



Happy  Holidays!

*December 2016*

*There have been some changes going on here at Family Care Services. Programs have grown larger or smaller; staff members have come and gone as well as resource parents. We had to say goodbye to some special staff members (Jennifer Horton and Julie Pepo) and we welcome new staff members (Jessica Briggs and Sherri Holmes). Everyone who works with Family Care Services is important to us. We appreciate everything that all of you have done this past year! It was great to see so many of you at the FCS Christmas Party! There are many who have been working hard to recruit new resource families. Your efforts continue to be needed. Remember that if you recruit a resource family and they provide care for 30 days or adopt, you will get \$100! Congratulations to Diane Farrow for recruiting the Hege Family and Michelle Bunker for recruiting Jennifer Zeek. We wouldn't be here without all of you and the wonderful work that all of you do! Your devotion and kindness towards the clients in your homes has been wonderful. Thank you for everything that you have done and continue to do! Have a wonderful holiday season. Each program director wrote a little something to all of you below:*

*~Kristen Fisher, Clinical Director*

*Merry Christmas from the Foster Care and CRR Programs! I look forward to meeting all of you in this upcoming year as I start my new position as Program Director. I am certain I will be surrounded by many great families who care deeply for children and families. I wish you all only positive things this holiday season and I appreciate all the work that you do!*



*~Sherri Holmes, CRR & Foster Care Program Director*





Merry Christmas and thank you for promoting permanency in 2016! Permanency is about more than just adoption. Every time you accept a child into your home and show them love and an example of a caring family, no matter what their permanency goal might be, no matter how long or short-term their placement is, you are helping prepare that child to have a brighter future in whatever permanent arrangement awaits them. Many of you care for children who have received permanency services, like Child Preparation, Child Profiles, or Child Specific Recruitment, and we thank you for your support and flexibility as you help us work with your children. We're also grateful for those of you who have been so diligent in working through your own Family Profiles. For those of you, who have finalized or are in the process of finalizing an adoption, thank you for your commitment! For those of you, who are still waiting for an adoptive placement, thank you for your patience! We appreciate your dedication to helping children achieve permanency. Wishing you a happy and blessed holiday season with your families!

~Andrea Adams, Permanency Program Director



*Merry Christmas from the Family Based Program!! I am truly blessed to be part of the FCS family. I love what our agency represents and I appreciate the compassion and hard work from all staff and caregivers. Our job is not always easy, but what we do to serve the children, adults, caregivers, and families in the community is worth every minute! A big thank you for everything you do!! May you enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends. Merry Christmas and have a Happy and Blessed New Year!!*

~Angela M. Ciccarelli, BA, CMHW (Family Based Director)



The month of December is a meaningful time for Family Care Services (FCS). As we all become filled with the Christmas spirit we are also taken back to when it all started for the agency. FCS was established on 7/1/1977 and we placed our first client on 12/7/1977. This client was placed in our ID/DD Program. FCS was really a pioneer in providing residential services in a family setting to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. FCS provided what is now referred to as lifesharing before regulations were created to govern the service. FCS would like to thank all past and present caregivers for their sincere dedication and at times tireless work. 39 years of service would not have been possible without having wonderful homes to care for the children and adults in need. Happy Holidays from the entire ID/DD Team.

~Tony Fisher, Program Director



*from Family Care Services*

