

"Don't count the days,
make the days count."

-Muhammad Ali



RESOURCE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

August 9, 2021

2021
HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE

- > Labor Day 9/6/21
- > Columbus Day 10/11/21
- > Veterans Day 11/11/21
- > Thanksgiving 11/25 & 11/26/21
- > Christmas 12/24 & 12/27/21
- > New Year's Day 12/31/21

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FOSTER PARENT
PAY RAISE

Effective 7/1/2021, foster parents received an increase in pay. The new daily rates are \$43.02 for EFC-1 and \$63.35 for EFC-2. The new rates are in effect with pay for July received in checks dated 8/14/2021.

On 7/31/2021, foster parents received a check for a retroactive pay raise for the period 7/1/2020 thru 6/30/2021. The increase amount per day was \$.13 for EFC-1 and \$.75 for EFC-2. Also on that check for the same period, a transportation allowance of \$.40 per day per client was received.



COVID UPDATE

We continue to follow the recommendations from Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding COVID-19. As of today, Franklin County is in the Substantial Transmission category. This means that everyone must wear masks indoors despite their vaccination status. Anyone coming to Family Care Services must wear a mask while indoors. Everyone should continue to practice prevention measures by physically distancing, washing hands often, covering coughs and sneezes, clean and disinfect areas, and monitor your health daily.

Celebration Corner!



The following families celebrate their anniversary with FCS this month.

Marc Peterson for 18 years!

Myachiya & Kevin Jones for 3 years!

Jessica & Brett Doyle for 1 year!

Amy & Christian Filbrun for 1 year!



STAFF CHANGES

We are experiencing some changes with staff in our foster care program. We wish Sierra Loski and Tabitha Curtis the best of luck on their next journey. When you see Rebekah Mowen, welcome her back! A new addition to our foster care staff is Lauren Taylor. She will be starting in the middle of this month.

The Delta variant is more contagious than previous strains—it may cause more than 2x as many infections

ORIGINAL COVID-19 STRAIN	DELTA VARIANT

Vaccines protect you from hospitalization, severe infections, and death

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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FOSTER PARENT
TRAINING

August 12, 2021 marks the beginning of fall training. We are planning to have our support groups in a hybrid fashion. What this means, is that you can attend the group in person or by Zoom. All other classes will be virtual. If you are attending in person, please read the COVID update above.

TRAINING

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>.

HCQU is now offering live, online sessions. Email registration is required to attend these trainings. To register please email Katie Freeman - kf1@theadvocacyalliance.org.

“Hanging with the HCQU Consumer Activity” for consumers. Registration is not required. They are from **1-2 pm** by zoom on:

8/18 Embark on a scavenger hunt to locate fun items to share with the group.

Meeting ID: 923 682 6949

8/25 Paint flowerpots and carton birdhouses. You will need a flowerpot, empty carton, acrylic paints of

your choice, scissors, yarn/string, and paper/drop cloth/canvas to keep your work surface clean.

Meeting ID: 212 872 3037
Passcode: 12345



9/1 Create some healthy snacks. You will need celery, carrots, apple, peanut butter, Greek yogurt (full fat), and a ranch seasoning packet to make 2 snacks.

Meeting ID: 369 677 2627
Passcode: 776249

9/8 Get ready to smile making a happiness jar. You will need a 16oz Mason jar, 6x6 inch square of fabric, 14 inches of ribbon, paper cut into small 3x3 inch squares, and a marker for writing.

Meeting ID: 923 682 6949

9/15 Explore “Something Fishy”. We will tour different aquariums and learn about the animals that call them home.

Meeting ID: 212 872 3037
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HCQU Training Topics:

- 8/16, 11am-12pm **Men & Healthy Aging**
- 8/19, 11am-12pm **Delusional Disorder**
- 8/24, 10am-12pm **Compromised Skin Integrity**
- 8/27, 1pm-2:30pm **Effective Communication**
- 8/30, 10-11am **The Endocrine System (part 2)**
- 9/3, 9-10am **Responding to a Crisis**
- 9/9, 10-11:30am **Understanding Behavior & De- Escalation**
- 9/10, 2-3pm **Fall Risk and Prevention**
- 9/13, 1-2pm **Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) & Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD)**
- 9/16, 10-11am **The Endocrine System (part 3)**



\$ 1 0 0 B O N U S !

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.



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