



## RESOURCE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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“Be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud”

-Maya Angelou

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2019

- > **President’s Day**  
2/18/19
- > **Good Friday** 4/19/19
- > **Memorial Day** 5/27/19
- > **Independence Day**  
7/4/19
- > **Labor Day** 9/2/19
- > **Columbus Day**  
10/14/19
- > **Veterans Day** 11/11/19
- > **Thanksgiving** 11/28  
&11/29/19
- > **Christmas** 12/24  
&12/25/19
- > **New Year’s Day** 1/1/20

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### TAX TIME !

Here is a brief list of the main things you need to know about your resource parent pay and your taxes;

1. Most resource parents will not receive a 1099 form because resource parent pay is generally exempt from federal income tax. Some types of respite may be the exception to this rule. By the end of this month, we will send you a 1099 form if required.
2. You will not receive a difficulty of care letter because difficulty of care certification is no longer needed to support the federal income tax exemption.
3. Foster parent pay is not taxable when paid by a qualified foster care placement agency for the care of qualified foster individuals. Family

### DD PROVIDER DAILY PAY

Due to the SSI increase effective 1/1/19, DD client room & board charges have increased by \$.50 to \$18.77 per day when the client is present and by \$.28 to \$10.43 per day when the client is on leave. Lifesharing 2 and Residential Habilitation provider pay rates are increased from \$20.05 by

Care Services is a qualified placement agency and most of the clients we serve are qualified foster individuals; therefore, the income paid to resource parents is generally not taxable for federal income tax and should not be included in your federal return.

4. You may qualify for tax exemptions or credits because of your foster children. Please consult with a tax professional to determine if you qualify for any of these exemptions or credits.
5. We do not report resource parent pay to state or local tax authorities.
6. If you have questions about your resource par-

ent income, please call Charlie at ext 122.



### FINANCIAL AID

It’s time to really dig in to preparations for post-high school education! “Free” money is available to youth who have been in foster care or adopted, so don’t miss out. The first step toward obtaining financial assistance is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The application can be completed at the PA Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) website, [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org). The PHEAA website also has many other helpful resources and timelines for educational planning, so check it out!

\$.50 to \$20.55 per day when the client is present and from \$11.93 by \$.28 to \$12.21 per day when the client is on leave. Lifesharing 1 increases are limited because provider rates were already higher than the others. Lifesharing 1 rates are increased from \$20.27 by \$.28 to

\$20.55 per day when the client is present and there is no change to the current rate of \$12.69 per day when the client is on leave. Provider pay increases are effective 1/1/19 and will be included on provider pay checks dated 2/15/19.

**TRAINING**

The first class starts 3/14/19. Total training hours should be completed by 10/31/19. Your client supervisor can provide outside training resources if you are anxious to get started on your training requirements for this 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 but you

are required to register for the classes.

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.

**Upcoming caregiver training:**

3/8/19 Observing, Reporting, and Documenting.

4/12/19 Responding to a Crisis

5/10/19 Positive Behavior Supports

6/14/19 Compromised Skin Integrity

**Upcoming consumer training:**

3/8/19 Stress Management.



**\$100 Bonus!**

Have any 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).



**Family Scholarship Available!**

Apply for a free trip to the PA Permanency Conference at the **Kalahari Resort** in the Poconos from June 12-14, 2019!

The application, due by **March 15**, can be found on the FCS Facebook Page or contact Andrea at x209,

**FUNDRAISERS FOR THE ADOPTION PROGRAM**

**Yard sale**-at FCS office on Saturday, April 27, 2019. We will offer a spot for a table to participants for a donation of \$10.00. We have some tables available to loan on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Paint night**-Date and location to be determined. Contact Pauline Ruthrauff for updates at 717-658-1742.



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