**Website Resources**

**About Page**

1. [On any given day, there are 3,000 foster children in San Diego County.](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/cs/CWS_dashboard/CWS_Dashboard_Jan2023.pdf)
2. [Each year, approximately 200 foster children reach age 18 expected to transition to adulthood but lack the skills and resources to support this transition.](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/cs/CWS_dashboard/CWS_Dashboard_Feb2023.pdf)
3. [Won’t receive a high school diploma 52%](https://www.counties.org/sites/main/files/san_diego_-_challenge_-_fostering_academic_success_in_education_fase.pdf).
4. [Will be homeless after leaving the system 33%](https://www.chapinhall.org/research/calyouth-efc-homelessness/)
5. [In San Diego County, foster children experience an average of 5 placement changes while in care.](https://ccwip.berkeley.edu/childwelfare/reports/P5/MTSG/r/Fed/s)
6. [Approximately 80% of foster children experience mental health challenges including depression, post traumatic stress disorder, suicidal thoughts and others related to their traumatic past.](https://www.ncsl.org/human-services/mental-health-and-foster-care)
7. [Obtained a bachelor’s degree or higher 8%](https://nfyi.org/issues/higher-education/#:~:text=Only%2050%25%20of%20children%20in%20foster%20care%20will%20finish%20high%20school.&text=This%20may%20result%20in%20former,years%20to%20complete%20a%20degree.)
8. [In community college 86%](https://www.chapinhall.org/research/foster-youth-not-receiving-needed-supports-from-community-colleges/)
9. [Earned a college degree 8%](https://nfyi.org/issues/higher-education/#:~:text=Only%2050%25%20of%20children%20in%20foster%20care%20will%20finish%20high%20school.&text=This%20may%20result%20in%20former,years%20to%20complete%20a%20degree.)
10. [Became a parent by age 19 60%](https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/CY_YT_RE1020.pdf)
11. [Were unemployed 47%](https://www.childrensrights.org/news-voices/unemployment-rampant-among-former-foster-youth)
12. [Had been homeless 33%](https://www.chapinhall.org/research/calyouth-efc-homelessness/)

**Camp Connect Page**

1. 87% of children maintain some form of contact (text, email, phone) with siblings between events.
2. 73% of children report positive self-esteem and confidence.
3. 50% of caregivers notice improved behavior in participant.
4. 90% of children describe themselves as happy to see their siblings.
5. 71% of children report that they are less stressed because they see their siblings at Camp Connect.
6. 71% of children report that they worry about their siblings when they are apart.

**Foster Care Facts Page**

1. [Child Abuse is the 3rd cause of death of American children under the age of 4](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/child-health.htm)
2. [Every 10 seconds a child abuse report is placed](https://www.childhelp.org/child-abuse-statistics/#:~:text=A%20report%20of%20child%20abuse,subject%20to%20an%20investigated%20report.).
3. [About 70,000 calls of suspected abuse come into San Diego's Child Abuse Hotline each year](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/cs/CWS_dashboard/CWS_Dashboard_Feb2023.pdf).
4. [On average, 5 children die every day in the United States as a result of child abuse or neglect](https://www.childhelp.org/child-abuse-statistics/).
5. [79% of the children killed as a result of abuse are younger than 4 years old](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1519416/).
6. [Children ages 0-3 are the most likely to experience abuse.](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/cb/cm2020.pdf)
7. [5 children need out-of-home placements each day in San Diego due to abuse and neglect.](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/cs/CWS_dashboard/CWS_Dashboard_Feb2023.pdf)
8. [San Diego County has a child abuse rate of 5 per 1,000, higher than state averages](https://www.rchsd.org/documents/2022/09/community-health-needs-assessment-report-2022.pdf/).
9. [At least 22% of foster youth in California experience 4 or more placements.](https://learningpolicyinstitute.org/product/california-students-foster-care-brief)
10. [79% of children killed as a result of abuse are younger than 4 years old](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1519416/)
11. [35% of brothers and sisters in San Diego are separated from 1 or more siblings](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/cs/CWS_dashboard/CWS_Dashboard_Feb2023.pdf).
12. [Many young children who enter the foster care system are further traumatized as they are placed in a different home than their brother or sister](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubpdfs/siblingissues.pdf).
13. [Foster youth who experience more placements are nearly 15% less likely to complete high school when compared to their peers](https://www.counties.org/sites/main/files/san_diego_-_challenge_-_fostering_academic_success_in_education_fase.pdf).
14. [Only 71% will receive a high school diploma by age 19](https://www.cacollegepathways.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/B6-Educational-Rights-of-High-School-Foster-Youth.pdf).
15. [Only 55% of former foster youth will attend college and of that, only 8% will graduate](https://www.cacollegepathways.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Stepping-Up-FINAL.pdf).
16. [Approximately 100 EFC foster youth will emancipate from the foster care system each year in San Diego County, most with no support or plan in place to secure a healthy future](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/cs/CWS_dashboard/CWS_Dashboard_Feb2023.pdf).
17. [1 in 3 former foster youth will be homeless during their first two years after exiting foster care](https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/CY_YT_RE1020.pdf).
18. [60% of girls become pregnant by age 19 after leaving the foster care system](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5902410/)
19. [47% of youth leaving foster care are unemployed.](https://www.childrensrights.org/news-voices/unemployment-rampant-among-former-foster-youth)