



Family Support

Community Development Center

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Look who came by to sign-up for the new year... We're glad the Family Support Program can



Welcome to the New Fiscal Year

It is with great relief that we welcome you to the 2010-2011 fiscal year. This time last year, we were wondering if the Family Support Program was going to continue. Thanks to the Governor and our Legislators, “we” are in the budget. Our work is not over, however, we must continue to educate our legislators and the candidates campaigning as to the importance of continued funding. But *for now* let’s **celebrate** the new year...

The Council will meet on July 20th. Funding will be allocated at that time and letters will follow to those families who are approved for flexible support services as well as those who are on the waiting list.

As we begin the new year, once again we would like to share a few reminders

- **Before any disbursements can be made...** All eligibility forms must be completed, signed and to the Coordinator by September 1, 2010. (This includes any updates to “proofs of disability”, “proofs of residency”, etc. that are needed.) Contact Christy as soon as possible at 931-684-7673 if you are unsure about your paperwork.
- Receipts or signed home services forms are required before Family Support can issue any checks.
- Notes and/or letters will not be accepted in place of receipts.
- Paid personal assistants and sitters may not live in the same home with the client, and they may not be conservator of the client.
- The Local Council allows a one-time housing cost to be paid each fiscal year. (You may turn in only one housing cost receipt or bill—utility, telephone, rent, insurance, property taxes, etc.— per fiscal year.)

As we look at the new year and the use of your allocated funds, allowable reimbursements are changing, especially in the way of Nutrition/Clothing/Supplies...

- Only items of clothing, shoes, etc. that *relate to the disability* will be eligible.
- No longer will we reimburse for gifts for the approved individual (birthday, Christmas, etc.), unless the gifts are items that *relate to the disability*.
- *Healthy, nutritional items* (no junk food, no fast food) purchased only for the approved individual will be eligible.
- Home items—bedding, towels, etc. *only* if the approved individual is medically fragile.
- Electronics, only for the approved individual and if it will benefit them in some way.

In the way of Medical Expenses:

- Prescription receipts, statements must include approved individual’s name.
- For doctor/therapy appointments at least an hour away, you may turn in a gas receipt and *any* meal receipt for the approved individual only.

More information will be included in the letter you receive regarding the approved allocation following the Local Council’s meeting on July 20.

Your Check:

The Business Office is issuing checks weekly. Any receipts or invoices received after 12:00 noon on Tuesdays will be processed the following week. Also, unless it is an emergency or special circumstances, we will be mailing all checks.

Other Grant Funding

Evans Family Trust Fund

We appreciate the forethought of the Evans family, former members of the First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, who established a trust fund which in part aids non-profit organizations in their outreach to the Bedford County community. For a third year, the trust has allowed the Family Support Program to fulfill special nutritional needs of children on our Bedford County waiting list.



United Way Organizations

The United Way support in our agency area of service is tremendous. For many continued years The Family Support Program has received funding from the **United Way of Bedford County** and the **Highland Rim United Way of Coffee and Moore counties**. We are excited to add the **United Way of Franklin County** this year to our list of supporters. United Way funding is used in Bedford, Coffee, Moore and Franklin counties to assist families on our waiting lists with needed services and those in emergency situations.



LOCAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Debra Burton, Moore Co.
James Burton, Moore Co.
Jacqueline Christie, Bedford Co.
Chesley Enloe, Bedford Co.
Carol Jean, Bedford Co.
Lynda Johnson, Bedford Co.
Tara Ledford, Lincoln, Co.
Darlene Martin, Coffee Co.
Angela Partin, Franklin Co.
Kay Skillington, Marshall Co.
Jennifer Spray, Lincoln Co.
Sammie Wells, Lincoln Co.

Client happenings....

Timberly Bates is busy showing her support for Williams Syndrome... she participated in the *Nashville Walk* in May and later this month her plans are to attend the national convention, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Way to go, Timberly!

Ginger Skillington will represent Tennessee at the USA National Special Olympic games later this month. The event is being held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Ginger is on the bowling team, her mom, Kay, will be serving as one of the coaches.

Good Luck, Ginger!

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