

## Community Comments

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"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

"Thank you for being the golden thread that has kept us together as a family."

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"If another child was trying to decide if she should come to the group, I would say, "Do you want people who know exactly how you feel? People who finish your thoughts? Or life-long friends? GO TO GROUP IT HELPS!"

-teen from one of the TIES' groups

"TIES provides an extremely necessary service to the adoption community. I'm not exaggerating when I say the TIES program has literally prevented some adoptive families from falling apart."

-DCFS Adoption Supervisor statement

## For More Information

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Please visit our website at:

[www.tiesforfamilies.ucla.edu](http://www.tiesforfamilies.ucla.edu)

Or contact us at:

**(310) 825-6110**

To enroll in TIES Prep classes call:

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# UCLA TIES for Families



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Serving Children and  
Families in:

**Foster Care**

**Adoption**

**Kinship Care**

## Preparation of Resource Parents Prior to Placement

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

### Distinctive Features

- Pre-placement Consultation on Children
- Services for children moving from foster care into pre-adoptive homes
- Infant Mental Health Program
- Loss Intervention for Families in Transition (LIFT)
- Multidisciplinary Team
  - Mental Health
  - Educational
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Pediatric
  - Speech and Language

## Mission Statement

UCLA TIES for Families is an interdisciplinary program dedicated to optimizing the growth and development of foster/adoptive children, from birth to age 21, and their families.

## Our Services

- Child, Parent, and Family Counseling (also available in Spanish)
- Support Groups for Parents and Children
- Psychiatric Assessment and Treatment of Children
- Speech and Language, Educational, and Pediatric Consultation
- Home Visiting and Assessment for Infants and their Families
- Parent and Child Mentoring
- Psychological Testing
- Occupational Therapy

## Two ways to access services

Parents may access services by . . .

- 1) Adopting through LA County's Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)  
AND  
Attending TIES Preparation classes prior to having a child placed
- A referral for TIES services must be made by a DCFS social worker. If the adoption is finalized, parents may contact TIES directly to facilitate a referral



- 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 . . .
  - Live in West Los Angeles County
  - Are adopting or have adopted a child from foster care
- An APSS referral for TIES services must be made by a DCFS social worker. If the adoption is finalized, parents may contact Post Adoption Services at 1-800-735-4984 to facilitate an APSS referral