

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY MARIN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

Child Protective Services' (CPS) Workers in Marin County try to utilize services already in place in Marin County whenever possible. In addition to readying our clients for services and encouraging them to use them, we have limited funding for direct services (these services may be provided to families who have been assessed and are eligible for Child Protective Services within available funding):

1. **Day Care:** We can fund a limited amount of day care to assist families in staying together. Day care can help keep the child in the home, while lessening the risk of abuse/neglect.
2. **Respite care:** Can sometimes be used for families when day care is not enough. Respite care can lessen the likelihood of abuse in a difficult situation.
3. **In-Home Caretaker:** We can also pay for a caretaker to come into the home to help care for a child.
4. **Assessment:** Services such as psychological evaluations or special developmental assessments provided in a culturally sensitive and relevant manner.
5. **Therapeutic Services:** With the assistance of the Marin Child Abuse Prevention Council, we have developed a list of therapists willing to do pro bono counseling with our clients, consisting of a commitment of up to one year of weekly visits. Additionally, limited therapeutic services are funded for families. Some local agencies provide these services on a sliding scale.
6. **In-Home Intensive Services:** Home base model services, which are usually intensive and short term.
7. **Other Direct Services:** Practical services often needed by families in crisis. Examples include gas, car repairs, crib, etc.
8. **Child Welfare Trust Fund:** CPS maintains a fund from community contributions to purchase special items for children to enhance their self-esteem and/or enable them to participate in special activities.
9. **Case Management:** The primary method of service delivery used by CPS' Workers to assist families. Utilizing a case management approach, staff works closely with a wide range of community agencies to provide and coordinate services to children and families.

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