



Kinship Center Expands With Strategic Partnership

The Board and staff leadership of Kinship Center, a statewide child and family organization headquartered in Monterey County and serving more than 2,000 children each year, is pleased to announce the merger of Kinship Center with Seneca Center, a respected child-serving nonprofit headquartered in the San Francisco region.

The merger of these two leading California nonprofits became effective this summer, after an intensive nine-month due diligence process by Kinship Center's Board of Directors. Kinship Center, which has a 27-year history of building safe, permanent families for abused, neglected and abandoned children, is now a member of Seneca Family of Agencies.

"The joining of these two organizations creates one of the most comprehensive service systems for children in California," said Kinship Center Board Chair Sandy Haney, CEO of the Monterey County Association of Realtors. "Like Kinship Center, Seneca is an exceptional organization with a distinguished history of service to children and families with profound needs. Our combined capacity strengthens our ability to help children and families in the County and brings a powerful continuum of care and resources for all those we serve."

Kinship Center Co-founder Carol Biddle, who has led the agency since its beginning in 1984, will continue at the helm and will also serve on Seneca's executive leadership team. "Both of our organizations are dedicated to ensuring that every child has the chance for a safe and secure future," said Biddle. "Together we will have a powerful presence and a true statewide reach in our ability to offer the broadest scope of adoption, foster care, relative care, and mental health services for traumatized children and the families who step forward to care for them. This new partnership will be a tremendous asset to Monterey County and communities throughout California."