

## POLICY FOR RESPITE PAYMENTS

- 1. Respite funds are intended to give County Approved Resource caregivers funds for personal rest and relief. Respite payment will be considered under this guideline only.
- 2. You must be a member of REFPA and a County Approved Resource Home to be eligible to receive respite for placements. You may receive respite funds for a placement until Adoption Placement paperwork is signed.
- 3. Each eligible home may receive \$100.00 per month upon completion and submission of the approved respite form.
- 4. Additional monies are available for childcare in order for the caregiver to attend workgroups and meetings related to foster care up to \$15.00 per hour.
- 5. Additional respite funds are available to members in order to attend conferences relating to foster care up to \$100.00 per day with preapproval from respite chair.
- 6. Request for funds shall be made on the authorized Respite Reimbursement Form. The completed form may be submitted on REFPA.org, e-mail, or by postal mail to the Respite Chair no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- 7. Respite will be paid quarterly to those claimants as follows:

Claim for:	Submit
by: 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter (Jan,Feb,Mar)	April 10
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter (Apr,May,Jun)	July 10
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter (Jul,Aug,Sep)	October
10 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct,Nov,Dec)	January 10

8. The child for whom you are requesting respite monies must have been in your home a minimum of 7 days prior to the date of request for respite.