

## Babysitting / Alternative Care / Respite

	<b>Occasional Short-Term Babysitter</b>	<b>Alternative Caregiver</b>	<b>Respite Care</b>
<b>Who Provides Care</b>	<p>Foster parent applies Reasonable Prudent Parent Standard when assessing and selecting babysitter.</p> <p>Does not need to be licensed or certified in CPR and first aid (though it is always a good idea.) No background check required.</p>	<p>Foster parent applies Reasonable Prudent Parent Standard when assessing and selecting alternative caregiver.</p>	<p>Licensed or certified foster parent.</p>
<b>Where Care is Provided</b>	<p>In the home of the foster parent or in the home of the babysitter.</p>	<p>In foster parent's home (not in the home of the alternative caregiver.)</p>	<p>In the foster parent's home or in the home of the respite care provider.</p>
<b>Duration of Care</b>	<p>Up to 24 consecutive hours at a time. On an occasional basis.</p>	<p>Longer than 24 hours, on an occasional basis.</p>	<p>Temporary periods not to exceed 72 hours per session. Not for routine, on-going child care.</p>
<b>Requirements</b>	<p>Babysitter must know how to contact foster parent in case of emergency.</p>	<p>Must be: 18 years or older; have criminal record clearance and child abuse index clearance; able to comply with regulations; able to meet needs of child, including special needs, and taking into consideration maturity, behavior, health and limitations of child.</p>	<p>Has met all the requirements necessary to become licensed or certified.</p>
<b>Special Notes</b>	<p>May be under age 18 if possesses the maturity, experience and ability necessary to provide adequate care and supervision.</p>	<p>Foster parent must notify CFS prior to absence from the home. Give CFS alternative caregiver's name, dates of care and an emergency phone number where foster parent can be reached.</p>	<p>To be used when foster parent is absent or incapacitated, typically because they are fulfilling responsibilities necessary to improve or maintain the parenting function, and doing so is in the child's best interest.</p>