



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
Services for Children and Youth, Inc.

Brighter Futures

ADOPTION PERMANENCY DIVISION

RESPITE can be provided by a family member, friend, neighbor, church member, or even from someone in the community who you may not know personally, as long as they have become a certified respite provider through Southern Christian Services.

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Children were
*served through
respite care*

RESPITE CARE SERVICES

- Respite is a planned break for resource/adoptive parents.
- Respite is for the use of adoptive families and also resource families. All adoptive and resource families are eligible for respite services.
- Respite services are offered once a month for families, as requested and as funds are available.
- Respite care is short term, usually lasting from less than a full day up to three overnights (most often a weekend).

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RESPITE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Must rent or own your own residence with adequate sleeping accommodations.
- Interested party must be married or single, living without another unrelated adult.
- Homes may have no more than a total of five children including biological, adopted, and/or respite children/youth.
- Take a TB test with results indicating negative reading.
- All prospective respite providers will be required to pass background checks. Any member of the household ages 14 and older, must have background checks.
- Have a valid Mississippi's driver's license and current automobile insurance. Driver's license and automobile insurance must be updated as needed with documentation.
- Must be willing to provide three references for contact.
- Must receive a satisfactory home environment check.
- Be willing to complete training as required
(First Aid/CPR/Bloodborn Pathogen and Respite Curriculum Training)

**For more information about Respite please contact us at
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