



# Social Services in La Palma



City of Lake Forest  
Orange County, California

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## Population<sup>1</sup>

- La Palma is the 32nd most populous city in Orange County: 15,568
- La Palma has the 30th greatest youth (0-17) population when compared to other OC cities: 3,423
- Ethnic breakdown: 27.8% White; 16.0% Hispanic; 47.7% Asian; 5.0% Black; 3.5% Other
- Median Family Income: \$92,757 ([Orange County: \$85,009] [U.S. Census Bureau: 2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates])

## Social Services

- La Palma children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs<sup>2</sup>: 65
  - Representing 0.13% of the 46,429 child recipients county-wide (12/1/2011)
- Child Abuse and neglect reports on children received from La Palma in 2013: 85
  - Representing 0.2% of the 39,594 reports received county-wide

## Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 85 reports came from mandated professions (92%); Counselor/Therapist (35%), School Personnel/Teachers (15%), Other Professionals combined (13%), Law Enforcement (12%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (26%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 7 reports, equal to 8% of the total.
- The 85 report-allegations represent 63 distinct children<sup>3</sup> in La Palma, by Gender & Age:

| Gender  | Male | Female | Unk | Age     | Under 1 | 1-5 | 6-12 | 13 & Up | Total <sup>4</sup> |
|---------|------|--------|-----|---------|---------|-----|------|---------|--------------------|
| Count   | 34   | 29     | 0   | Count   | 4       | 12  | 22   | 25      | 63                 |
| Percent | 54%  | 46%    | 0%  | Percent | 6%      | 19% | 35%  | 40%     | 100%               |

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody from La Palma (Between 01/01/2013 and 12/31/2013: 2)

| Reason-Abuse Allegation | Physical | Sexual | Emotional | Exploitation | General Neglect | Severe Neglect | Law Violation | Caretaker Absence/Incapacity | Total <sup>4</sup> |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Count                   | 0        | 0      | 0         | 0            | 2               | 0              | 0             | 0                            | 2                  |
| Percent                 | 0%       | 0%     | 0%        | 0%           | 100%            | 0%             | 0%            | 0%                           | 100%               |

| Gender  | Male | Female | Age     | Under 1 | 1-5 | 6-12 | 13 & Up | Total <sup>4</sup> |
|---------|------|--------|---------|---------|-----|------|---------|--------------------|
| Count   | 2    | 0      | Count   | 0       | 0   | 1    | 1       | 2                  |
| Percent | 100% | 0%     | Percent | 0%      | 0%  | 50%  | 50%     | 100%               |

| Ethnicity | Asian/Pac. Isl. | Black | Latino | White | Other | Total <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------|-----------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| Count     | 0               | 0     | 0      | 2     | 0     | 2                  |
| Percent   | 0%              | 0%    | 0%     | 100%  | 0%    | 100%               |

<sup>1</sup> Population figures based upon Orange County Change: Census [U.S. Census Bureau: 2010 Demographic Profile].

<sup>2</sup> CalWORKs: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Program

<sup>3</sup> Children may be reported more than once and/or have multiple allegations, i.e., physical abuse and general neglect

<sup>4</sup> Percentages may not always total to 100% due to rounding

■ Characteristics of Children Placed in Relative/Foster Care in La Palma (as of December 31, 2013: 0)<sup>5</sup>

| Placement Type | Group Home   | Foster Family Agency Home | Foster Family / Small Family Home | Relative / Guardian | Total <sup>6</sup> |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Count          | 0            | 0                         | 0                                 | 0                   | 0                  |
| Percent        | !Zero Divide | !Zero Divide              | !Zero Divide                      | !Zero Divide        | 100%               |

| Gender  | Male         | Female       | Age     | Under 1      | 1-5          | 6-12         | 13 & Up      | Total <sup>6</sup> |
|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Count   | 0            | 0            | Count   | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                  |
| Percent | !Zero Divide | !Zero Divide | Percent | !Zero Divide | !Zero Divide | !Zero Divide | !Zero Divide | 100%               |

| Ethnicity | Asian/Pac. Isl. | Black        | Latino       | White        | Other        | Total <sup>6</sup> |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Count     | 0               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                  |
| Percent   | !Zero Divide    | !Zero Divide | !Zero Divide | !Zero Divide | !Zero Divide | 100%               |

■ Children Brought into Protective Custody and Placed back into the same City/Community<sup>7</sup>

| Area                            | Protective Custody (PC) | Placed Back | Placements by PC (Removal) Area |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| La Palma                        | 2                       | 0           | 0%                              |
| All Other OC Cities/Communities | 833                     | 298         | 36%                             |

**Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program: Non-Minor Dependents**

- The EFC Program, created by Assembly Bill 12 in January, 2012, allows foster youth to receive foster care benefits and services after age 18 and up to age 21. These young adults remain under the jurisdiction of the court and supervision of the county as they transition to independence.
- There are 1 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of La Palma as of 12/31/2013

**How can the La Palma Community help to Preserve and Reunite their Children and Families?**

- Support community-based responses to protect children and preserve families
- Become a resource family and encourage others to do so (short or longer term foster care)
- Participate in team decision making meetings that bring together people to help children at risk
- Provide space for foster care orientation, training or family visitation
- Help with community mentoring for birth parents working towards reunification



**Interested in Getting More Involved with Children in Your Community?**

- To find out more information about becoming a resource family, foster or adoptive parent: Call 1-888-871-kids (5437) or visit us at [www.oc4kids.com](http://www.oc4kids.com)

<sup>5</sup> Children brought into protective custody from Lake Forest (residents) and children placed there (includes children whose primary residence is in other cities): different time-frames and reflecting different groups of children.

<sup>6</sup> Percentages may not always total to 100% due to rounding

<sup>7</sup> Any child placed into protective custody between 01/01/2013 and 12/31/2013 and placed back into the same city/community within 6 months.