

Hello Nannies. I have prepared a simple mid- year report form. Please complete and send to this chairman so I can report how wonderfully California takes care of our military children.

Temporary Financial Assistance:

Your donations to the Department Children and Youth Program helps provide Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) to Veteran's with minor children. The forms are on the Auxiliary web site and all Units are encouraged to take advantage of this program to help as many veterans and their families as they can. It would be wonderful if we could help all those in need but can't do to budget constraints. Units are reminded that they should encourage the veteran to exhaust all local support such as churches, Salvation Army, food banks, Department of Social Services, etc., before a TFA application is filled out and sent to Department. In addition the Unit should also provide whatever help they can. A list of these sources is required on the application form.

The Unit is responsible for the investigation, and the member's name and phone number who made the investigation must be on the form as well. After the Unit investigates the case and completely fills out the application and obtains all the required signatures, the form can be faxed, emailed or whatever means is fastest to get it to the Department Children and Youth Chairman. She will review the application, approve or disapprove and decide how much assistance will be given based upon the need of the family and upon the number of cases that have been processed and amount of money left in the budget. Cases can be approved up to 3 months of assistance dependent upon need and discretion of the Department Children & Youth Chairman. As time is normally of the essence in these cases, please make sure all forms are filled out completely and signed appropriately so there is no delay in getting a check cut for all approved applicants and to the Unit as quickly as possible.

All applications for TFA are strictly confidential and should be assigned case numbers keeping the identity of the applicants confidential at all times and only revealing any information about the applicant to only those with a "need to know". Absolutely no money can be given directly to the veteran or his family, the Unit must oversee the expenditure of funds, i.e., pay bills, buy groceries or whatever needs to be done for the benefit of the veteran and his family.

Contributions are imperative to the Children & Youth Program in meeting the needs of our veterans and their families as it like all other programs sponsored by the Auxiliary are self-supporting dependent strictly upon donations received annually to support it. I encourage all Units to make your donation the Department Children & Youth Fund today by making your checks payable to A.L.A., Department of California and earmarking it for Children & Youth. The Unit with the biggest contribution based upon per capita will receive recognition at Convention in June and every Unit that donates at least \$50 or more will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.

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American Legion Auxiliary – Department of California
Mid Year **Unit Children and Youth** 2011-2012

Name Unit # District #
Chairman Name Phone #
Address City/Zip
Email

Did your Unit participate in Operation Military Kids
Dollars Spent \$
Hours
Children receiving Hero Packs

Did your Unit participate in Halloween safety?
Briefly Describe activities?

Did your Unit donate to the Department Children and Youth Fund?
Dollars
Did your Unit make a financial contribution to a Veteran's family with Children? Yes No
Dollars

Please describe any other Children and Youth Activity.

Due Date to District Chairman December 16th

American Legion Auxiliary – Department of California
Mid Year **District Children and Youth** 2011-2012

Name District # # of Units
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Address City/Zip
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Due Date to Department Chairman December 30th,

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