

Sacramento County

Emergency Child Care Bridge Program For Foster Children Helps Foster Families Pay For Child Care



The Bridge Program is made up of three components.

- ▶ **Emergency Child Care Vouchers** – Issued to eligible families to cover child care costs for children ages 0-12 for 6 to 12 months
- ▶ **Child Care Navigator** – Will work with families to find a child care provider, assist with completion of child care applications, and develop a plan for long-term child care
- ▶ **Trauma-Informed Care Training** – Child care programs participating in the Bridge Program will have access to trauma-informed training to learn strategies for working with children in foster care and with children who have experienced trauma

Families in the foster care system who fit one of the following placement types are eligible for the Bridge Program.

- ▶ **Resource Family** – a family that has completed the Resource Family Approval process
- ▶ **FFA or County-Approved Home** – a family certified for foster care (prior to RFA)
- ▶ **Emergency 309 ER** – an immediate placement while Resource Family Approval is underway
- ▶ **Approved Relative or Non-Related Extended Family Member**
- ▶ **Parenting Youth and Non-Minor Dependents** – young parents with children of their own
- ▶ **Compelling Reason** – an emergency placement other than those listed above

When to refer a family to the Bridge Program?

Any time a new or existing placement is in danger because of a lack of access to child care, or when a parenting youth or non-minor dependent can benefit from access to child care, the family should be referred to the Bridge Program.

The Referral Process

- ▶ Request a referral form from Sacramento County CPS at dcfasbridgepgm@sacounty.net.
- ▶ Complete and email the form to the Bridge Program Liaison at dcfasbridgepgm@sacounty.net.
- ▶ Stay tuned for feedback from Child Action or the Bridge Program Liaison.

Additional Information

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