

Children's HOPE

Foster Family Agency

"Making a difference, one child at a time!"

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING CARE AND SUPERVISION

Interim Licensing Standards, Version 4 Section 88487.13
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"Reasonable and prudent parent standard (RPPS) means the standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the child's health, safety and best interest..." *CA Welfare and Institutions Code*

A Resource Family may arrange for other care and supervision of a child as follows:

Short-term Babysitter

- A background check is not required for a short-term babysitter.
- A short-term babysitter (sitter) can be used occasionally.
- A sitter can be used for a duration less than 24 hours.
- The sitter may be under 18 years of age, but must have the maturity, experience and ability to provide adequate care.
- The sitter must be appropriate (determined by using the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS)).
- If watching children at the sitter's home, the home must be safe and appropriate (determined by using the RPPS).
- The sitter must know how to contact Resource Family in case of emergency.
- Resource Family shall review the emergency procedures with sitter.

Alternative Caregiver

A Resource Parent can arrange for care/supervision unless prohibited by the child's social worker, probation officer, court order or Children's Hope Foster Family Agency (CHFFA).

- A background check is not required for an Alternative Caregiver unless they're an adult residing/regularly present in the Resource Family Home (effective 1/1/19).
- An Alternative Caregiver can be used occasionally.
- An Alternative Caregiver can provide care for longer than 24 hours, but no more than 72 hours.
- Approval is required if care provided by an Alternative Caregiver is to exceed 72 hours.
- An Alternative Caregiver must be at least 18 years old.
- An Alternative Caregiver must have the willingness and ability to provide care and supervision for the client, taking into account all developmental and behavior issues.

- An Alternative Caregiver must be appropriate (determined by using the RPPS).
- If attending to the child(ren) in their own home, the Alternative Caregiver's home must be safe and appropriate (determined by using the RPPS).
- If using an Alternative Caregiver, the Resource Family shall provide verbal or written notification to CHFFA and the county social worker or probation officer as follows:
 - Dates and times they'll be gone
 - All contact information for the caregiver
 - Emergency numbers for Resource Parent
- The Resource Parent is to provide the Alternative Caregiver with the following information:
 - Information on the emotional, behavioral, medical and/or physical conditions of child(ren)
 - Any medication they need to assist any child(ren) with as permitted by H&SC
 - 24-Hour contact information for CHFFA
 - The Resource Family shall review the emergency procedures with caregiver.

Respite care

- Respite care is not allowed for routine, ongoing child care.
- Respite care must be approved by CHFFA, county or probation.
- Respite care must be provided by a Resource Family Home or a county approved respite provider.

Leaving a Child Alone

- Before leaving a child home alone, there must be prior approval by way of signatures from the CHFFA social worker and the county social worker on the *Appraisal Needs and Services Plan (LIC625)*. Said plan will outline the responsibilities, expectations and consequences of the child's actions while unsupervised.
- A child allowed to stay home alone must be over 10 years old.
- A child shall not be left home alone overnight.
- A Resource Parent is responsible to abide by the LIC625, and exercise the RPPS when leaving a child home unsupervised.
- A child may only be left alone occasionally.
- Before leaving, the Resource Parent must ensure that the child knows the following:
 - Where emergency numbers are posted
 - Emergency procedures
 - Where and how to contact RF.