



Social Services in Buena Park



City of Buena Park
Orange County, California

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Population¹

- Buena Park is the 12th most populous city in Orange County: 82,683
- Ethnic breakdown: Asian 29.2%, Black 4.2%, Hispanic 37.8%, White 26.8%, Native American 0.1%, Other 1.9%.
- Buena Park has the 10th greatest youth population (0-17yrs) when compared to other OC cities: 19,844
- Median Family Income: \$73,674 ([Orange County: \$86,003])

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- Buena Park children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 1,396
- Representing 3.6% of the 38,505 child recipients county-wide (1/2016)

Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- Number of children reported for abuse and neglect from Buena Park in 2016: 1,334
- Representing 2.74% of the 48,732 reports received county-wide
- The majority of the 1,334 reports came from mandated professions (86%);
Counselor/Therapist (19%), School Personnel/Teachers (33%), Other Professionals combined (24%),
Law Enforcement (14%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (10%).
Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 181 reports, equal to 14% of the total.
- The 1,334 reported-allegations represent 980 distinct children in Buena Park, identified below by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	495	485	0
Percent	51%	49%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	60	265	401	254	980
Percent	6%	27%	41%	26%	100%

- Characteristics of 31 Children brought into Protective Custody (PC)³ from Buena Park between 01/01/2016 and 12/31/2016:

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total ⁴
Count	5	1	2	0	19	4	0	1	31
Percent	16%	3%	6%	0%	61%	13%	0%	3%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	17	14	0
Percent	55%	45%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	7	10	11	3	31
Percent	23%	32%	35%	10%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	0	6	10	11	4	0	31
Percent	0%	19%	32%	35%	13%	0%	100%

¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

² Orange County Social Services Agency, 2016

³ When the count is less than 3, the number '0' will be displayed to protect the identity

⁴ A hierarchy is used to record the 'highest' reported allegation for children with multiple allegations.

■ Characteristics of 65 Children placed in Out of Home Care in Buena Park as of 12/31/2016:

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Resource Family Home	Total
Count	2	8	11	24	20	65
Percent	3%	12%	17%	37	31	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	37	28	0
Percent	57%	43%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	14	22	14	15	65
Percent	22%	34%	22%	23%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	2	6	34	23	0	0	65
Percent	3%	6%	52%	35%	0%	0%	100%

■ Children brought into PC and placed in Out of Home Care in the same City/Community:

Area	PC	Placed Back	Placements by PC (Removal) Area
Buena Park	31	6	19%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	918	320	35%

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 5 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Buena Park as of 12/31/2016

How can the Buena Park 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

