

Welcome to the DCFS Respite Co-Op



Overview & FAQ's

What is the respite Co-Op?

The respite Co-op list is a voluntary list of licensed foster parents in DCFS that are willing to share their name and contact info with other licensed foster homes to reach for respite purposes.

Who can be in the Co-Op?

To be in the co-op you must be a:

- A) Licensed foster home in DCFS
- B) Licensed Non-Primary in DCFS

OR

- C) Former Licensed foster home in DCFS *WITH* Agency approval.

What is Respite?

Respite is temporary care provided that exceeds no more than 14 calendar days

Will providing respite affect my open beds on the vacancy list?

No. Providing respite does not impact your vacancy as long as there are appropriate sleeping accommodation for everyone. Pull out beds, couches, air mattresses **are** appropriate for respite.

Will I be Paid for providing respite?

Respite arranged through the respite Co-Op is compensated amongst yourself & DCFS does not provide a special rate. If you are a licensed foster homes you may request respite compensation from your caseworker *up to the annual tax limit. IF you request respite funds, do not "double-dip" compensation.*

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Am I required to provide respite when I am called?

No. All respite requests are discretionary and based on if you have the ability to provide it. The Respite Co-op Directory does not guarantee respite and is treated as a supplemental resource.

Can I meet the respite provider beforehand?

Some people may want to meet each other before feeling comfortable discharging care to a stranger. This also helps prep the youth for respite. Please be open to meeting each other beforehand (virtually or in person) to ensure for smooth transitions.

Can I go out of state when providing respite care?

Yes but it will require written permission & placement letter from the agency if exceeding 72 hours

What do I do in the case of an emergency?

Responding in emergencies is very similar to general foster parenting. In the case of emergency, first contact the appropriate emergency response entity (911, go to the hospital, etc). Then call the foster parent, followed by the case worker or on call worker if after hours.

What if I want to Opt Out or Change my info in the Co-op?

You can opt in or out of the co-op at any time.
Email any changes and requests to shelby.riley@dcfs.nv.gov