



Every day should be caregiver appreciation day but you don't hear these words of gratitude nearly enough. The work you do is hard at times. A caregiver's life can be busy and hectic and feel like a real challenge during difficult times. Caregiving can also be rewarding and uplifting. We would like to take the time to say THANK YOU for making a difference in the lives of others. The things you do every single day are valuable in so many ways and enrich the lives of those that need your care, guidance, and nurturing.

### 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.



**End of the fiscal year.** Program Funds expire at the end of the fiscal year which is June 30. Expenditures made by June 30 use the old year's money. Expenditures after June 30 use the new year's money. Bills and reimbursement forms for the fiscal year ending June 30 must be submitted to your client supervisor by **July 20**. The date of expenditure determines which fiscal year's money is used. Do not mix expenditures from both years on the same reimbursement form. There is no need to spend all the money available to the client. Unused funds will be applied to other program needs. This procedure does not apply to client owned funds.

**Contacting caseworkers:** 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, please leave a voicemail message for your client supervisor and they will return the call as soon as possible.

**Client Vacations:** 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.

**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.

**Resource Parent Training:** The FCS training classes are well underway. If you are scheduled for a class and cannot attend, please remember to cancel.

**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: 6/8/18 Medication Errors. Upcoming consumer training: 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/FamilyCareServices)



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The FCS office will be closed on the following holidays:

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!