



Babysitters, Respite Providers and Staff/Caregivers

Babysitting

Babysitting occurs on an infrequent basis to support families with children in placement. Approval for babysitting is based upon the age of the babysitter and children, the needs of the children, and the length of the care provided.

Babysitters (16 or 17 years of age)

They may watch children who receive Child Care Services (basic kids) who are age 12 and under for 8 hours or less, and not overnight.

Need to complete:

- Background check (DPS, FBI & Central Registry)
- CPR/First Aid
- Babysitter Information Sheet, including 1 reference

Babysitters (18+ years of age)

They may watch children of any age for up to 12 hours, and not overnight.

Need to complete:

- Background check (DPS, FBI & Central Registry)
- Babysitter Information Sheet

Overnight Care Providers (18+ years of age)

They may watch children of any age and any service type for up to 72 hours in the foster/adoptive parent's home or in the babysitter's home with prior CK Family Services approval. If overnight visit is more than 48 hours, DFPS written approval is required. Any care over 72 hours requires a Respite Provider.

Need to complete:

- Background check (DPS, FBI & Central Registry)
- CPR/First Aid
- Babysitter Information Sheet

Respite Care

Respite Care may occur inside of the foster/adoptive home, or in the approved respite provider's home. Respite providers must be at least 18 years old and may care for children for up to 14 days a time. This can be for overnight visits or extended stays. Routine care that occurs outside of the home, for example a relative or individual providing daily childcare while a foster/adoptive parent is at work, school, etc. would require Respite Provider approval.

Please contact the Family Recruitment Specialist at GetStarted@ckfamilyservices.org or 817-516-9100 ext. 175 to request a packet with Respite Provider requirements. Documentation is required, as well as some pre-service training.

Staff/Caregivers

Staff/Caregivers provide care inside of the foster/adoptive home on a scheduled basis. For example, foster/adoptive families may have family members or individuals become approved as Staff in order to provide regular childcare inside of the foster home while the parent is away at work, school, etc. Staff/Caregivers must be at least 18 years old.

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