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Karen Dixon has been a recognized leader for over 30 years in the child welfare field. After receiving her M.S. in social work education from Columbia University NYC in 1979, she worked on National Demonstration Projects for a research organization which contracted with the Labor Department and the Ford Foundation to develop employment and training programs for high risk youth, welfare recipients, teen parents and recently released inmates. The programs were highly successful throughout the country in putting people back to work on jobs that trained them for new careers.

Karen's passion for working with high risk youth took her to California in the 1980's. Her first project was on the board of a high profile agency that assisted foster children. She developed the foster family agency within this organization and remained for almost 20 years working to reunite children with birth parents/families when possible or help children to make stable transitions at foster care homes.

In addition, Ms. Dixon has been a sought after training consultant with three colleges and collaborated with the Department of Children and Family Services to provide pre-licensing training to prospective foster parents and specialized training to kinship families. Presently, she coordinates the Foster Kinship Care Program (FKCE) at San Bernardino Valley College, and has been an adjunct professor at CSU at San Bernardino School of Social Work, teaching family and group practice.

A dynamic speaker, expert and authority on foster care family dynamics, Karen is in demand with families and private organizations for foster youth, foster/adoptive parents, birth parents, social workers and others working in the field. Karen does not consider the success she has achieved as "her efforts". Instead she takes pride and joy in seeing hundreds of at-risk youth who have graduated from high school and college as the true measure of her success. You will be inspired and uplifted by Karen Dixon's message to empower youth and families today.