## Respite Care At Stewart Homes

Adequate and timely Respite Care service for foster parents and natural parents is one of the key tools an agency can use to prolong the life of an otherwise healthy and productive relationship between caregivers and their charges.

Parents, both foster and natural, can make it through long, trying times if they can see a rest coming up.



Providing complex care to children without the promise of respite, can shorten the professional lives of foster parents and lead to burnout of natural parents. We can help.

The Stewart Homes Respite Care Program is designed to give your people the break they need, when they need it. Some details:

Location	Respite Care is available in Pickering and Peterborough.
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**Duration** Individuals may be placed with Stewart Homes for Respite for varying lengths of stay

from one day to one month and longer. Our service is individually tailored to your needs. If three days or three weeks or three months is what is needed, that's what we

will provide.

Frequency Respite Care for an individual child can be a once ever thing (which we would not

recommend) or quite frequent. This will depend on the characteristics of the child and

the parents' needs.

**Regularity** Respite Care for an individual child can be on a regular or irregular basis. You may plan

in advance and reserve space into the future or leave it to chance and call to book a

space at the last minute. Respite Care is always subject to availability.

**Quantity** Rarely we may be able to provide respite care simultaneously for all children in a foster

home so that the foster parents get a rest from everyone all at once or so they can go on vacation or participate in family events knowing that their foster kids are in good hands. Likely we would place these children together but, if that's not possible, we would discuss with you the option of placing them in different homes for the respite

period. Your call.

**Quality** Respite children in our care receive exactly the same level of care and service we

provide for our long term residents including full access to our Program Physician if necessary and to our Nursing Team. We are MCSS licensed and CARF Accredited.

**Transportation** Transportation to and from our residences can be provided at additional expense.

Please enquire.