## FLEXIBLE FAMILY SUPPORT FUNDS (FFSF)

2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

SOLANO COUNTY CHILD WELFARE

SOLANO COUNTY RESOURCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

# AB179-FLEXIBLE FAMILY SUPPORT

- Solano County Funding Priorities for 2024-2025
  - CAMP ROCKIN U (7%)
  - ANNUAL FOSTER CARE PICNIC (7%)
  - RESPITE SUPPORT (29%)
  - RESOURCE PARENT APPRECIATION (5%)
  - PLACEMENT SUPPORT (12%)
  - RESOURCE FAMILY/FOSTER YOUTH SUPPORT (40%)



# ACCESSING FUNDING PROGRAMS THROUGH YOUR SOCIAL WORKER

FUNDING HELD BY SOLANO CHILD WELFARE

#### CAMP ROCKIN U

TYPICALLY HELD LAST WEEK OF JULY, FIRST PART OF AUGUST

FOR YOUTH AGES 7-14, POST DISPO

20 SPOTS AVAILABLE IN 2024-2025

## PLACEMENT SUPPORT

- ITEMS NEEDED TO APPROVE A HOME
- ITEMS NEEDED TO STABLIZE PLACEMENT
- FUNDS ARE LIMITED
- MUST GO THROUGH THE 64 PROCESS AND RECEIVE <u>APPROVAL PRIOR TO PURCHASE</u>.
- \$500 PER CHILD LIMIT NEEDS ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL
  - ONCE APPROVED, SUPERVISORS/MANAGERS ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE USING CREDIT CARD/EXISTING PURCHASING METHODS



#### R E S O U R C E F A M I L Y / F O S T E R Y O U T H S U P P O R T

80% is held by Child Welfare Services, 20% by the Solano County Resource Family Association

Youth Enrichment Activities & Connection to Relatives/NREFM

- Lessons
- Camps (transportation to/from)
- Sports (transportation to/from)
- Community Activities
- Trips
- Braces
- Things that build self-esteem, relationships & improve overall well-being & healing

Not covered by caregiver rate or income

RESOURCE FAMILY/FOSTER YOUTH SUPPORT-ACCESSING FUNDS Purchases that can be planned for ahead of time need to go through the 64 process (using the FFSF codes)

Purchases that are time sensitive and would need to be reimbursed to a caregiver (i.e. sports camp/summer camp) will go through the Association

The Solano County Resource Family Association will need a completed reimbursement request (will be emailed to staff/families) and receipt.



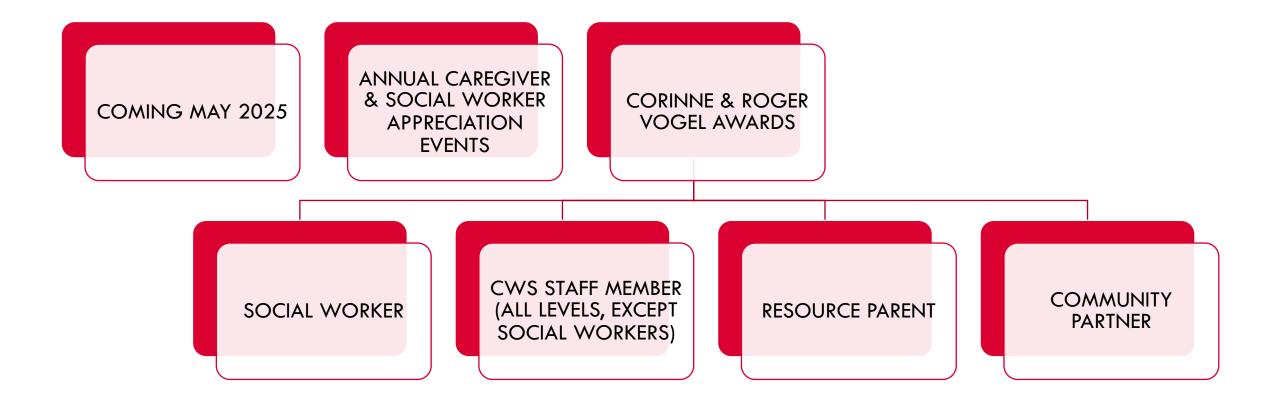
## PROGRAMS WITH THE ASSOCIATION

ACCESSING FUNDS HELD BY CONTRACT WITH SCRFA



#### ANNUAL FOSTER CARE PICNIC

#### **RESOURCE FAMILY APPRECIATION EVENT**



# RESOURCE FAMILY/FOSTER YOUTH SUPPORT FUNDING TO REIMBURSE FOR URGENT PURCHASES MADE BY RESOURCE PARENTS FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

# PURCHASES FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- FOR SOLANO COUNTY CURRENT DEPENDENTS (MUST HAVE OPEN CASE)-can be placed in county or FFA home
- Purchases April 1, 2024-present
- Plan ahead for things like:
  - Little League
  - Soccer
  - 2025 summer camps
- Limit \$350.00 per eligible youth per year



#### HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

- Complete the "Solano County Resource Family Association (SCRFA) Flex Funds Reimbursement Request Form"
- Receipt for purchase required
- Submit your reimbursement form and receipt via email to: <u>SolanoRespite@gmail.com</u> or you can mail your request to The Solano County Resource Family Association 490 Merchant St, Suite 101, Vacaville, CA 95688



## **RESPITE SUPPORT**

#### SOLANO COUNTY RFA APPROVED HOMES ONLY

- FOR SOLANO COUNTY CURRENT DEPENDENTS (MUST HAVE OPEN CASE)
- MAXIMUM ELIGIBILITY: 14 DAYS PER YEAR PER SOLANO
  DEPENDENT
- REIMBURSEMENT RATE: \$40 PER DAY (\$560 PER YEAR MAX)
- MINIMUM HOURS: 4 HOURS
- BABYSITTER FOR TRAININGS: MINIMUM 2 HOURS, \$20
  REIMBURSEMENT PER CHILD AND USES .5 DAY OF ELIGIBILITY
- FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED UNTIL FUNDS RUN OUT



THE CAREGIVER IS REQUIRED TO SELECT THEIR RESPITE PROVIDER, BUT CAN REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM SOLANO COUNTY PLACEMENT IN SEEKING RESPITE SUPPORT.

REASONABLE & PRUDENT PARENT STANDARDS APPLY (OCCASIONAL, ALTERNATE CAREGIVER, APPROVED RESOURCE PARENT, ETC)

R E S P I T E S U P P O R T P R O C E S S

RESPITE CAN OCCUR JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE

COUNTY WILL DEVELOP AND RECRUIT CERTIFIED RESPITE PROVIDERS (COMING IN 2024/2025)

THE COUNTY NOR THE ASSOCIATION ASSIST CAREGIVERS WITH NEGOTIATING RESPITE COSTS.

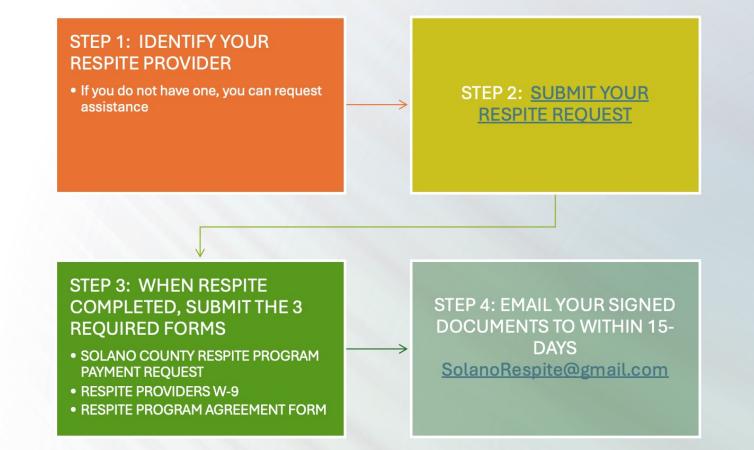
#### **RESPITE SUPPORT PROCESS**



CAREGIVERS MUST SUBMIT AN ONLINE (MICROSOFT FORMS LINK) REQUEST <u>PRIOR</u> TO THE DATE SUPPORT IS NEEDED. FOR TRAININGS AND RESPITE NOT OVERNIGHT OR MORE THAN 24 HOURS, NO APPROVAL OR NOTICE TO SOCIAL WORKER NEEDED FOR RESPITE OVERNIGHT AND/OR LESS THAN 72 HOURS, SW WILL RECEIVE COPY OF THE REQUEST.

CAREGIVER IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY SW AS WELL FOR RESPITE OVER 72 HOURS (AND NOT TO EXCEED 14 DAYS), SW MUST APPROVE THE REQUEST. COPY OF REQUEST WILL BE EMAILED TO SW

## **RESPITE IN 4 EASY STEPS**



### R E S P I T E S U P P O R T P R O C E S S

- ONCE THE RESPITE REQUEST IS APPROVED, THE CAREGIVER & RESPITE PROVIDER ARE GIVEN 3
   DOCUMENTS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 15-DAYS OF SERVICES RENDERED.
  - RESPITE PROVIDERS W-9
  - SIGNED RESPITE PROGRAM AGREEMENT FORM (SIGNED BY BOTH THE CAREGIVER AND PROVIDER)
  - SOLANO COUNTY RESPITE PROGRAM
    PAYMENT REQUEST FORM (SIGNED BY BOTH THE CAREGIVER AND PROVIDER)

- IF A RESPITE REQUEST IS DENIED, THE CAREGIVER AND PROVIDER ARE BOTH NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL WITH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION AS TO WHY THE REQUEST WAS DENIED.
- DENIALS MAY BE FOR NUMEROUS REASONS:
  - NOT APPROVED BY SW
  - DOCUMENTS NOT SIGNED/COMPLETED
- RESPITE PROVIDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INCOME TAX
  IMPLICATIONS

#### **RESPITE DENIALS**

## FFSF BASICS

- THIS FUNDING OPENED UP A LOT OF GREAT
  OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR FAMILIES
- THESE PROGRAMS ARE "NEW" TO BOTH SOLANO
  CWS AND THE ASSOCIATION
- WE ARE LEARNING & GROWING, BE PATIENT
- CHANGES MAY OCCUR



# WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- FORMS
- FLYERS W/LINKS
- PRIMARY CONTACT (FOR NOW): TYFFANY WANBERG
  707-689-8866 OR TYFFANYWANBERG@GMAIL.COM



# QUESTIONS?