

Iowa County Youth Need:

- ♦ A positive role model
- ♦ Consistency
- ♦ Positive self esteem
- ♦ Supportive environment

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Helping Through **RESPITE CARE**

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More About Iowa County Respite Care...

Philosophy:

It is the philosophy of the Iowa County Department of Social Services to value and assess the needs of parents and caregivers. When appropriate, the Department will provide respite care to parents and other caregivers. This includes children who remain in their parental home, live with a guardian, who have been adopted, or who are in alternate care.

Purpose:

Respite care provides parents and other caregivers with short-term child care services that offer temporary relief, improve family stability, and reduce the risk of abuse or neglect. Respite may be available to foster, kinship, and adoptive families, as well as birth families in need of support.

Respite Provider Qualifications:

- Be at least 18 years of age and at least 5 years older than any child being cared for by the respite provider or, if respite will be provided to a relative of the respite care provider, at least 3 years older than the foster child being cared for by the respite provider.
- Have direct care experiences or training in working with children with conditions similar to those of the (foster) child for whom he or she will be caring.
- Be physically able to provide the care needed and in the setting required.
- Be willing to be flexible and work varied, atypical hours.
- Be able to reliably get to and from respite assignments.
- Possess the ability to accept responsibility, work independently, exercise good judgment, maintain confidentiality and manage the varied medical, behavioral, and other care need(s) of the child(ren) for whom he or she will be caring.
- Reside in a home that meets the physical, safety and environmental needs of the child(ren) whom he or she will be caring.
- Authorize the licensing agency to conduct a criminal records check.
- Agree to provide quality, reliable and temporary care for the child in foster care that is consistent with the child's treatment, case, or service plan.
- Obtain from the foster parent appropriate information about the specific care procedures and interaction strategies relevant for the child's care.
- Agree to perform household and emergency tasks directly related to the general health and well being of the foster child.
- If transporting a foster child, possess a valid driver's license AND auto insurance.
- Agree to abide by the discipline rules under s. DCF 56.09(1g), (2)(d) and (e), and (5).
- May not be an employee of the licensing agency or a relative of an employee of the licensing agency if the employee works in the area of the agency that issues foster care licenses.