

WEEKEND MIRACLES®

Los Angeles

Kidsave and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) work collaboratively to find permanent homes for youth (ages 9 -18) in Los Angeles County's foster care system.

To date, Weekend Miracles® has served over 500 older foster youth in Los Angeles County; and 81% of continuing participants have been matched with a permanent family, or a connection to a caring adult. Based on the success of Weekend Miracles, Los Angeles County has changed how it recruits families for older children.

Through Weekend Miracles program, foster youth are placed with volunteer host families on weekends, so that potential families have the opportunity to get acquainted with the children. This contact allows for bonds to be created naturally -- without the pressure of having to commit to adopt before becoming acquainted. The goal is to find each child an adoptive family.

We encourage use of our Family Visit Model in organizations across the U.S. Outside of Los Angeles, Kids in foster care can benefit from our model in Colorado, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington, DC.

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