

COMFORT FOR COURT KIDS, INC.® The Teddy Bear... a universal symbol of love and affection...®

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- 1. Comfort for Court Kids, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) publicly supported charity that provides emotional support for children who attend Juvenile Dependency Court. Brand new teddy bears are given to the children to assist them through their experiences while at court and are permitted to keep them, forever.
- 2. Every child who is adopted receives a Teddy Bear on this special occasion.
- 3. The Teddy Bear Program is recognized nationally as being synonymous with the Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court in Los Angeles County.
- 4. Currently, forty-two hundred Bears are delivered to the Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court in Monterey Park approximately every six weeks. The Bears are divided equally among the twenty operating Courtrooms, the Dependency Court in Lancaster and Shelter Care in both locations. The CASA Office at the Courthouse also receives teddy bears; these bears are used by CASA Volunteers as needed. Every agency at the Children's Courthouse is given a supply of teddy bears upon request.
- 5. Financial support is received from the Superior Court, the Department of Children and Family Services, law firms, foundations, Bar Associations and private individuals.
- 6. The Teddy Bear Program has long been recognized as a Community Outreach Program and in the context of Juvenile Dependency Court, the Teddy Bear has been described as a "healing bear".
- 7. The California Judicial Council's Center for Families, Children and the Courts has identified CCK as a successful, child-oriented program that should be replicated in other Juvenile Courts in the State.
- 8. The Display, "Creating a Child Friendly Courthouse", was installed in the Lobby of the Children's Courthouse in 2009.

CCK estimates that close to 900,000 brand new
Teddy Bears have been given to "our children" via Dependency Court
since 1991; this amount grows by
4200 bears approximately every six weeks.

Please send donations to:
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to purchase new bears for the children.

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