

# Teri Kook

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Teri Kook is the Director of Child Welfare at the Stuart Foundation. She oversees all aspects of grant making to improve outcomes for children and families served by the child welfare system in California and Washington. Ms. Kook brings to this position over twenty years of experience in practice, policy development and leadership in public child welfare agencies. Prior to joining the Stuart Foundation, Ms. Kook was the Chief of Child Welfare in Stanislaus County, and was an Adjunct Professor in the Master of Social Work program at California State University, Stanislaus.

At the Stuart Foundation, Ms. Kook has overseen the growth and development of key initiatives that have found permanent families for teens in foster care, improved the access and success of foster youth in pursuing their dreams to obtain a college degree and pioneered a robust public/private partnership to align and integrate child welfare reform efforts aimed at improving child welfare outcomes in California.

Ms. Kook holds a B.A. in Sociology from California State University, Stanislaus and received a Masters Degree in Social Work from San Jose State University. She serves on the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care and the recently formed Child Welfare Council. Ms. Kook also chairs the Northern California Child Welfare Learning Circle, a philanthropic affinity group.