

"Make each day your masterpiece."

-John Wooden



## RESOURCE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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### 2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- > Labor Day 9/7/20
- > Columbus Day 10/12/20
- > Veterans Day 11/11/20
- > Thanksgiving 11/26 & 11/27/20
- > Christmas 12/24 & 12/25/20
- > New Year's Day 1/1/21

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The summer of 2020 is like no other. Not only do we need to protect ourselves and families from sunburn, allergies, water activities, grilling mishaps and more, COVID-19 is still here. In order to remain safe, the best thing to do is stay home and follow the CDC's and Department of Health's recommendations. There are a lot of activities that people can do from home or close to home. Some summer safety tips from the American Red Cross include:

- ◆ Keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others.
- ◆ Wear cloth face coverings, especially in crowded areas. Do not place them on children under age 2.
- ◆ Help limit your risk by taking steps to reduce the number of places you go and your exposure to other people.
- ◆ Order food and other items for home delivery or curbside pickup, if possible.
- ◆ Visit the grocery store and other stores in person only when necessary.
- ◆ Stay at home if you are sick

### WATER SAFETY

- ◆ Wear face coverings on land, especially when physical social distancing is difficult. Do not wear them in the water as it may be difficult to breathe.
- ◆ Don't share goggles, nose clips, snorkels or other personal items.
- ◆ A kiddie or inflatable pool can be a great way to have fun, but be sure to provide constant supervision to children in and around the water.
- ◆ Download the Red Cross Swim App and take the new free Water Safety for Parents and Caregivers online course.
- ◆ Around the pool, have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- ◆ Don't swim alone and only swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- ◆ In the event of an emergency, reach or throw an object to the person in trouble. Don't go in! You could become a victim yourself.
- ◆ Constantly supervise children around water and avoid distractions. If you have a pool, secure it with appropriate barriers.
- ◆ In group situations, designate a water watcher whose sole responsibility it is to oversee the activity in the water.
- ◆ If a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.

**GRILLING SAFETY** Summer is a popular time for grilling family meals at home. Yet grilling fires spark more than 10,000 home fires on average each year. To avoid this:

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use. Don't add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
- Never grill indoors—not in the house, camper, tent or any enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone, including children and pets, stay away from the grill.
- Keep the grill away from the house or anything that could catch fire.
- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill.



**CLEAN  
HANDS  
SAVE LIVES**

**TRAINING**

All trainings to be held in person at the office are cancelled until further notice due to the pandemic.

This is a great time to do online trainings. Please make sure that trainings you plan to attend are appropriate for the program you work in. If you have questions if a training is appropriate, please talk with your client supervisor.

**Free Training:** A wide selection of HCQU topics are available online at <http://www.southcentralpa-hcqu.org/Trainings/trainings.htm>. Talk with your client supervisor for training details. The in person trainings have been cancelled.

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**TRAVEL / VACATION**

Due to constant changes across the state and nation in COVID-19 cases, state recommendations and requirements, travel restrictions in some areas, etc., it is important that Resource Family travel and vacations do not unintentionally put the health of clients in jeopardy. If you plan on taking a trip, please talk with your client supervisor, as these plans must be approved. COVID-19 does not appear to be going away. We know that there is no vaccine or remedy for it. It is important that all of you, your families, the clients we serve, and our staff are safe and not exposed to this illness to the best of our abilities.

**END OF FISCAL YEAR**

Bills and reimbursement forms for the fiscal year ending June 30 for Program Funds (usually used for foster care client expenses) must be submitted to

**Celebration Corner!**

The following families celebrate their anniversary with FCS this month.

Congratulations to:

*Bonnie & Garl Leedy for 38 years!*

*Patti & Roger Nowell for 7 years!*

*Joy & Charles Yeager for 7 years!*

*Katherine Williamson for 4 years!*

your client supervisor by **July 20**. Do not mix expenditures from both years on the same reimbursement form. This procedure does not apply to client owned funds.



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