

Name:

Day One

Safe Families, Safe Children

Part 1: Silent read

→ When parents need a break, who can help? Read silently.

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Source: "Mothers in crisis turn to temporary 'parents,'" *The New York Times*, May 6, 2009.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What does Safe Families for Children do?

How does Safe Families for Children save taxpayers money?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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