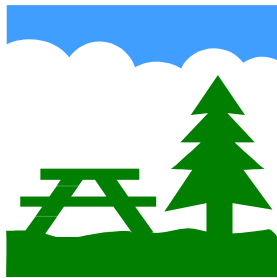


Holiday: FCS office will be closed on 5/28/18



FCS Family "Pot Luck" Picnic

Date: Sunday, 6/3/18

Location: Hamilton Ruritan Picnic Grounds
(4565 Edenville Road, down road from office)

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Food: We are having a potluck picnic. Please bring a hot and cold dish to share. Please include a serving utensil with your dish. FCS will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, and tableware. We will have hand-dipped ice cream.

Contacting caseworkers: We received notification from Franklin County Children and Youth that staff and foster parents should refrain from contacting Children and Youth staff after hours. This includes, but is not limited to, phone calls, text/sms messages, and social media messages. If you are experiencing an emergency after hours, please call FCS and follow the instructions to leave a message in the emergency mailbox which will alert our emergency worker. If you have a non-emergency, then please leave a voicemail message for your client supervisor. It is important to follow the chain of command and to be respectful of everyone's private time.

Vacation: Please remember that client vacations must be approved in advance. Communicate plans to your client supervisor as soon as possible so the team can determine what is necessary.

Client mail: It is important that client mail from the Social Security Administration, County Assistance Office, or other government agencies is opened immediately to determine the level of priority. In some cases eligibility applications are delivered to the client's address where they are currently living but must be returned to the relevant program office within 10 days. If the applications are not sent back in the required timeframe, denial of services and funding is possible. It would be best to avoid service denials so please call your client supervisors quickly if you receive eligibility paperwork in the mail.

Website: Check out our new website at www.familycareservices.org. If you find problems or have other suggestions for additional improvement, please notify us. We want the website to be useful to everyone.

Resource Parent Training: The FCS training classes are well underway. Please take the time to check your training schedules and discuss changes with your client supervisor.

ID/DD Program Changes: The program is undergoing some of the biggest changes in years and we continue to collect information to help improve our quality and efficiency. We need the details of the service notes so please continue to document the service details daily. Caregiver pay enhancements effective January 1, 2018 include receiving supervision and transportation pay every day of the week when eligible. Daily pay rates now include the \$.35 increase to the daily Room & Board rate due to the SSI increase.

Lifesharing Substitute Care Incentive Payment: FCS lifesharing providers will use substitute care in another lifesharing home to give the primary caregiver a relief period without the client. Effective 5/1/18 FCS will pay the primary caregiver an incentive payment of \$25 per day when the individual is on substitute care for more than 12 hours. Incentive pay is limited to 30 days per fiscal year.

Free Training: The HCQU continues to provide monthly training opportunities at the Franklin County Annex Building. Caregiver training is available from 10 am-12 pm and consumer training is available from 1 pm-2pm. Caregivers are welcome to attend both topics. Upcoming caregiver training: 5/11 ID and Psychiatric Disorders, and 6/8/18 Medication Errors. Upcoming consumer training: 5/11 Environmental Safety and Awareness, and 6/8/18 Healthy Habits.

A wide selection of HCQU topics are available online that can be completed at your convenience and you can print the training certificate from home. Talk with your client supervisor for training details. You are required to register for the classes at the Annex.

\$100 Bonus!

Do you have friends or family that may be interested in being a resource family, caregiver, or adoptive parent? Let us know! When they provide care for 30 days, YOU get \$100! Invite them to contact our recruiting team leader Andrea Adams, ext. 209, aadams@familycareservices.org.

Are you on Facebook? "Like" our FCS page for helpful articles and blogs, links to community and online trainings and events, and encouragement! Find us at www.facebook.com/FamilyCareServices



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5/28/18	Memorial Day
7/4/18	Independence Day
9/3/18	Labor Day
10/8/18	Columbus Day
11/12/18	Veterans Day
11/22&23/18	Thanksgiving
12/25&26/18	Christmas
1/1/19	New Year's

FCS Web Site! Calendar of events, Resource Family Manual, current forms, 12 months of this newsletter, resources, staff listing and phone numbers are all on:
<http://www.familycareservices.org>



It's the time of year to start thinking about camp! Royal Family Kids Camp is a great opportunity for children, ages 6-12, who are in foster care. There are two camps in our area. The camp in Greencastle is from July 30-Aug. 3. The camp in Chambersburg is from Aug. 6-10. Contact your child's Client Supervisor for an application. Or for more information call 717-597-7024 for the Greencastle camp or 717-860-8012 for the Chambersburg camp. Applications are due in May. Don't miss out!