

What is RPCT?

The Resource Parent Care Team program supports licensed resource and kinship families with services and supports designed to help families manage the stresses of fostering and maintain placements until permanency occurs. RPCT will also help families successfully navigate the child welfare system, and maintain positive and timely communication about children in your care.

What services will I receive?

- **Phone Support:** Liaisons, co-located in local DHHS offices, are available by phone and email, and help to enhance communication amongst resource families, OCFS staff, and community-based providers. They may provide information about community resources, or general support and problem-solving assistance. All licensed resource families are eligible for the service provided by the liaison located in your district.
- **In-home Services:** Eligibility will be determined by the resource parents' needs and experiences. The in-home team will assess needs, make referrals, coordinate clinical and community support services, as well as provide education on trauma and parenting skills.

How often will I receive RPCT services?

Families will receive a phone call from the Resource Parent Liaison within three days of each new placement. Based on the needs and wishes of the resource family, the liaison will assess whether or not the resource family qualifies for in home services. For resource families that qualify and want to receive in home services, the service will occur monthly at a minimum.

How do I sign up?

Contact your DHHS Caseworker or contact the liaison in your district directly. Liaisons are located in every district DHHS office. Phone numbers for liaisons are listed in this brochure.

This service is provided with funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services.

Liaison Contact Information:

Spurwink liaisons cover Districts 1 and 2. Community Health and Counseling Services liaisons cover Districts 3 through 8.

District 1 - Biddeford and Sanford

207-286-2493

District 2- Portland

207-822-2212

District 3- Lewiston

207-795-4650

District 4- Rockland

207-596-4281

District 5- Augusta and Skowhegan

207-624-5246 (Augusta)

207-474-4849 (Skowhegan)

District 6- Bangor

207-561-4242

District 7- Washington and Hancock County

207-664-1404

District 8- Caribou and Houlton

207-493-4182

Who decides what services I get?

You know your family best. You determine what is best for your family to be a successful resource family. This is a voluntary program. We do encourage the use of our liaison services to talk about day to day concerns and ask questions as this can help families feel more supported and confident in caring for children.

How long can I receive services?

There is no limit on accessing the RPCT Liaison. Liaisons are always available to respond to phone calls and emails, answer questions, and triage needs related to placements.

In-home services are limited to 12 sessions, but can be received more than once based on a change in needs. Otherwise, services are available at an intensity and duration that best meets the resource family's needs.

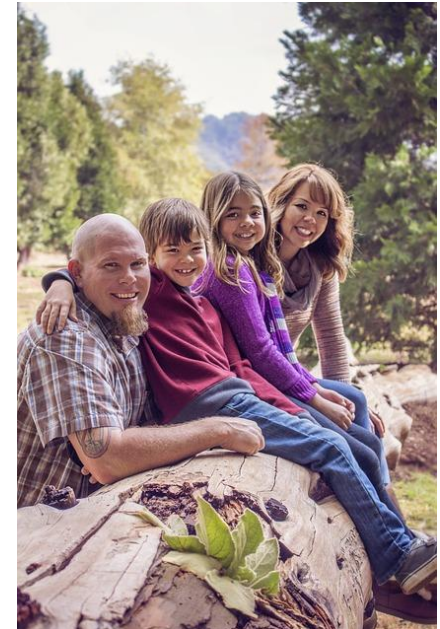
Are RPCT services for foster children?

RPCT services are for resource families and focus on helping the family be as successful as it can be. The child(ren) in your care may receive services via other DHHS programs and providers.

A collaboration between:



Resource Parent Care Team



Helping foster and kinship families enhance their ability to meet the safety and wellbeing needs of youth in the care and custody of DHHS.