

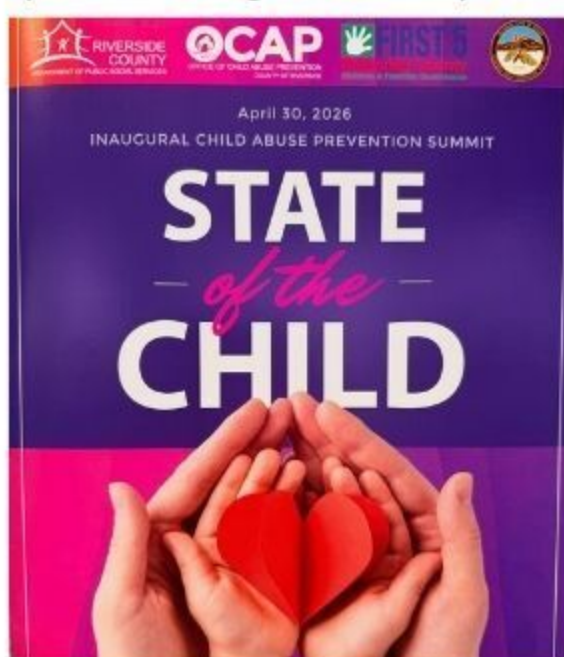
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SUMMIT

This year FIM participated in the Inaugural Child Abuse Prevention Summit and State of the Child, hosted by the Riverside County Office of Child Abuse Prevention. Leaders presented data on prevention efforts and the well-being of our children. Notably, over 80% of substantiated child abuse cases involve general neglect, often linked to poverty, stress, isolation, and lack of support rather than intentional harm. For example, it was highlighted that chronic school absenteeism was highest among students experiencing homelessness, foster youth, and other vulnerable populations. This highlights the need for coordinated community support to help children succeed in both school and life.

The data also highlighted rising concerns for the emotional well-being of youth. While teen substance use has declined, chronic depression and anxiety are on the rise, showing that children and families need more than just services—they need caring relationships and supportive communities.

As pastors, you are uniquely positioned to walk alongside families before crisis hits, providing strength, prevention, and hope. If you'd like to learn more about the Riverside County report, please contact Irene Capen.

We'll provide more information with ways that you can help alleviate and/or improve conditions for children in Riverside County.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR FAITH PARTNERS

Thank you to all our faith and community partners who donated gift baskets to celebrate 80 foster youth who attended the graduation event. All the graduates received a bountiful, themed basket and a candy lei with a gift card valued at \$25. We wish the Class of 2026 the best as they embark on a new journey.



Bear Creek Women's Club, Murrieta
Centerpoint Church, Murrieta
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 44th St, Riverside
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Via Los Caballeros
Community Bible Church, Riverside
Crossroads Church, Corona
CrossWord Christian Fellowship, Moreno Valley
Hemet United Methodist Church
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Riverside
La Sierra University SDA Church, Riverside
New Beginnings Community Church, Riverside
Riverside Womens Club
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Palm Desert
Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside



FIM would also like to thank Saint Louis Catholic Church in Cathedral City and Centerpoint Church in Murrieta for hosting our annual foster care recruitment events in May.

Every gift, every volunteer hour, and every open door helps create brighter futures for children and families.

CONNECT WITH US

Faith In Motion is a collaborative that engages faith communities throughout Riverside County to find safe and loving homes for children in need and connect with the children and families who have been impacted by abuse and neglect.

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