

Guadalupe Family Service Center

History

The Family Service Center was designed by the Guadalupe Union School District, its collaborative, and community parents, to assist families in their efforts to maintain a healthy lifestyle so their children may succeed in school. Guadalupe Family Service Center connects with the Community Action Commission and local service organizations to provide the best assistance and support possible for families here in Guadalupe.

There are no income guidelines needed to receive assistance through the Guadalupe Family Service Center, though certain programs offered may have their own requirements.

Success Story

This year I have been able to see one of my clients become more self-sufficient. This client is a married, 27 year old, English speaking, Hispanic female with three sons ages 8, 3 and 2 years of age. She has received various services, which include case management, educational services, advocacy during IEP's, transportation, basic needs and financial assistance, emergency food, monthly food distribution, utility assistance and help with the HEAP application process.

We were able to provide financial assistance for this client through a private donor. This funding covered her transportation cost and meals, making it possible for her to take her eight year old to the Los Angeles Diagnostic Center at Children's Hospital for testing. Her son was diagnosed with bi-polar with mild retardation. She has told me she now feels a sense of relief knowing her son's diagnosis, making it possible for her to help him receive the appropriate treatment. This child is enrolled in Tri Counties Regional Center and had only recently received behavioral therapy for his erratic and violent episodes towards siblings and others.

Later in the year, this same child was in severe pain with numerous cavities. He was in need of financial assistance to cover costs not covered by Medi-Cal. We were able to obtain funding through a private source and the child received the dental treatment needed. We also assisted with transportation and making the dental appointments.

Later, we were able to receive funding through Catholic Charities and United Way to help the family pay one hundred dollars towards their gas bill. This came a good time since work had been slow and their hours had been cut.

The younger children have benefited from their older sibling being diagnosed correctly and getting the help needed. The lives have become more peaceful and stable. Mom was offered the opportunity to enroll the three year old in the HIPPY program but declined because this year had been too hectic for her. Mom states she will consider enrolling younger children for the next enrollment period.

My client and her husband are currently working full time and have been able to move from a large three-story apartment complex to a single family home with a yard for the children. Their extended family has been very supportive and helps out with childcare. Their finances have improved, their spirits have been lifted, they are grateful and give thanks for all the help they have received.

Programs and Services

- Christmas Baskets and Toys
- Emergency Food
- Health Services
- Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, and MediCAL Insurance Application Assistance
- Homeless Program Referrals
- Individual, Group and Family Counseling
- Job Referral Information
- HIPPY Home Instruction Program
- Mental Health Service Liason
- Parenting Education Groups
- Translation Services
- Transportation Assistance and Referrals
- Eligibility for W.I.C.

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