

What parents are saying about the CISS Respite Program

"Our CISS Respite Caregiver is well-trained, conscientious, highly principled, very dependable and responsive to our every request. We have found that with CISS, we are not just another family. CISS simply provides everything a protective Mom like me could ask for and more."

-Baker Family



"Respite care is critical to our family. Our respite worker has impressive qualifications and the extensive training that she has received helped us to feel comfortable at our very first meeting. We look so forward to her coming over and giving us the support that we desperately need."

-Carlson Family



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Foster & Kinship Respite



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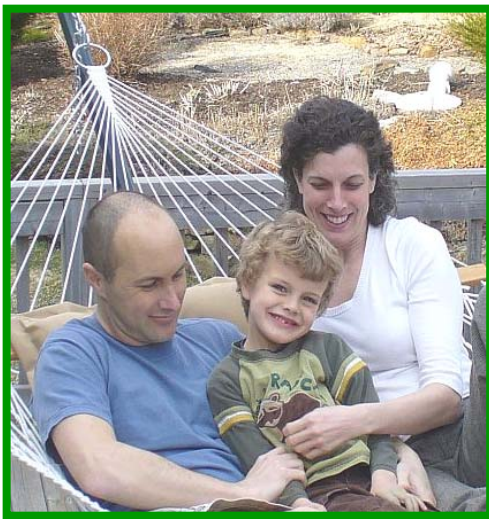


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Does my family qualify to receive respite care?

Thanks to funding from the County of Ventura, families qualify to receive respite care if they are Licensed Foster Parents or Kinship Caregivers with a current placement from Ventura County. Eligibility and priority for the program is as follows:

- Homes supporting a child under age six, or
- Homes supporting a child over the age of six by written Social Worker referral

Respite care helps to strengthen and revitalize the primary caregivers so they can continue providing for the needs of all of the children in their home.

Eligible families are able to receive **FREE respite care!** If you could benefit from a regularly scheduled respite break, call CISS.

CISS Provides:

- ♥ Experienced Respite Caregivers!
- ♥ Ongoing collaboration with all local Foster & Kinship support agencies.
- ♥ The use of a family-centered matching process to select qualified caregivers
- ♥ Families are empowered to schedule respite at times that will meet their unique needs
- ♥ Information on community resources to help families
- ♥ Provide childcare at events – Foster Parent Association Meeting , FKCE trainings, and other community events



Foster & Kinship Respite Program Referral Process

1. Call Channel Islands Social Services directly to sign up, or ask your Ventura County Social Worker to refer you.
2. We will call you to begin the process of getting to know your family and the children in your home. This will include the Foster Parent or Kinship Caregiver completing the CISS simple intake packet, which can be found on our website: www.IslandSocialServices.org
3. The respite intake forms for the family and for all children in the home (including copies of all active placement agreements) must be on file at CISS prior to any Respite Caregivers being referred for the family.