



Social Services in Lake Forest



City of Lake Forest
Orange County, California

Produced by the Orange County (OC) Social Services Agency – September 3, 2015

Population¹

- Lake Forest is the 13th most populous city in Orange County: 77,264
- Lake Forest has the 13th greatest youth (0-17) population when compared to other OC cities: 19,115
- Ethnic breakdown: 57.2% White; 24.6% Hispanic; 12.9% Asian; 1.5% Black; 3.8% Other
- Median Family Income: \$108,211 ([Orange County: \$85,009] [U.S. Census Bureau: 2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates])

Social Services

- Lake Forest children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs²: 474
 - Representing 1.02% of the 46,429 child recipients county-wide (12/1/2011)
- Child Abuse and neglect reports on children received from Lake Forest in 2014: 812
 - Representing 1.8% of the 46,069 reports received county-wide

Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 812 reports came from mandated professions (85%); Counselor/Therapist (29%), School Personnel/Teachers (12%), Other Professionals combined (24%), Law Enforcement (20%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (14%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 122 reports, equal to 15% of the total.
- The 812 report-allegations represent 587 distinct children³ in Lake Forest, by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unk	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	300	287	0	Count	39	160	234	154	587
Percent	51%	49%	0%	Percent	7%	27%	40%	26%	100%

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody from Lake Forest (Between 01/01/2014 and 12/31/2014: 11)

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total ⁴
Count	1	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	11
Percent	9%	0%	0%	0%	82%	0%	0%	9%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	8	3	Count	5	4	1	1	11
Percent	73%	27%	Percent	45%	36%	9%	9%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁴
Count	0	1	6	4	0	11
Percent	0%	9%	55%	36%	0%	100%

¹ Population figures based upon U.S. Census Bureau: 2010 Demographic Profile.

² CalWORKs: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Program

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

⁴ Percentages may not always total to 100% due to rounding

■ Characteristics of Children Placed in Relative/Foster Care in Lake Forest (as of December 31, 2014: 33)⁵

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Total ⁶
Count	0	8	3	22	33
Percent	0%	24%	9%	67%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁶
Count	21	12	Count	5	14	8	6	33
Percent	64%	36%	Percent	15%	42%	24%	18%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁶
Count	1	3	9	19	1	33
Percent	3%	9%	27%	58%	3%	100%

■ Children Brought into Protective Custody and Placed back into the same City/Community⁷

Area	Protective Custody (PC)	Placed Back	Placements by PC (Removal) Area
Lake Forest	11	5	45%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	873	310	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 2 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Lake Forest as of 12/31/2014

How can the Lake Forest 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

⁵ 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.

⁶ Percentages may not always total to 100% due to rounding

⁷ Any child placed into protective custody between 01/01/2014 and 12/31/2014 and placed back into the same city/community within 6 months.