

The office will be closed on 9/3/18



Staff changes: Please congratulate Andrea Adams on becoming the Foster Care Program Director.

Bedford County: FCS is considering expanding to Bedford County to provide life sharing. If you know any caseworkers that would not mind the travel between Chambersburg and Bedford, please direct them to our website for the job posting.

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.

DONATE: We recently added a DONATE option to our website for anyone interested in supporting our adoption program. In order to donate, click on “Donate” at the top of the screen. You will be redirected to that page and can select a dollar amount. Please help spread the news.

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.

DD Program changes: ODP did not change rates for the fiscal year starting 7/1/18 so FCS will keep caregiver pay rates the same as well. There were revisions to stipend and transportation pay definitions. Lifesharing incentive payments will continue if you qualify. The service note template and instructions were updated to provide more clarification. It is important to follow these instructions to avoid doing the paperwork over again. The client resident rights form and caregiver agreement form have both been revised to include information from the most recent ISP Manual and HCBS Self-Assessment Survey. Your client supervisor will provide training on all these changes.

Resource Parent Training: Enjoy your summer. Talk with your client supervisor if you’d like to complete outside training hours.

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 but you are required to register for the classes. Upcoming caregiver training: 8/10/18 Urinary System and 9/14/18 Gastrointestinal Disorders. Upcoming consumer training: 8/10/18 Hygiene and 9/14/18 Grief.

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.

\$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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The FCS office will be closed on the following holidays:

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**](http://www.familycareservices.org)

Summer Safety Tips

Lyme disease. Lyme Disease is caused by a deer tick bite. The deer tick is so tiny that an adult is about the size of the head of a pin. It is difficult to even see them. Check yourself and others for ticks carefully after being outside. If an unusual reaction occurs to an insect bite – particularly the characteristic bull's-eye rash or flu-like symptoms after a possible deer tick bite – consult a doctor. Use insect repellent when visiting areas where you might encounter ticks.

Accident prevention. More accidents, including drowning, occur during summer months than at any other time. Teach safety as much as possible and supervise as needed to prevent these tragic accidents.

Sunburn. Many medications cause hypersensitivity to sunlight and severe sunburn can occur after just a few minutes in the sun. Pay attention to sunburn risk. Use sunscreen to avoid sunburn. If you are caring for anyone who is hypersensitive to sunlight, avoid the sun as much as possible and properly protect the skin with clothing and sunscreen. A person's risk of skin cancer is greatly increased from just one bad sunburn.