

Das Williams to Aid Our County, Our Kids Foster Care Recruitment Efforts

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Children in foster care all have one thing in common: they all need families to love and support them. Our County, Our Kids, a program of Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services, relies on resource families who are ready for the lifechanging experience of helping to nurture and heal a child who needs a place to call home.

From 4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016, Our County, Our Kids will host an inspirational meeting to discuss the state of foster care in Santa Barbara County. County leaders in foster care and a moving panel of youth and resource families will assemble to publicly share stories of their life-changing experiences being accepted into loving families and providing homes to youth in need.

Comprehensive information will be available for anyone interested in supporting county youth by fostering, mentoring or adopting.

Joining the event and showing his support for Our County, Our Kids will be California State Assemblymember Das Williams.

"Our county's foster children are among the most vulnerable members of our population and we need to care for them," said Assemblyman Williams, D-37. "Our amazing resource families help change lives every day and we all must do more to help our youth find caring families and homes in Santa Barbara County and our surrounding communities."

"An Inspirational Discussion of the State of Foster Care in Santa Barbara County and How You Can Help" will run from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Santa Barbara Central Library's Faulkner Gallery. Our County, Our Kids, is a program of the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services. It is the SBC DSS resource family recruitment, retention and support program.

Visit www.ourcountyourkids.org/sbc for more information.

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