

## Redwood Community Services, Inc.

(RCS) is a non-profit, public benefit organization serving children and families in Mendocino, Lake and Sonoma Counties. Incorporated in October 1995, RCS began as a Foster Family Agency with a vision to grow and expand services to children and families in our communities.

RCS has grown into a multi-program "Family Service Agency". Our purpose is to provide placement, permanency, counseling and community service options for children through a family sensitive, child focused, strength based approach to care.

Our goal is to strengthen families and empower our communities' most vulnerable children through programs and services that benefit in building a healthy and whole community... one child and one family at a time.

### ***Our Mission:***

*To improve the lives of children, youth and families by providing community support and quality therapeutic services.*

### ***Our Values:***

*RCS believes that through staff commitment and providing a sense of community, we will assist our children, youth and families to build positive relationships and lead meaningful lives.*

*RCS strives to help our children gain power in their lives, believe in themselves, and ultimately trust others enough to give and receive love.*

*RCS is committed to developing programs that ensure our children's, youth's and families' long-term success.*

If you care about kids and want to make a difference in the life of a child in your community, Redwood Community Services, Inc. (RCS) is looking for caring people with a desire to help our most vulnerable children begin to heal and thrive.

***For more detailed information about becoming a foster parent, adopting, or to attend an Information Session, please contact us:***

***Sonoma County  
(707) 489-5905***

***Mendocino or Lake County  
(707) 467-2000***

***Email: [AndersonW@rcs4kids.org](mailto:AndersonW@rcs4kids.org)***

***Website: [www.rcs4kids.org](http://www.rcs4kids.org)  
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**Adoption Lic. #: 236803533**

**Foster Care Lic. #:**

**236803532 & 175001509**



***"RCS is an equal opportunity provider and employer"***

## FOSTER CARE and ADOPTION SERVICES

*"You don't have to be a perfect parent to parent a foster child, but you can make the perfect difference by opening your heart and home."*



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*"Taking action to enrich our children's future."*

**[www.rcs4kids.org](http://www.rcs4kids.org)**

## Foster Care & Adoption

### Types of Foster Care

- For Foster Care, RCS provides a monthly stipend ranging from \$860-\$2500 depending on the type of Foster Care provided.
- The monthly stipend is for the needs of the child, including, but not limited to: clothing, personal items, school supplies & extra curricular activities.
- The financial support is also to help with household expenses incurred by increasing family size, such as food, utilities, & child care.

- Age Range: Newborn-18
- Short-term Respite Care
- Emergency Foster Care
- Short-term Treatment Foster Care
- Long-term Treatment Foster Care
- Foster to Adoption

### Adoption

**Conversion Adoption:** For current foster families who:

- a) have had the youth placed in their home for extended period;
- b) the youth has a strong bond with the foster family;
- c) the foster family shares the strong feeling of bonding & commitment.

**Foster to Adopt:** Families or individuals who would like to become Foster Parents & would like to adopt.

**Adoption Home Study:** For state/county foster families who have not gone through State Adoptions, or an agency that does adoptions.

## The RCS Team Approach



- Individualized care; strengths based
- Foster families are given ultimate choice
- 24 hour support once the child is placed in the home
- Extensive training program provided free for potential & certified Foster Parents

### Adoption Services

- Facilitate placement in most suitable home
- Evaluation of the child's needs
- Counseling for expectant parents
- Post-adoption family support
- Post finalization services



## Eligibility Requirements

Am I eligible?



### Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Love children,
- Be at least 21 years of age,
- Have an adequately sized, clean & safe home environment; renters & homeowners,
- Provide Proof of citizenship, valid California driver's license & car insurance,
- Be in good physical & mental health; pass basic health screening & TB test.

### Fingerprinting & Background Check

All foster or adoptive parents AND anyone age 18 or older living in the home must be able to pass a criminal background check with:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Department of Justice
- California Child Abuse Index

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