

**Out-of-Home Care
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Emergency Shelter Care



WHAT IS EMERGENCY SHELTER CARE?

Emergency Shelter Care (ESC) is a temporary placement, providing 24-hour care for a child/youth who must be removed from his or her home or foster placement and for whom there is no appropriate placement available. The Resource Family Emergency Homes are available to provide temporary emergency placement for up to 14-days. When an ESC Child is placed in the ESC contractor's available bed, the County will pay the bed stipend rate and the level of care rate

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be able to read, write, speak, and understand English
- Possess a valid Foster Family Home license or Resource Family Certificate
- Have a minimum of six-month active foster parent experience
- In good standing with CDSS/CCLD and DCFS (e.g. not on "Do Not Refer", "Do Not Use", or "Investigative Hold") in accordance with State and County records. Does not operate a child daycare service within the same physical structure or on the same property where ESC services are provided
- Possess current homeowner or renter insurance
- Possess automobile insurance
- Submits to and passes a home visit evaluation prior to placement of children

EMERGENCY RESOURCE FAMILY

BENEFITS

- Resource Family is directly involved in the decision to place the child in the home on emergency basis
- Placement Referrals are screened thoroughly by ESC Social Workers prior to referring minor for placement with Resource Family
- ESC Social Workers act as a liaison between the Regional Children's Social Worker and the Resource Family
- Resource Family has access to a team of ESC Social Workers between the hours of 8:00 am to 11:30 pm
- ESC provides support to Resource Family for any issues regarding funding
- Provide additional incentives to include enhanced family funding support for children



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