

VTR Builds a Foundation for Life through our support services that provide for basic needs of vulnerable children, youth, and young adults who are victims of abuse, abandonment, neglect, trauma, homelessness, or have a history of delinquent behavior. Through our four programs, Foster Family Agency, Adoption Agency, Transitional Living Program, and the Residential Therapeutic Program, VTR provides interventions, advocacy, mentorship, education, and personalized care.



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### OUR HISTORY

Valley Teen Ranch was established in 1987 as a private, non-profit, residential group home, licensed by the California Department of Social Services and has since grown to include a Foster Family Agency, Adoption Agency, and a Transitional Living Home.

VTR began as a way to help at-risk youth in the Central Valley. The ranch setting is located in Madera and has served over 1,400 young men since its inception. Currently, VTR is a Licensed Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (formerly group home) providing trauma-informed care.

In 1989, the Foster Family Agency (FFA) was licensed to provide therapeutic foster care for children and youth. In 1998 the Adoption Agency was licensed to provide adoption services to families who desired to provide permanency through the foster care system. The FFA and Adoption Agency has placed over 800 children and served over 215 families.

In 2002, VTR opened the Transitional Living Home to provide for youth that "aged out" of the foster care system. The Transitional Living Home has served over 135 young men and has expanded to serve homeless male youth.

The VTR Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program, Foster Family Agency, and Adoption Agency have accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

VTR is funded in part through California's Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Foster Care. As a non-profit, charitable organization, the balance of our funding is through private donations from the generous people of our community, including, churches, service groups, and grants awarded through philanthropic organizations.

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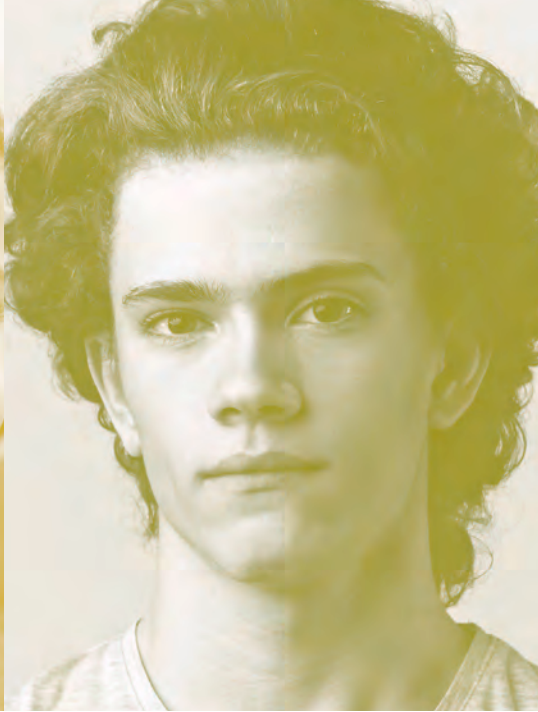


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## JESSICA'S STORY

Jessica Martinez was in foster care for five years as a youth in the home of Terry and Karee Moore, a VTR Foster Family Agency Resource Family. Terry and Karee provided a home filled with the stability, love, and support that Jessica needed. During this time, the Moores always emphasized the importance of education. Through the Moore's encouragement, Jessica earned her Bachelor's Degree in Applied Exercise Science from Azusa Pacific University in Southern California. Jessica not only received her college degree but also became the first-generation college graduate in her birth family.



## FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY

The VTR Foster Family Agency (FFA) approves families and provides supportive services and therapeutic care for children and youth ages birth to 21 years old in Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties. The youth are either dependents of Social Services or delinquent juveniles placed by Juvenile Court order.

VTR FFA provides therapeutic services to children and youth who are victims of abuse, neglect, abandonment, or have a history of delinquent behaviors. Professionally trained social workers provide trauma-informed practices, intervention, advocacy, and personalized care to create a foundation for success.

VTR FFA social workers recruit, approve, and train potential Resource Families. Once approved, these families receive ongoing training, support, and supervision while they provide a loving and stable environment for children and youth to grow and thrive.

## ADOPTION AGENCY

The VTR Adoption Agency matches and facilitates adoptions for families who desire to provide permanency and a safe and stable home. These children and youth, ages birth to 21 years old, are dependents of the Juvenile Dependency Court. They are victims of abuse, neglect, and abandonment. They have not been able to reunify with their birth family and their parent's rights have been terminated.

VTR social workers recruit, approve, train, and facilitate matching Resource Families with children and youth in need of an adoptive family. Resource Families and the children and youth placed in their home receive counseling services and resources before and after the adoption finalization. VTR Adoption Agency is licensed to work with all counties in California.

## RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM

The VTR Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) accepts male residents ages 13-17 and Non-Minor Dependents ages 18-21 from most counties in California. VTR STRTP serves residents who exhibit emotional or behavioral disorders and are either dependents of Social Services or delinquent juveniles placed by Juvenile Court order. Once accepted into the program, the anticipated length of stay is between 6-12 months.

The VTR STRTP serves up to 32 residents living in three homes at the Ranch. Trained and professional staff provide 24 hours of care and supervision. VTR STRTP helps to enhance the youth's psychological safety, well-being, and resilience by utilizing a combination of trauma-informed interventions, treatment practices, and education to accomplish its goals. Through life-changing relationships, mentorship, activities, and experiences, youth are reunified with their families or transition to independent living.

## TRANSITIONAL LIVING HOME

The VTR Transitional Living Home (TLH) provides housing and supportive services for males, ages 18-24 years old, who are homeless or transitioning from a residential or correctional facility. Mentorship and relationship building are the foundation of this program.

The goal of the program is to transition these young men to live independently in permanent housing. VTR TLH provides ongoing education in independent living skills, which includes personal care, health care, cooking, nutrition, and money management. VTR TLH professional staff guides residents in educational opportunities, employment, transportation, and community resources.