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Foster VC Kids' Elisa Carreno, Angelina McCormick-Soll, Alison Young, Elizabeth Thasiah Foster, Cynthia Hutchison, and Victoria Gonzales attended the conference.

Foster VC Kids of Ventura County hosted Statewide

Ventura County Hosted QPI Conference for its Utilization of Quality Foster Care Training for Families—The Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) statewide conference in Ventura on Friday, Sept. 25, brought unique perspective concerning the development for high quality care, partnership and support for children in foster care and the caregivers, families and Child Welfare staff walking alongside them. Eighteen participating counties across California were in attendance. The event, which took place at the Crowne Plaza, entailed keynote addresses from Executive Director of Youth Law Center (YLC) and former foster youth - Jennifer Rodriguez. In addition, the conference featured foster youth/family panels and group discussions on topics relevant to quality care and partnership. Industry players included David Swanson Hollinger (Sr. Managers of Ventura County Human Services Agency), Elizabeth Thasiah (Foster VC Kids) and Transitional Age Youth (TAY).

Foster VC Kids, a division of Ventura County's Children & Family Services, launched in 2014, includes the Homes with Heart campaign which is working to recruit more loving homes for over 1,000 foster youth in the Ventura County foster care system. Foster VC Kids and its work with QPI has received statewide recognition as an outreach, recruitment and training model to follow.

QPI, born and implemented in 2009, strives on reunification of children with their birth families whenever possible, and clearly defines the responsibilities of caregivers and Child Welfare partners in their work together and helps them to align Child Welfare policies and practices with excellence in foster care. QPI was the unique solution initially sought in 2004 when Florida foster care was at a

critical point with children sleeping in conference rooms and moving in and out of homes in a 24 hour timeframe. With QPI, the department of Children & Families and Youth Law Center improved the practices supporting quality foster parenting.



Joanne is definitely committed to her game.

Thirty-eight years of bringing great tennis and health to Ventura

The Pierpont Racquet Club is celebrating 38 years in the Racquet Sports & Fitness Industry this October. The Club has been a second home to so many in our community. Many of their current

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