



Holiday: FCS office will be closed on 4/14/17

FCS Family "Pot Luck" Picnic

Date: Sunday, 6/4/17

Location: Hamilton Ruritan Picnic Grounds
(4565 Edenville Road, down road from office)

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Food: We are having a potluck picnic. Please bring a hot and cold dish to share. Please include a serving utensil with your dish. FCS will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, and tableware. We will have hand-dipped ice cream.

Vacation: Please remember that client vacations must be approved in advance. Communicate plans to your client supervisor as soon as possible so the team can determine what is necessary. Sometimes clients don't want to go on vacation with the family. Sometimes the caregiver wants a vacation without the clients.

Client mail: It is important that client mail from the Social Security Administration, County Assistance Office, or other government agencies is opened immediately to determine the level of priority. In some cases eligibility applications are delivered to the client's address where they are currently living but must be returned to the relevant program office within 10 days. If the applications are not sent back in the required timeframe, denial of services and funding is possible. It would be best to avoid service denials so please call your client supervisors quickly if you receive eligibility paperwork in the mail.

CRR Homes: There has been an increase of children diagnosed with a mental health illness needing out of home placements. We need more homes interested in serving these children in our CRR Program. You already know what it takes to be good parents and can explain this information to others. Please speak with your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. If you know of others that may be interested in opening their homes to these children and adolescents, please pass the word. Contact Andrea Adams if you know anyone that might be ready to help these children. Thank you so much for any assistance you can provide.

\$100 Bonus!

Do you have 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. Her email is aadams@familycareservices.org.

Family members: It is important that FCS is notified prior to anyone new moving into your home. The programs have different requirements regarding guests, returning family members, and new placements; however, in most cases new physicals and criminal history checks are needed prior to anyone new moving into the home. It is important that all client supervisors working in your home are notified of home composition changes prior to anyone spending the night or any new placement or respite.

Resource Parent Training: The new training year is well under way. Please make sure to cancel a class if you can't attend and don't attend a class if you're not scheduled. We occasionally need to cancel classes due to low attendance. If this happens, we only notify those that were scheduled for the class.

FCS Education & Training Center: We have added a bookshelf in the training room which contains many new training materials (DVDs and books). These materials are available to be signed out by you. Some of the training topics include: fetal alcohol syndrome, special education, autism, grief and loss, anger outbursts, childhood anxiety disorders, self harm, eating disorders, sexualized behaviors, ADD, ADHD, ODD and many more!

Free Training: The HCQU continues to provide monthly training opportunities at the Franklin County Annex Building. Training is available from 10 am-12 pm and 1 pm-3pm. Upcoming topics: Cardiovascular System on 4/28/17, Understanding Brain Injury on 5/12/17, and Everyday Lives and Recovery on 6/9/17. 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 dates and topics. You are required to register for the classes at the Annex.

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The FCS office will be closed on the following holidays:

4/14/17	Good Friday
5/29/17	Memorial Day
7/4/17	Independence Day
9/4/17	Labor Day
10/9/17	Columbus Day
11/10/17	Veterans Day
11/23&24/17	Thanksgiving
12/25&26/17	Christmas
1/1/18	New Year's

FCS Web Site! Calendar of events, Resource Family Manual, current forms, 12 months of this newsletter, resources, staff listing and phone numbers are all on:
<http://www.familycareservices.org>

2017 PA Permanency Conference and Matching Event!

While the Adoption Coalition of Franklin County has already selected our family to receive the free trip to the conference, the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network also offers scholarships! Registration is not yet available, but keep checking in at www.diakon-swan.org/swan/event/66/ or on the FCS Facebook page for it to be announced! The conference is at the Kalahari Waterpark Resort in the Poconos from June 28-30. This is a great experience for families, as parents can choose from many sessions related to foster care, adoption, and independent living issues, while children participate in the organized children or youth programs. And don't forget the 220,000 square feet of waterpark! There is a conference rate at the resort, and rooms sleep up to 6. Also, for families interested in adoption, a matching reception will be held the night before the conference! For more information or to register for the matching event, contact Andrea Adams. Info about the resort is at www.kalahariresorts.com/pennsylvania.

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