

SPECIALTY RESPITE CARE PROVIDERS



Use your skills and
experience to help
children and families
in your community.



What is Specialty Respite Care?

Ramsey County's Specialty Respite Care provides short-term foster homes for local youth with high support needs.

This service provides transitional care for children and young adults with autism, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders or other disabilities. Specialty Respite Care helps children and young adults who need care due to a variety of reasons.



Why provide Specialty Respite Care?

As a specialty respite provider, you'll put to use your unique skills and experience working with high-support needs populations to help children or young adults in your community. The youth you'll be helping may or may not have a family, might be in the process of being adopted, or in the midst of reuniting with their birth family.

You will get financial support to use your experience to help high-need children and young adults thrive.



What it takes to be a respite provider:

Specialty respite providers come from backgrounds as diverse as the children and young adults they care for. Individuals that have experience working with youth and young adults with high support needs are a great fit. This includes school and group home staff, parents, personal care attendants, therapists and many others.

Specialty respite providers are:

- 21 years or older.
- Single, married or partnered.
- Caring people who can provide support and love for a child.
- Living in stable housing in Ramsey County.
- Flexible with home or work schedules.
- Able to pass a background check.
- Able to provide a separate bedroom for the foster child to sleep in.
- Two years sober if they've been treated for chemical dependency.

Learn more:
ramseycounty.us/fostercare



Ready to be a specialty respite provider?

Attend an orientation session

At the orientation, you'll meet with social workers, learn basic information and have the opportunity to ask questions to determine if specialty respite is right for you. You will also receive an application and other paperwork to begin the licensing process.

For a meeting calendar and more information about specialty respite care, visit ramseycounty.us/fostercare or call 651-266-5437.



Child Foster Care
160 E. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55101

651-266-5437
ramseycounty.us/fostercare

