

One of the world's toughest jobs is being a parent. The Respite Center can help.



244-5700

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A Family Center's Agency

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How to use the Respite Center

Call for Services

Parents new to the Respite Center call for an appointment with a Family Service Worker. It takes about an hour to fill out permission forms, provide information about your family's needs, and to learn about our service.

To schedule an intake call Monday-Friday between 9am & 5pm.

In emergencies, call anytime.

Planned Childcare

Plan ahead if you have personal business or if you want to schedule a break.

Call Monday through Friday between 9am & 5pm.

Crisis & Emergency Childcare

Call anytime in an emergency or crisis situation.

A Family Service worker is available for support and to schedule childcare.

Scheduling Childcare

Our ability to schedule childcare depends on available space.

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Respite Center

Providing crisis childcare, short-term respite care, and parent support.



A moment of peace.
A piece of hope.

PARENT SUPPORT

Parents using the Respite Center receive support in a confidential, non-judgmental setting. Family Service Workers schedule childcare, provide short-term counseling, and give referrals to other resources in the community. Family Service Workers are on-call evenings and weekends to support parents experiencing crisis and emergency situations.



The Respite Center has helped me to get a little time to myself. That's very helpful as a parent and as a human being."

--Parent



The ordinary demands of caring for children can drain a parent's time, attention, and energy. Parenting becomes more difficult when a family faces additional challenges, such as single-parenting, substance abuse, or caring for a child with special needs. Crisis situations such as homelessness, unemployment, or illness in the family require the support of a caring community.

**Each family's need is unique.
The Respite Center can help.**

The Respite Center is here...

- * 24 hours a day
- * 7 days a week
- * For children from birth through 14
- * In times of family stress
- * For all income levels
- * To give support
- * To keep kids safe

CHILDCARE

The Respite Center's home-like atmosphere offers safety and comfort to children. Experienced Childcare Specialists meet the physical and emotional needs of children in an environment designed to reduce stress and promote positive social interactions. The Respite Center is licensed by the State of Wisconsin and accredited by the City of Madison Day Care Unit and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



*"It's fun.
I feel happy, safe.
It's cool."*

-- 9-year-old