



# RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL

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2022

Seasons Greetings from the RFA Team



## **Important Dates Coming Up for 2022:**

### **December 17th**

- Holiday Drive Thru Event for  
Transition Age Youth, Foster  
Children and Caregivers'  
Saturday, December 17, 2022  
4:00pm-7:00pm

### **December 25**

- Christmas Day

### **January 1, 2023**

- New Year's Day

## **Tentative Dates for 2023:**

- Caregiver Forums
- May Appreciation Event
- Back to School
- Pumpkin Event

**More to Come**

The RFA Unit would like to thank you for being part of our team and the essential role that you play in the lives of children and their families. We cannot do our job without the continued care that you provide and your tireless efforts. Words alone can't express how much we appreciate you. We look forward to strengthening engagement by bringing back Foster Care Forums and other opportunities to stay connected. If you have any ideas or thoughts, we are always open to chat. Please share them with me at [Alicia.Wasklewicz@yolocounty.org](mailto:Alicia.Wasklewicz@yolocounty.org)

Our Team would like to wish you a happy and safe holidays. We look forward to 2023 with you all.

## BACKPACK EVENT

We would like to thank our donors for making the 2022 RFA backpack event possible. Thank you for volunteering your time. Over 150 backpacks were handed out to our RFA families. This event could not have been a success without your help.



**BACK  
to  
SCHOOL**



## PUMPKIN PATCH EVENT

RFA had a blast hosting a Pumpkin Patch event at Bobby Dazzler's Pumpkin Patch! Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy special treats, prizes, and share their Halloween costume ideas. We were able to give out costumes this year and hope to do the same in the following years. The RFA team put together over 100 candy bags.

## Helping Your Child Become a Confident Reader and Writer Staring from Birth

Babies learn to become good communicators when their caregivers respond to their sounds and actions. They learn to love books and reading when their caregivers read to them often. By the time they are three, they understand stories with plots, and they can tell you stories with a beginning, middle, and end. Learn how you can help your infant and toddler develop all of the skills necessary to become confident readers and writers.



## Indoor Activities for Winter Break

- Take pics of the kids with their Christmas gifts and toys to send as thank yous friends and family
- Have hot chocolate with all the fixings for breakfast or dessert
- Camp out in the living room around the Christmas tree before you take it down
- Make room for the new toys and clothes by de-cluttering and donating.
- Declare one day "all day pajama day"
- Brainstorm a list of trips you want to take as a family next year.
- Write, produce and act in your own family movie.
- Use discarded Christmas wrapping paper to decoupage gift boxes to use next year.
- Photograph each activity, then turn the pictures into a Best Break Ever scrapbook.
- Work on a puzzle together.
- Cut snowflakes out of coffee filters
- Draw a winter scene on the windows with these special markers.



**We hope your holidays are filled with laughter & love.**