



## Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE)

*Sponsored by California Community Colleges, Chancellor's Office*

### VVC FKCE Curriculum Advisory Meeting

12046 Jacaranda Ave., Suite A  
Hesperia, CA 92345

August 26, 2009 8-10 AM

#### Minutes

#### I. Welcome & Introductions

*Present, Tiffany Walker, Jeff Luther, Kelley Johnson, Berkeley Harris, Isela Gonzalez, Annette Morgan and Nikko Morgan.*

#### II. Approve May 27, 2009 minutes *Approved as written*

#### III. Old business *Annette reported:*

- A. *Estimated hours for last fiscal year was 368; We provided a total of 415 FKCE hours*
- B. *The date has been set for the Foster Parent Appreciation Workshop May 14, 2009 from 9-11 AM at Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA. The speaker is Mr. Sherman Garnett, Coordinator Child Welfare & Attendance, San Bernardino County Schools*
- C. *The last CPR/First Aid class offered was set up to accommodate 24 people. 44 people were on the registration list, and only 17 people attended. We need better attendance at our classes, especially an 8-hour class. How can we get more people to attend our scheduled classes and workshops?*
- D. *State budget cuts are affecting our college like every other community college (and businesses and families). VVC is cutting some classified positions and VVC will not offer classes during the 6-week winter session. On a lighter note, FKCE has not been affected in the same manner. We received an increase in our allocation this year and expect to facilitate more hours this year than last year.*
- E. *The meeting dates for this advisory board that were discussed last meeting need to be changed slightly. The October meeting will be held from 3-5 PM (instead of 8-10 AM).*
- F. *Tiffany can report on the SCR+ training that was discussed last meeting.*

*Tiffany did not bring any information on the SCR Training but Jeff Luther provided information on the SCR trainings and mentioned that tiers 1-3 foster kids automatically qualify and 4-6 need behavioral diagnosis and must attend trainings and workshops, Tiffany will bring information to the next meeting on SCR requirements.*

#### IV. New Business *Annette reported the following regarding current classes:*

- A. *Current class offerings*

Please see website ([www.vvc.edu/fkce](http://www.vvc.edu/fkce)) and current newsletter. Please distribute class information at your worksite. You are our ambassadors; we need your help in order for us to help our families and our community.

**B. English Classes**

1. Five Love Languages-FKCE offices
2. 12 Powers of Family Business-Yucca Loma
3. 12 Powers of Family Business-YES Center (for TEEN parents)
4. Positive Parenting-FKCE offices
5. Monthly training at local foster parent/kinship caregiver association meetings

**C. Spanish-language Classes**

1. Los 12 Poderes-Yucca Loma
2. Los 12 Poderes-YES Center for adults
3. Los 12 Poderes-Ted Vick Elementary

**Discussion:**

*Annette- Current classes are free, please see website [www.vvc.edu/fkce](http://www.vvc.edu/fkce) (events calendar) and current newsletter. Please distribute class information at your worksite. You are our Ambassador; we need your help in order for us to help our families, and our communities. At a class last week, said that her child's social worker didn't know anything about the classes. We have been passing out class flyers at different community locations such as the WIC office and different school sites. Yesterday, we went to Rancho Middle School and it was up on the bulletin board so we are grateful that some locations are helping us promote these free classes.*

*The workbook we are currently working on in my class is The Five Love Languages. Chico is teaching The 12 Powers of Family Business in English and Spanish and for teens as well, and Rebecca Talley is teaching Positive Parenting classes. Please refer to your current class flyers and our website ([www.vvc.edu/fkce](http://www.vvc.edu/fkce))*

*Isela- Marcelino Garza is teaching a class for teen parents at the Yes Center. It is The 12 Powers for Teen Parents.*

*Unknown- Are these ongoing classes?*

*Isela- Yes*

*Unknown- And they already started?*

*Isela- they started yesterday, but they didn't have anybody show up*

*Tiffany- We have a small amount, about 5 or 6, but a few of them I know are actually pregnant. I will try to get their information to your office so we can get these youth involved in the class.*

**V.** Discuss foster parent and kinship caregiver association news *No association rep present*

**VI.** Open

*Berkeley- Just before you adjourn I just wanted to bring something to your attention, as you know over 40% of youth are on assistance...Berkeley continued to talk about youth issues, but it was not all audible on the recorder*

**VII.** Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 28, 2009 VVC FKCE/ILP Offices on Jacaranda from 3-5 PM