



ROSE E. BAKER

Youth Advocate

Rose Baker is a biological mother of one, adoptive mother of four, grandmother of nine, and a foster parent of over four hundred children.

Dedicating her life to helping children and youth, Rose began foster parenting in 1982. In the ensuing decades, she has been tireless in finding the education, resources and energy to assist children, parents, and social services in Humboldt County and throughout the state. The children and youth Rose works with are the most difficult. She specializes in children of abuse and neglect, foster kids with multiple placements and failed adoptions, children with multiple diagnoses, and especially children whom others have not been able to help.

Rose works with educators, managers, mental health and health care providers, lawyers, probation officers, police, clergy, government officials, and individual families. Her life centers around getting the kids what they need to grow, heal and prosper.

She has collaborated with such luminaries in parenting and child psychology as Jim Fay, co-creator of the popular parenting system *Love and Logic* and Nancy Thomas, author of *When Love Is Not Enough*. Rose frequently travels to Foster and Adoptive Parents' conferences and conventions, always advocating for youth and for the legislation that will provide much-needed funds and services.

Organizations and Positions

- YouthAbility, Inc., Founder and Executive Director. This nonprofit provides job training to at-risk youth. Started in 2006, the organization owns and operates Angels of Hope Thrift Store in Arcata and The Vance Café in Eureka as a training facility for youth and young adults emancipating from foster care and from low- or no-income lifestyles. Every year approximately 150 youth, young adults and others are referred to YouthAbility from Humboldt County programs, Independent Living Skills, Welfare-to-Work, Step-Up, and from Humboldt County courts.
- Parents *in* Training, Inc., Founder and Executive Director. Parents *in* Training provides parenting classes and consulting for parents raising difficult children. As a Certified Love and Logic Instructor since 1992, Rose has trained thousands of parents and professionals. Parents *in* Training receives referrals from the Humboldt County courts.
- Humboldt County Post Adoptions In-Home Behavioral Specialist
- Humboldt County Juvenile Justice Commissioner, since 2007
- President of the New Directions of Humboldt Foster Parent Association, since 2004
- Alcohol and Other Drug Care Services, Inc., Board Member since 2007
- Pacific View Charter School, Board Member since 2005

Awards and Credits

- Co-author of *Advanced Parenting a Difficult Child*, with Nancy Thomas, nationally recognized parenting authority
- An 'Elite Mom' - one of seven in the U.S., highly specialized parent mentor/consultants for emotionally disturbed children
- California State Foster Parent of the Year, 2000
- Humboldt County Peacemaker Award, 2002
- Torch Award, 2010, honors community members who embody heart, courage and inspiration in life and work
- League of Women Voters, Humboldt County, Youth Advocate of the Year, 2010

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