

RFA Respite Program

Funded by the County of Ventura, through its Human Services Agency - Children & Family Services

Why it Matters?

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. Respite caregivers come to your home to watch the children in your care so you can take a break from full-time caregiving.

Families qualify to receive respite care if they are Ventura County Certified Resource Family Approval (RFA) Caregivers and reside in Ventura County.



CISS Provides

- Experienced and trained caregivers!
- Ongoing collaboration with local support agencies
- A culturally sensitive & family centered matching process to select qualified respite caregivers
- Families can schedule respite to meet their unique need
- Information on community resources to help families
- Childcare at events, such as Pre-service Trainings, Support Group meetings, and other community events throughout the year.



Eligibility and priority for the program

- RFA Caregiver with a current placement from Ventura County
- Supporting a child under the age of 12 (teens up to age 17 may be considered by exception)
- Eligible families can receive FREE respite care!
- A family can receive 16 hour per month for 1 child and 20 hours per month for 2 or more children

Take a Break, Recharge, & Get Things Done with Respite!



Referral Process

1. Call Channel Islands Social Services directly to discuss the sign-up process, visit our website, or ask your Ventura County or FFA Social Worker for referral information
2. Once the RFA Caregiver completes the CISS simple intake packet, we will call you to begin the process of getting to know your family and the children in your home to begin recruitment. The required intake packet can be completed electronically or sent through regular mail.
3. Respite Intake forms for the family and all the children in the home (including copies of all active placement agreements) must be on file at CISS prior to any Respite Caregivers being referred to your family.



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