

## Redwood Children's 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 youth to develop healing relationships.*

*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 long-term success.*

If you care about kids and want to make a difference in the life of a child in your community, Redwood Children's 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:**

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**Mendocino or Lake County  
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Foster Care Lic. #:

236803313 & 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."



**REDWOOD CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.**

*"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 \$830-\$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 expenses & allowances.

- 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 county or state would make a referral to RCS for only an Adoption Home Study.

## 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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