES directly at 310-825-6110.

*"The entire TIES team has truly been the most important and steadfast source of support to me in the multifaceted and extremely difficult life transition to parenthood via adoption."*

*- Parent comment*