

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."

-Walt Disney



RESOURCE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

September 9, 2021

2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- > **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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COVID UPDATE

COVID-19 continues to be on the rise in our area. It's very important that everyone do what they can to stop the spread of this virus. It seems that the best way to do that is to get vaccinated. We encourage you to get vaccinated, if you are not already.

There are recent mandates that are coming for larger businesses to require vaccinations. We are keeping an eye on what will happen next and will share with you as we hear more.

STOP THE SPREAD

The following guidance is from the CDC to stop the spread of COVID-19:

1. Get vaccinated
2. Wear a mask
3. Stay 6 feet away from others
4. Avoid crowds & poorly ventilated spaces
5. Wash your hands often
6. Cover coughs & sneezes
7. Clean & disinfect
8. Monitor your health daily

PAYCHECKS

Please make sure to check the date of your provider checks before cashing or depositing it. We have had some checks being cashed prior to the date on the check. It is very important that checks are cashed on or after the date on the check.

Communities and organizations should update COVID-19 prevention strategies based on:

- Community spread
- Health system capacity
- Vaccination coverage
- Early detection of COVID-19 infections
- Populations at risk

High vaccination + Low community spread = Less need for masking and other prevention strategies

CDC.GOV bit.ly/MMWR72721 MMWR

Foster Parent Training

The end of the 2021 training year is October 31!

and turned in by **that date!** There are only two more Zoom foster parent trainings (scheduled for 9/14 @ 10am) or Trauma Parenting (9/25 @ 10am), make sure to join us! Contact your Client Supervisor to schedule these or plan for an alternative way to obtain the training if you cannot attend.

- **Don't forget to complete the required trainings** that are on your FCS flash drive. Your drive should contain at least: Medication Administration, Crisis Intervention, instructions for first aid/CPR, and the Policies and Procedures test in case you were unable to participate in a class. If your flash drive does not contain all of these required trainings, let your client supervisor know asap so we can make sure to get you an updated one.
- **There are many resources available to finish up your non-required training hours:** HCQU free online trainings, other free online trainings, reading books, borrowing DVDs or books from FCS, community classes, re-taking the Reasonable and Prudent Parenting training on your flash drive, etc. If you need assistance with finding resources, contact your client supervisor.
- **If you have any questions about your training needs, contact your client supervisor!**

Celebration Corner!



The following families celebrate their anniversary with FCS this month.

Jamie & Travis Rhodes for 3 years!



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>.

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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:

9/22 Celebrate Autumn in Pennsylvania. Learn what’s special about this time of year and discover different free or low-cost community activities to help you enjoy the fall season.

Meeting ID: 369 677 2627
Passcode: 776249

10/6 Virtual Halloween Party! We will enjoy some Halloween songs, look at some funny costumes, and watch some Halloween parades. Feel free to wear a fun costume!



Meeting ID: 923 682 6949

10/13 Decorate pumpkins for Halloween! Materials: small pumpkin, acrylic paint, paint brushes, cup of water and paper towel. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3696772627?pwd=bnA1bnN1eFcyWkk4djhsMDN1eEZlZz09>

Support adoption & permanency services at FCS while you shop online!



HCQU Training Topics:

- 9/16, 10-11am **The Endocrine System (part 3)**
- 9/20, 11am-12pm **Understanding Common Lab Tests**
- 9/24, 1-2:30pm **Overview of Personality Disorders**
- 9/28, 10-11:30am **Seizures**
- 9/29, 3-4pm **Schizophrenia**
- 10/4, 10-11am **The Fatal 5: Aspiration**
- 10/6, 3-4pm **Depression with Seasonal Pattern**
- 10/12, 1-2:30pm **Medication Errors: Debriefing**
- 10/14, 1-2pm **Anaphylaxis**

\$ 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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