

# **Children & Family Services** In La Palma



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### Population<sup>1,2</sup>

- La Palma is the 32nd most populous city in Orange County: 15,814.
  - Ethnic breakdown: Asian 46.8%, Black 5.3%, Hispanic 17.6%, White 26.4%, Native American 0.5%, Other 3.4%.
  - Has the 31st greatest youth (under 18) population when compared to other cities: 2,872.
  - Median Family Income: \$104,010.

#### Social Services<sup>3</sup>

La Palma children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 55.

#### Child Abuse and Referral Details

- Number of referrals<sup>4</sup> for abuse and neglect in La Palma was 116.
  - 6.0% of referrals were made by a non-mandated reporter.
  - 94.0% of referrals were made by the following mandated reporters:
    - Counselor/Therapist (22.9%), School Personnel/Teachers (22.0%), Other Professionals combined (22.0%), Law Enforcement (27.5%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (5.5%).
  - The 116 referrals<sup>4</sup> represent 87 distinct children in La Palma identified below by Sex at Birth & Age:

#### Sex at Birth<sup>5</sup>

	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	37	50	0
Percent	42.5%	57.5%	0.0%

## Age in Years<sup>5</sup>

_	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up	Unknown
Count	6	20	28	33	0
Percent	6.9%	23.0%	32.2%	37.9%	0.0%

#### Abuse Allegations<sup>6,7</sup>

Characteristics of Children brought into Protective Custoday (PC) between 01/01/2018 and 12/31/2018.

	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence / Incapacity	Status Offense
Count	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0
Percent	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%

#### Sex at Birth<sup>5</sup>

## Age in Years<sup>5</sup>

	Male	Female		l
Count	*	*	Count	
Percent	*	*	Percent	

	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	*	0	0	*
Percent	*	0.0%	0.0%	*

#### Ethnicity<sup>5</sup>

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	0	0	0	*	0	0
Percent	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	*	0.0%	0.0%

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### **Placement Type**

Characteristics of Children placed in Out of Home Care in La Palma as of 12/31/2018.

	Relative	Non- Relative	Guardian	Foster	Small Family	Foster Family Agency	Court Specified	Congregate Care
Count	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percent	83.3%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

#### Sex at Birth<sup>5</sup>

#### Age in Years<sup>5</sup>

	Male	Female
Count	*	*
Percent	*	*

	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	0	0	*	*
Percent	0.0%	0.0%	*	*

## Ethnicity<sup>5</sup>

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	0	*	*	*	0	0
Percent	0.0%	*	*	*	0.0%	0.0%

Children brought into Protective Custody (PC) and placed in Out of Home Care within that same community<sup>5</sup>.

Area	PC	Placed Back	Placements by PC (Removal) Area
La Palma	*	*	*

## Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program: Non-Minor Dependents<sup>5</sup>

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 0 non-minor dependents residing within La Palma as of 12/31/2018.

## 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.
- Became 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 <a href="https://www.oc4kids.com">www.oc4kids.com</a>



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CA Dept. of Finance [2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> SSA Reseach Analyst Team.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Youth can have more than one referral within the calendar year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>When the count is less than 5, then an \* will be shown to protect the identity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> A hierarchy is used to record the most 'severe' allegation for youth with multiple allegations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Youth can have more than one Abuse Allegation within the calendar year.