

# The Walden Difference

2021 - 2022 IMPACT REPORT



Walden  
Family  
Services

Help. Adopt. Support.

## FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR AND CEO

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Most of us have had the good fortune to grow up in a home with adult family members who cared for and guided us. Even though those relationships set the foundation for success in almost every area of our lives, it is easy to take them for granted. But, the 35,000 children and youth in foster care in Southern California do not take the profound gift of nurturing adults in their lives for granted.

With district offices in Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, Walden Family Services offers foster care, adoption, parenting training, and mental health services to children, youth, and families engaged in the child welfare system. Additionally, we provide housing and supportive services for foster and former foster youth ages 18-24 to give them the help they need to attend school, work, and succeed as independent adults. What drives us? A determination to heal trauma, break the cycle of foster care, and ensure every client has a loving, stable home and the skills needed for success in life.

As the pandemic lingers, Walden staff are playing an active role in connecting our community members with accurate COVID-19 information, trusted facts about the vaccine, and vaccine referral as part of the statewide Vaccinate All 58 effort and an Inland Empire collaborative funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. While we all continue to take cautious but optimistic steps forward amidst the pandemic, Walden is proud to be making a difference in the health of our community.

We are grateful that lower coronavirus rates in our region have made it possible for Walden supporters to join together with us for two beautiful outdoor in-person events this fiscal year: the Wine D’Vine event, held in October at the estate of landscape architect Kate Sessions, and the Spring Soiree, hosted at the home of executive chef Jeffrey Strauss. The generous donations raised through these fundraisers provide essential support to our continued delivery of services. Thank you so much for your interest in and support of our organization.

If you are a new friend to Walden, we welcome you and hope you will join our community of care.

Sincerely,



**Leslie Levinson**  
Board Chair



**Teresa Stivers**  
Chief Executive Officer

## 2021-2022 FINANCIALS

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**REVENUE: \$18,112,957**

■ 91% GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

■ 9% GRANTS AND DONATIONS

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**EXPENSES: \$17,894,830**

■ 87% PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

■ 13% ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDRAISING

These are unaudited financials for 2021 – 2022. For a final audited version, please visit: [waldenfamily.org](http://waldenfamily.org)

# Our Programs



## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS & YOUTH SERVICES

Walden's Transitional Housing Placement for Non-Minor Dependents (THP-NMD) Program allows transition-age youth who would typically age out of the child welfare system to remain in foster care, with housing, case management, and supportive services while they pursue their education and employment goals. Walden's Transitional Housing Placement Plus (THP Plus) also provides housing and supportive services but serves former foster youth up to age 24 who require a minimum of case management.

Walden Family Services THP Programs foster participants' self-sufficiency, not only through support and housing, but also with ongoing skills training in healthy relationships, creating a savings account, and many other skills essential to self-sufficiency.

## FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY (FFA)

**Safe and Stable Family Placement Program** Children are placed temporarily in the care of foster/resource families. The love and sense of community that these families provide offer a safe and secure environment where kids learn how to live peacefully and can feel safe and respected. Walden actively recruits, trains, certifies, and connects families interested in giving a home to children in need.

**Adoption Services** Walden is a licensed adoption agency and provides adoption services for children and youth in foster care eligible for adoption in Southern California.

**Parent Training** Walden's Parent Resource & Education Program (PREP) training for parents uses a competency-based program designed to ensure families are prepared to provide children with the highest quality care. This training is integral to our FFA and adoption programs.





## FAMILY SERVICES

Walden Family Services provides a Nurturing Families Program with parenting education and case management to support families so they can thrive.

Many of the parents in the program have been in foster care themselves and did not have good role models of how to parent successfully. Having these parents learn to take good care of their children is crucial to breaking the traumatic child welfare system cycle. The program has seen a welcome rise in fathers wanting to learn more about how to raise their children successfully.

The curriculum emphasizes parenting with empathy and skills development in providing for the needs of growing children. Additionally, Walden's team helps the families in the program to access needed community resources.

"In Nurturing Parenting, we learned about how important it is to read with your child. This was not something we did when I was little, but now I really love reading to Amber. It is such a special activity we do together," said Raymond, a "Dad Grad" of Walden's Nurturing Parenting Program.

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"I'd always imagined myself being a mother someday, but I'd begun to think that dream was never going to happen. Then my friend encouraged me to contact Walden to find out about foster parenting," shared **Martina Rollins**.

"I am so glad that I did! Because I was able to adopt Kelly through foster care. I can't imagine my life without her!"

If the court does not allow a child to reunify with their birth family, then Walden foster parents are able to adopt a child already in their care, giving the priceless gift of a "forever family."



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# Walden Family Success Story - Meet Carlo!



Carlo joined our THP-NMD program from a group home when he was 18. He worked with his Walden social worker to identify a career goal he was passionate about – social work. “I want to start a non-profit organization to support LGBTQ youth,” said Carlo. “It was a tough time for me growing up, and it shouldn’t be that way. I want to create safe places for young people to be themselves.”

Carlo enrolled in college and lived off-campus in his Walden apartment while learning important independent living skills from Team Walden – like how to balance a budget and save for the future. Carlo completed his Bachelor’s degree in social science and is now working towards his Master’s in Social Work! Go Carlo!



**Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people are over-represented in foster care, where they are more likely to experience discrimination, abuse, and neglect.** A Children’s Rights 2019 study found **30.4 percent** of youth in foster care identify as LGBTQ and **5 percent** as transgender, compared to **11.2 percent** and **1.17 percent** of youth not in foster care.

## WALDEN LEADERSHIP



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Chief Executive Officer



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Controller



**Dr. Darjené Graham-Perez**  
Director of People & Culture



**Dr. Kim Kimpel**  
Director of Nurturing Family

Founded in 1976, Walden Family Services is a foster care-to-adoption, transition-age youth housing, and family support agency serving the Southern California region. We are a staff of highly trained professionals who support foster and former foster children and youth and adoptive families. Unlike other agencies, we welcome kids with special needs, who are part of large sibling groups, or who are LGBTQ.



### TATIANA & MICHAEL

Tatiana transferred into Walden's THP program with her son Michael. She was focused and determined to take advantage of the many opportunities that were offered to her. She benefitted from not only housing, but career counseling and support services, including parenting education.

Tatiana enrolled in her local community college to pursue her goal of being a lab scientist. "I am getting my AA and transferring to finish my bachelor's, then I will get my master's degree," shared Tatiana about her education plan. "I work for a lab as a technician and some of the scientists there are mentoring me. We need more women in STEM careers."

“Something I learned from parenting education is to nurture myself and my son the way I wish I had been cared for as a child. I am determined to be the best Mom I possibly can – and part of that is being sure I can support us financially.”

## Foster Family Agency

**204**  
children placed  
with carefully-  
matched families



**100%**  
experienced fewer  
than two family  
placements

**53**  
children adopted  
from foster care

**142**  
adults were trained  
and certified to  
become foster parents

## Transitional Housing Programs

**410**  
youth ages 18-24  
in our Transitional  
Housing programs



**100%**  
of our youth have  
stable housing  
and supportive  
relationships

**85%**  
have significant  
savings upon exiting  
the program

**100%**  
of youth required  
to attend school  
and/or work



**Total children,  
youth & families  
served: 1,478**



**Vaccinate All 58  
Campaign**  
10,033 people were  
reached in face-to-face  
COVID-vaccine health  
education.



We work with the most difficult-to-place children and youth with Behavioral & Mental Health challenges, Special Healthcare Needs, are LGBTQ, large sibling groups, and older children of color. Walden provides trauma informed care for all of our programs so children and youth can heal and grow.

# -2022 NUMBERS



## Extended/Aftercare Program



**223**  
youth participated  
in our Aftercare/  
Extended Care  
program

## Foster Parents



**142**  
adults were trained  
and certified to  
become foster parents

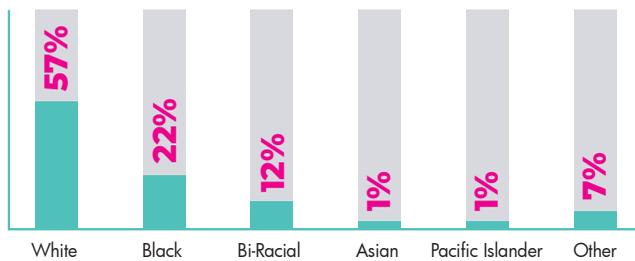
## Nurturing Families



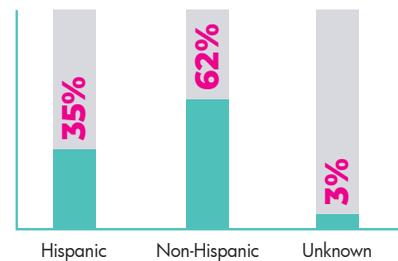
**313**  
vulnerable pregnant  
or parenting families  
served in our Nurture  
ing Families program

**83**  
fathers completed  
this program

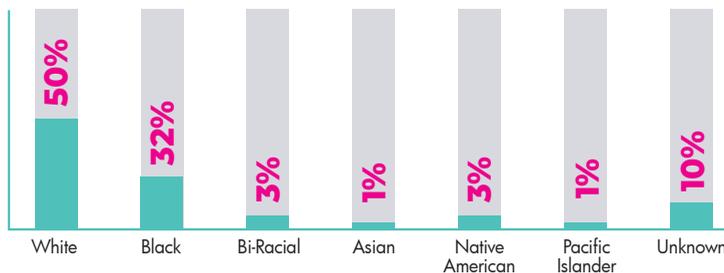
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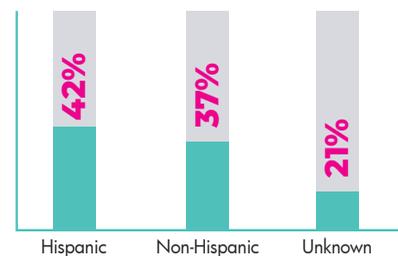
### Ethnicity (FFA)



### RACE Chart (THP)



### Ethnicity (THP)



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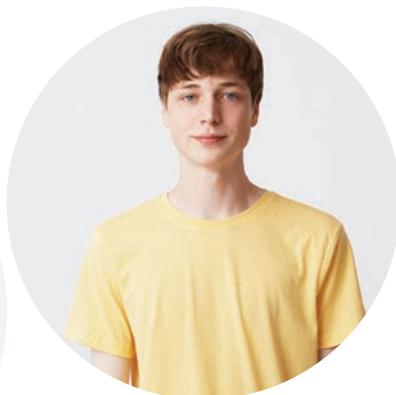
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