

# Care and Supervision

A Resource Family shall provide care and supervision in accordance with the case plan of a child or nonminor dependent, the placement agreement, and transitional independent living plan, if applicable.

Matrix of information regarding care and supervision of dependent children.

Excerpts from RFA Written Directives.

Humboldt County Child Welfare RFA

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## Reasonable & Prudent Parent Standard

A Resource Family shall be responsible for applying the reasonable and prudent parent standard, as defined in Section 3-01, and as specified in this section, in providing care and supervision to a child.

(1) Except for circumstances that involve a child, or the determination and selection of an occasional short-term babysitter as specified in Section 11-13, the reasonable and prudent parent standard does not apply to a nonminor dependent.

(2) Applying the reasonable and prudent parent standard may not result in denying the rights of a child as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, Section 11-08, or, if applicable, Section 11.1-06, or contradict court orders or the case plan for the child.

In applying the reasonable and prudent parent standard, a Resource Family shall consider the following:

- (1) The age, maturity, and developmental level of a child.
- (2) The nature and inherent risks of harm of the activity.
- (3) The best interests of a child based on information known by the Resource Family.
- (4) The behavioral history of a child and the child's ability to safely participate in the activity.
- (5) The importance of encouraging a child's emotional and developmental growth.
  - (A) Emotional and development growth may include, but not be limited to, the following:
    - (i) The child's level of understanding about healthy relationships.
    - (ii) The child's level of understanding about sexuality and body development.
    - (iii) Feelings about spirituality
    - (iv) Other stages of maturity experienced during adolescence.
- (6) The importance of providing a child with a sense of normalcy in the most family-like living experience possible.

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## Occasional Short-term Babysitter

If a Resource Family anticipates being absent from the home for less than 24 hours, on an occasional basis, the Resource Family is permitted to arrange for an occasional short-term babysitter to provide care and supervision to a child in the Resource Family's or short-term babysitter's home.

If an occasional short-term babysitter will provide care and supervision in his or her home, a Resource Family shall use the reasonable and prudent parent standard to determine that the occasional short-term babysitter's home is safe and appropriate for the child and the child's personal rights will be respected.

A Resource Family shall apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard, as specified in Section 11-12, in determining and selecting an appropriate babysitter for occasional short-term use, including determining whether it is appropriate for a child or nonminor dependent to act as an occasional short-term babysitter.

A child or nonminor dependent may not be required to babysit.

An occasional short-term babysitter may be under 18 years of age, but shall have the maturity, experience, and ability necessary to provide adequate care and supervision to a child.

When a child is in the care of an occasional short-term babysitter, a Resource Family shall ensure that the babysitter knows how to contact the Resource Family in case of an emergency.

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## Alternative Caregiver

If a Resource Family anticipates being absent from the home for longer than 24 hours, on an occasional basis, the Resource Family is permitted to arrange for an alternative caregiver to provide care and supervision to a child unless prohibited by the child's social worker or probation officer or court order.

A Resource Family shall apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard, as specified in Section 11-12, in determining and selecting an appropriate alternative caregiver.

An alternative caregiver shall meet the following requirements:

- (i) Be 18 or older.
- (ii) Have the willingness and ability to and shall comply with applicable laws and Article 11.
- (iii) Have the willingness and ability to provide care and supervision to a child, taking into consideration the age, maturity, behavioral tendencies, mental and physical health, medications, abilities and limitations, developmental level of, and court orders for a child.

**If an alternative caregiver is an adult who is residing or regularly present in the home of a Resource Family, then the alternative caregiver would be required to complete a background check pursuant to Section 88331.3.**

The care and supervision during a Resource Family's absence shall occur in the Resource Family's home or an alternative caregiver's home.

If an alternative caregiver will provide care and supervision in his or her home, a Resource Family shall use the reasonable and prudent parent standard to determine that the alternative caregiver's home is safe and appropriate for the child and the child's personal rights will be respected.

**Prior to a Resource Family's absence from the home, the Resource Family shall provide verbal or written notification to the**

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Respite Care

Respite: Providing or being temporary care in relief of a primary caregiver; to give primary caregiver a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant.

Dictionary

Respite care means temporary care for periods not to exceed 72 hours, and, in order to preserve the placement, may be extended up to 14 days in any one month, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16501(b).

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Respite care shall not be provided for the purpose of routine, ongoing child care.

A respite caregiver shall be a licensed foster family home, a certified family home, Resource family, or a certified respite care provider.

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**If a Resource Family feels the need for Respite Care that will exceed 72 hours, the Resource Family shall consult with the child's social worker prior to making arrangements for Respite Care.**

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Leaving a Child Alone

If a Resource Family anticipates being absent from the home on an occasional basis, the Resource Family may leave a child over age 10 in the home without adult supervision, but may not leave a child unsupervised overnight.

A Resource Family shall apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard as specified in Section 11-12, to determine the appropriateness of leaving a child over age 10 in the home without adult supervision.

Before leaving a child alone, a Resource Family shall ensure that the child knows the following:

- (A) Where emergency numbers are posted.
- (B) Emergency procedures.
- (C) Where and how to contact the Resource Family.

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Licensed and License-exempt Child Care

A Resource Family may arrange for a child to be cared for by a licensed child day care facility, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 1596.750, or a licensed family day care home, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 1596.78.

A Resource Family may arrange for a child to be cared for by any of the following programs exempt from licensure pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1596.792:

(A) Any cooperative arrangement between parents for the care of their children when no payment is involved as described in Health and Safety Code section 1596.792(e).

(B) Any arrangement for the receiving and care of children by a relative as described in Health and Safety Code section 1596.792(f) if contact with that relative is approved by the child's social worker or probation officer.

(C) A public recreation program as described in Health and Safety Code section 1596.792(g).

(D) Extended day care programs operated by public or private schools as described in Health and Safety Code section 1596.792(h).

(E) Any child day care program that offers temporary child care services to parents as described in Health and Safety Code section 1596.792(k).

(F) Any program that provides activities for children of an instructional nature in a classroom-like setting as described in Health and Safety Code section 1596.792(l).

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Working with Changing Tides for ongoing childcare:

When it comes to entrusting children to a nanny or babysitter, parents know they must select a caregiver very carefully.

The TrustLine Registry was created by the California Legislature to give parents an important tool to use when selecting a caregiver for their children.

All child care providers listed with TrustLine have submitted their fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and have no disqualifying criminal convictions in California.

TrustLine is a powerful resource if you want to hire a nanny or license-exempt child care provider. But it is still your responsibility to make certain that a caregiver is cleared by TrustLine. Once you have hired a caregiver, you also should call TrustLine from time to time to see that the provider is still in good standing. Nannies and babysitters placed through an employment agency must be listed on the TrustLine registry or be a current applicant.

TrustLine uses the California Criminal History System, administered by the Department of Justice, to check the fingerprints of applicants.

California's Child Abuse Central Index also is examined for substantiated child abuse reports, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history records are examined. The California Department of Justice provides updates to ensure the continued eligibility status of a registrant.

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Community-Care/Caregiver-Background-Check/Trustline>

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