



**Resource Family Approval Training**  
**Co-Sponsored by the Central California Training Academy**  
**and the California Department of Social Services**  
**Resource Family Approval Program**

**Dates:** February 1, 2017, February 2, 2017, February 27, 2017 and  
February 28, 2017 at 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Wyndham Visalia  
9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA. 93277

This is a **four-day** training. You must register for all four days.

**Be sure to register online for each two day session at: You will need 1 ticket for each group of dates. Both can be found at the link below.**

**<https://rfa-feb-4day-training.eventbrite.com>**

The purpose of the Resource Family Approval Program is to implement a unified, family-friendly, and child-centered resource family approval process to replace the existing multiple processes for licensing foster family homes and approving relatives and non-relative extended family members as foster care providers, and approving families for legal guardianship or adoption. The RFA Program will eliminate duplication, coordinate approval standards, and provide a comprehensive assessment of all families. A Resource Family shall be considered eligible to provide foster care for related and unrelated children in out-of-home placement, shall be considered and approved for adoption or guardianship, and shall not have to undergo any additional approval or licensure.

This training is intended to be delivered as written by a co-training team comprised of a trainer and a representative from California Department of Social Services RFA team. This training is geared toward training Child Welfare staff who will be working within the county's RFA Program. The training weaves together the basic components and skills required to do practice of RFA. The following key content areas will be addressed;

- Overview
- Background and History
- Goals and Objectives
- Implementation
- Focus on Permanency
- Introduction to the Written Directives
- Application Process
- Application Requirements
- Assessing the Resource Family
- Comprehensive Assessment Components
- Home Environment Assessment
- Background Checks Assessment
- Permanency Assessment
- Child Trauma
- Comprehensive Assessment Process:  
Psychosocial Assessment
- The Written Assessment Report
- Emergency or Pre-Approval Placement
- Pre-Approval Training
- Approving the Resource Family
- Out of County Jurisdiction
- Annual Update
- Rescinding Approval
- Post-Approval Activities
- Child's Personal Rights
- Complaints
- Post-Investigation Activities and Cross Reporting
- Administrative Actions
- Statement of Facts
- Practicing Cultural Humility
- Teaming and Collaboration
- Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standards

**THE NEXT FOUR DAY TRAINING SERIES SCHEDULED FOR ALL COUNTIES WITHIN THE REGION WILL BE IN  
MERCED ON APRIL 3 & 4 AND MAY 11 & 12.**

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