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FAMILY SUPPORT

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The New Fiscal Year Is Here!



By the time of the arrival of this newsletter, the Local Council will have met for the first time, this, *new*, fiscal year, and funding will have been allocated to individuals in Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Lincoln, Marshall, and Moore counties. Letters will go out the first week of August to both those approved for flexible support services and to those placed on the waiting list. This is the first time for the Council to base their funding decisions, **not** on the “already being served” priority, instead looking at every family, their situation and the needs of the individual eligible for FS.

Officially, the new fiscal year began July 1. Meaning, you should already be saving your receipts, ‘school notes’, etc. (We advise those of you on our waiting list to save, too, in preparation of funds becoming available. Just put them aside in a folder or box every time you get one!)

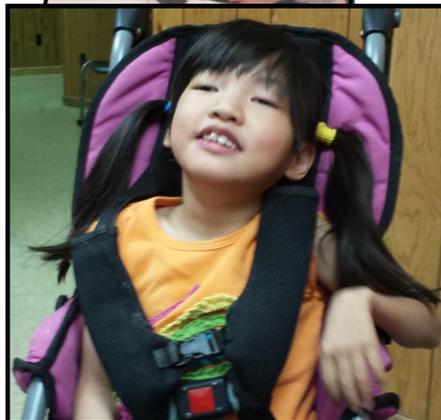
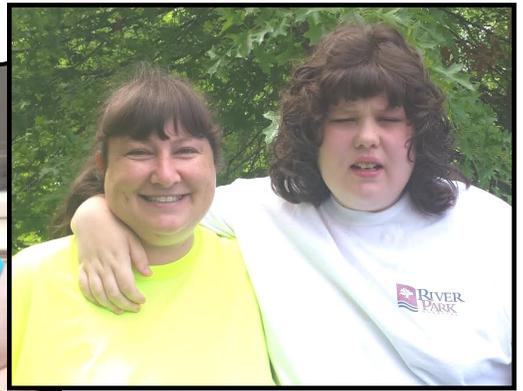
Each year as we begin the process of allocating and disbursing funds, there are a few things we would like you to keep in mind:

- ◇ The new fiscal year began July 1. The allocated funding however, will be available the first week of August, at the earliest.
- ◇ **Before any disbursements will be made...** U.S. Citizenship must be documented and all eligibility forms must be completed. This includes any needed updates to proofs of disability and residence. All signed paperwork and other updates must be to the Coordinator by September 15, 2015. (After this date, funding is moved to those on the Waiting List.)
- ◇ Receipts or signed home services forms are required before Family Support can issue any checks.
- ◇ Paid personal assistants and sitters may not live in the same home with the client, and they may not be conservator for the Family Support client.
- ◇ Notes and/or letters will not be accepted in place of receipts or invoices.
- ◇ **Checks** will be written weekly by our business office. **Any receipts or invoices received after 2:00 on Mondays will be processed the following week.**
- ◇ If you are allocated funding, **the last day you are able to turn in receipts for reimbursement is May 15, 2016.** (After this date, per the Local Council, funding is moved to the waiting list.)

Additional information will be included in your allocation letter. However, don't hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding your allocation and how it can be spent.

Putting a face on the CDC Family Support Program!

More Pictures Next Newsletter :)





Have Ball, Will Travel... Bocce Ball, That Is!

Elle Forrester of Shelbyville just completed her first year at Harris Middle School, but before her year as a 6th grader ended, she and another classmate got to make their athletic mark in the State Special Olympics.

It began with lessons from Elle's teacher Ms. Amsler in a sport she had never played before... Bocce. "She loved it," said Elle's mom Amy Forrester, who describes the game as a type of yard bowling. "Elle is very athletic, and very competitive," says mom. "She loves tennis, swimming and basketball. It was so sweet that her teacher took the extra time to work with her and her teammates," shares Amy. Practices even occurred after school for the "unified team", which meant the team was made up of two Special Ed students and two "regular ed" students.

Their first competition was the area Summer games in Tullahoma this past April, where the team placed first. This win meant they were eligible to compete at the state level. The State Special Olympics was held in May at David Lipscomb College in Nashville. The team, chaperoned by Ms. Amsler got to experience college life for the weekend event, staying in a dorm on campus. "This was Elle's first time to sleep away from home and not be with family," said Amy. Elle especially loved their last night which included a celebration dance for all the athletes.

The team placed fourth and were all smiles when they arrived back in Shelbyville. Amy said that Elle proudly announced "We won!" and then immediately fell asleep on the couch.

Are there plans for the Harris team to compete next year, you might wonder. If Elle has her way, yes. She has told her mom many times since the competition that she wants to go to "Bocce Camp" again next year!



DIDD Commissioner Debra Payne, State Senator Jim Tracy and Representative Pat Marsh paid a visit to the CDC sites in Lincoln and Marshall counties. Families served by Family Support were on hand to share their thoughts about the program, and even give a hug! Pictured below, Mark Minshew and his son Matthew of Lincoln County, with Commissioner Payne. Pictured right, Senator Tracy getting a big hug from Carl Holden of Marshall County. We hate we don't have a picture of Representative Marsh to share!



Fundraising for Family Support - Mark Your Calendars!

4th Annual

Walk-N-Roll for Family Support 9:00 am Sat, Nov. 7, 2015 Shelbyville

We ask each FS family to raise at least \$20 and join us for a fun morning. Proceeds from the event benefit those on the waiting list and help to administer our program. Keep an eye out for more information to arrive in the mail.

Participation, not distance, is our goal.



Family Support Program Saturday, April 16, 2016 Shelbyville

Yes, the FS Yard Sale will be back! It was a tremendous success, raising just over \$2,000 for our Family Support Program. Plans are to host this fundraising event each year, on the 3rd Saturday in April.



Two of our best workers, Annie-Grace Jensen and Mandy Jean are sure to be back at the Yard Sale again next year!



Like our new look? It's our first, very own logo, representing the Community Development Center Family Support Program.

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Start collecting your items to donate!

Keep in Mind Whether You Are Allocated Funding Or Waiting For Services

From the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD), and the Family Support State Council:

- If an individual is receiving HCBS waiver services, he or she is not eligible for the Family Support Program.
- If an individual has been diagnosed with solely a mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, then he or she is not eligible for the Family Support Program.
- An individual is not eligible to receive services through the Choices Program and Family Support at the same time.

If you are unsure about your status in any of these areas, please contact the Family Support office as soon as possible at 931-684-7673.