

# Certified Respite Provider Initial Application

Name

Date of Birth

Address

Phone

E-mail

Are you currently employed?

Yes  
No

If yes, where?

Are you currently a college student?

Yes  
No

If yes, where?

If yes, what is your classification?

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

How did you hear about the Certified Respite Program?

Are you interested in providing respite care for a specific foster family? If yes, name of the foster parent(s)?

If you are applying to assist a particular family, would you be willing to consider providing respite to other families, also?

What type of children/youth would you like to care for? (age, behavior, disabilities)?

What experience do you have in providing care for or supervising children/youth?

Do you have any education or training in child development and/or the effects of trauma on children?

Do you have a  
driver's license?

Yes  
No

Do you have a vehicle available for  
personal use?

Yes  
No

## **Additional Information about Certified Respite Program**

1. Certified Respite Providers must be at least 19 years of age at date of application and 20 years of age before providing respite.
2. Respite care will be provided in the homes of licensed foster parents.
3. Two days of initial training (seven hours per day) will be required. The trainings will be held on Saturdays.
4. Applicants will need to be fingerprinted and pass criminal records and child abuse registry checks.
5. Certified Respite Providers will be required to complete CPR, First Aid, and Mandatory Reporter of Child Abuse training prior to becoming certified.
6. The certification process will include a background study conducted by Wartburg College, Luther College, or Loras College social work students, supervised by a social work professor, and approved by the Iowa Department of Human Services.
7. The certification process will include a minimum of three reference checks.
8. Upon completion of the initial training and background study, each Certified Respite Provider will be issued a certificate authorizing them to provide in-home respite care to foster or adoptive families in the above named counties.
9. Certified Respite Providers must have a current driver's license. It is preferred that they have a vehicle available for their personal use.
10. Certified Respite Providers must have the willingness and ability to maintain strict confidentiality regarding the foster children they care for.
11. Certified Respite Providers will have the right to accept or decline opportunities to provide respite care.
12. Certified Respite Providers will receive a stipend of \$20 per day for each foster or adopted child cared for. Any amount of time from 5-24 hours is considered one day of respite. If required to travel 25 or more miles to provide respite, providers will receive a gas card to help defray transportation costs.
13. Certified Respite Providers will be provided relevant information on the needs and behaviors of the children they care for as well as who to contact for needed assistance when providing respite care.
14. Certified Respite Providers will be expected to commit to participating in the program for a minimum of one year.