

September 10, 2016

**CFSF Emergency
After Hours**

360-443-2516

Website: www.cfsf.net



Dear Foster Parents,

Below is a message from Karen Davis our wonderful Respite care coordinator. As most of you know Karen is a remarkable person who coordinates hundreds of respites every year and works tirelessly for you and your respite needs. As we grow we want to be sure and keep our personal touch and family feel part of CFSF. Having respite is critical to have safe and healthy placements.

Thank you all for being foster parents and a special thanks to those who provide respite, without you CFSF would not be able to care for children in need.



Hello Foster parents:

I want to thank each and every one of you who have been so graciously helping with all the respites this summer! Respites are a necessary part of foster parenting so everyone can take a little time for themselves. As summer progresses, respites are necessary to keep placements stable. I try to ask the respite provider how things went with the child and if they are willing to take the child again if needed. I have had a few complaints this summer.

Here is a list of most common concerns:

When you send your child to respite, please make sure you call the respite provider as soon as possible to let them know the time of drop off and pick-up.

Respite providers are not provided with current information about the child; what they like to eat, behaviors to watch for, if they are potty trained, etc. Please let them know when you call.

Children are sent to respite with inadequate clothes for the length of stay. Also ask respite provider if "nice" clothes, bathing suits, etc. will be needed for the respite.

Pajamas are a big challenge for respite so try to send their favorite PJ's and enough to get them through the nights they will be in care. Every home keeps their bedrooms at different temperatures so send pajamas your child is comfortable in.

A two week notice is requested for any respite but I understand things come up that you want to attend or there's an emergency. Please don't hesitate to contact me if respite is needed but know I won't always be able to find a provider.

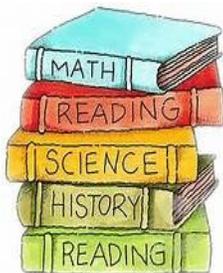
Two other options exist for respite:

Prudent Parenting - for stays up to 72 hours. Check with your licenser on this option.

In-Home-Respite-Provider - this would be a qualified person coming into your home. If you have a family member or friend that would like to help and also be paid, please give me a call. I can send a simple packet out to get them licensed as a provider to help in your home or any others they choose.

Again, thank you for all your help!

Karen Davis



If you are using Social Media sites please be sure to contact CFSF **before** making any placement decisions or commitments

Thank you so much to everyone that came to volunteer, participate, support and enjoy our 6th Annual "Cars for Kids" Car Show Fundraiser in Moses Lake! We had so much fun and we are beyond blessed with the amazing community that we live in, our foster parents, volunteers and amazing kids! Thanks again and we will see you next year!

Mark Your Calendars!

Oct 1 Farm Day at Animal Experience
 Oct 26 Trunk or Treat (P.O.)
 Oct 29 Ghost Train
 Oct 31 Trunk or Treat (Silverdale)
 Dec 4 Fife Christmas party
 Dec 6 Port Orchard Christmas Party
 Check our website for times & locations as well as an update list of events!

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Success Story:

Sam was placed in one of our therapeutic foster homes in December 2013. He came from a group home with significant behavioral concerns. Sam quickly adjusted to this new home and began to thrive. He gained greater control over his behaviors, completed mental health therapy, became physically fit and found dedication through ROTC in school. Sam has transitioned to a pre-adoptive placement where it is expected he will remain for the remainder of his childhood. What a great outcome for this young man who has overcome so much!

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Please remember if you have a change to your address, email or phone number, it **MUST** be turned into your licensor or the CFSF office nearest you as soon as you make the change!

Another Success:

Charlie went home to live with his mom a few months ago. His mom was part of a program that allowed her to earn her GED and get a nursing certificate. She now has the means to provide for her son. Thank you to all the amazing foster parents who fill in the gap and care for kids when they need it most!

CCT Training Port Orchard

Module One: Nov 1 & 2 (6-9pm)
 Nov 5 (9am -3pm)
 Module Two: Nov 15 & 16 (6-9pm)
 Nov 19 (9am -3pm)

*Just a Reminder....
 If you have not signed up for **Direct Deposit** please do so. You can find the forms on our website. Please fill out and return to CFSF Port Orchard*

**After 5:00 pm or before 8:30 am please use the after hours number to contact us:
 360-443-2516**



We were able to increase respite from \$22 to \$25 as a result of the agency service fee increase!