

Central Connections



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For Heart of Illinois Foster Parents

Using Respite Care

Central Region Guidelines



Respite care is available to DCFS foster families and relative caretakers to provide support and assistance in stabilizing and maintaining foster placements for children.

Examples of respite situations include, but are not limited to brief rest period from foster children during times of

- Stress and/or crisis
- Severe illness/surgery in the foster/caretaker's family
- Medical/education training for foster/relative caretakers to enhance their ability to provide care for the foster children placed with them



Request/Approval

DCFS foster parents or relative caretakers needing respite should make their request as soon as possible to the caseworker. All respite requests must be approved by the caseworker. For periods of respite extending beyond five days, an "exception to policy" must accompany the respite request from the worker.

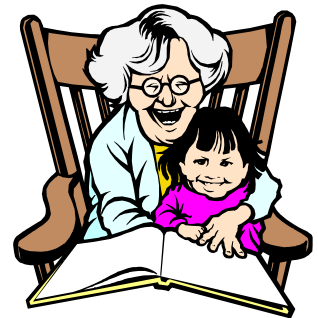
Location

Every attempt should be made to provide respite care in the foster family or relative caretaker's home to avoid disrupting the foster child/ren's routine. Of course in situations where this isn't possible, respite care may be provided in the home of the respite care provider.

Respite Care Providers

Foster families or relatives should suggest to the caseworker possible respite providers who would be the most acceptable to the child and to them. But respite care may be provided by a variety of licensed resources that include

- DCFS or private agency foster parents
- Child care facilities or institutions
- Licensed exempt relative homes



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Call with foster parent association news and schedules of local training, features on foster families and community members working for children, photos and news articles, and supports all foster families can use.

Respite Provider Rates

Traditional Foster Care

\$3 per hour per child, with a maximum of 8 paid hours of care in a 24-hour period

Specialized/Intensive/Therapeutic

\$4.50 per hour per child with a maximum of 8 paid hours of care in a 24-hour period, or \$36 for a 24-hour period

Training Reimbursement for Mileage

Foster parents and relatives may request reimbursement for mileage to and from training related to the care of foster children at \$.31 per mile. The method of requesting reimbursement follows the same guidelines as those for non-training related respite.

CENTRAL REGION Foster Parent Support Specialists

PEORIA-OTTAWA



		Home	Work
Peggy Slack, Lead		815-433-2896	815-433-4371
Rock Island	Penny Weedon	309-762-7923	309-794-3500
Rock Island	Joyce Loy	309-523-3189	309-794-3500
Peoria	Karen Carter	309-243-1152	309-671-7900
Peoria	Tina Frier	309-692-5724	309-671-7900
Peoria	Joan Allen	309-688-7941	309-671-7900
Pekin	Lynn Porter	309-359-9026	309-347-5978
Pekin	Paula Toft	309-925-7171	309-347-5978
Princeton	Penny Wright	815-454-2493	815-875-4502
Ottawa	Chris Miller	815-434-5380	815-433-4371

SPRINGFIELD-QUINCY



Rhonda Murry, Lead		217-224-0436	217-221-2525
Cell: 217-257-9833			
Quincy	Eulagene Phillips	217-223-9681	217-221-2525
Quincy (Adams/Pike)	Lori Courtney	217-224-1043	217-221-2525
Quincy (Hancock)	Rochelle Price	217-357-3940	217-221-2525
Quincy (McDonough)	Anita Shields	309-776-4158	217-837-5411
Quincy (McDonough)	Ramona Stienkruger	309-833-3856	217-221-2525
Quincy (Adams)	Betsy Stahlman	217-228-1599	217/221-2525
Quincy (Pike)	Kathy Buchanan	217-833-2783	217-221-2525
Jerseyville	Joan Morey	618-372-7451	217-782-4000
Beardstown	June Thurman	217-323-2003	217-782-4000
Jacksonville	Joyce Weeder	217-742-3436	217-782-4000
Galesburg	Ginger Randall	309-289-9434	309-342-3154
Galesburg	Rita Shreeves	309-875-3515	309-342-3154

CHAMPAIGN-DANVILLE



Bernie Spitz, Lead		217-662-2959	217-443-3200
Cell: 217-474-3959 (Danville Field)			
Champaign (Rantoul)	Adrian Peacock	217-351-7149	217-278-5300 and -5400
Champaign (Urbana)	Vern Woodson	217-344-7308	217-278-5500
Danville (Vermilion)	Julie Briggs	217-446-9241	217-443-3200
Danville (Vermilion)	Marilyn Hoskin	217-987-6905	217-443-3200
Watseka (Iroquois)	Bev Knapp	815-457-2692	815-432-5218
Urbana (Urbana/Ford)	Julia Cevulski	217-586-6347	217-278-5400 and -5300

CENTRAL REGION Foster Parent Support Specialists

SPRINGFIELD-LINCOLN

Sue Kerr, Lead
Cell: 309-657-8824
Pager: 309-669-4723

Home	Work
309-968-7014	217-735-4402

Lincoln	LeVern Landers	217-735-4298	217-735-4402
Springfield	Jean Chiles	217-546-4182	217-782-4000
Springfield	Elizabeth McDaniel	217-544-1086	217-782-4000
Taylorville	Sharon Lancaster	217-237-2727	217-824-9649
Springfield	Darnall Johnson	217-726-6315	217-782-4000



CHAMPAIGN-CHARLESTON

Jan Blaney, Lead
Cell: 217-621-5694 (Charleston)

217-834-3276	217-348-7661
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Decatur	Terri Benson	217-678-7036	217-875-6750
Decatur	Sue Maurer	217-872-6116	217-875-6750
Decatur	Colette Tucker	217-429-9227	217-875-6750
Pontiac	Mary White	815-365-2209	815-844-1551
Pontiac	Nina Lassiter	815-692-2537	815-844-1551
Bloomington	Cinda Morrow	309-727-1373	309-828-0022
Bloomington	Maria Gawthorp	309-928-3415	309-348-7661
Charleston	Barb Dudley	217-349-8799	217-348-7661
Charleston	Jeffery Gosnell	217-822-8600	217-348-7661
Charleston	Sharon Hamilton	217-345-7648	217-348-7661



Your Foster Parent Support Specialist

Just A Phone Call Away 24-Hours A Day

Call if you need:



- Emotional support
- Local services
- Day care
- Help with children's behavior
- Furniture grants
- Training
- Respite
- Someone to accompany and support you in court, child and family team meetings, or at Wraparound planning meetings
- Information about foster care or adoption
- Advocacy with staff
- Referral to the right DCFS source

Networking

A foster parent group can nourish your spirit and provide shortcuts to information and how to get things done for you and your foster child.

Bloomington Area

Cinda Morrow 309-727-1373
 Ora Spiecker 309-828-2845

Champaign/Urbana Area

Changes Cheryl Engstrom 217-586-5758
 Full House Shirley Sewald 217-367-5561
 Great Expectations Vernice Woodson 217-344-7308
 Make A Difference Gerald Houser 217-379-2064
 On Our Own Bill Coleman 217-469-7931
 Rantoul Area FPA Tina Hudspath 217-893-0754

Decatur Area

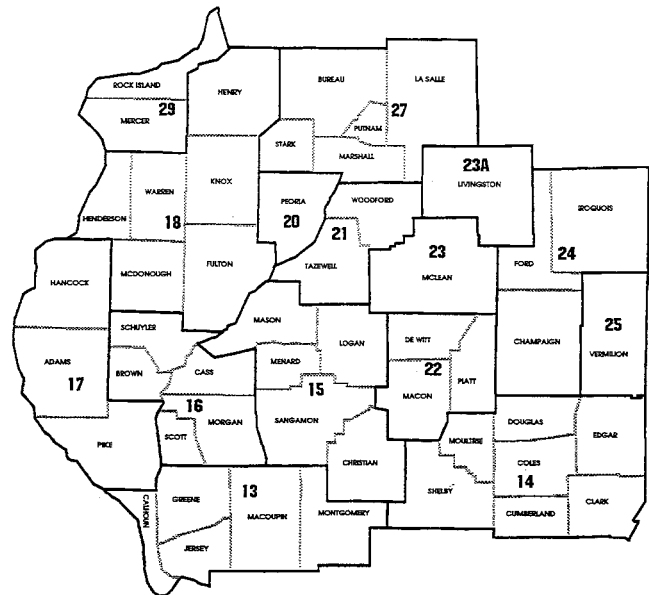
Decatur Cares FPA Ruby Snyder 217-877-7123
 Children First FPA Linda Loerzel 217-423-1695

Monticello

United Hearts FPA Terri Benson 217-678-7036
 Joe & Sandy Kline 217-762-7624

Moultrie/Shelby Counties

Moultrie-Shelby Support Group Chris Tippit 217-756-8207



Adams/Pike Counties

Mississippi Classics Michael & Jan Smith 217-228-0748

Hancock County

Open Hearts Rod & Kathy Sparrow 217-743-6447

Livingston County FPA

Gail Spaid 815-842-2313

McLean County FPA

Amy Clark 309-527-2616

Please contact Marsha Jones at 309-794-3400 if your group is not listed.

Mandated Reporters

A mandated reporter is a person who is required by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Each mandated reporter must call the DCFS Hotline at 1-800-252-2873 (1-800-25-ABUSE) if he/she has reasonable cause to believe that a child known to him/her, in his/her professional capacity, may be abused or neglected.



Foster Parents Are Mandated Reporters

All foster parents are mandated reporters for foster children placed in their direct care and supervision ONLY. Foster parents are not legally mandated to report suspected abuse or neglect of other children, but, as concerned citizens, should make a report.