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DCF Foster Parents as Informal Child Care Provider (FPICC) Program

A Great Opportunity for Foster Parents

The Department of Children and Families, in conjunction with the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), operates a program to utilize foster parents as Informal Child Care (FPICC) Providers.

Licensed foster parents will provide child care for other children in DCF custody to ensure these children have a safe and appropriate place to spend the day while DCF staff work to find the child a foster care placement and appropriate long-term child care.

This program is available during the daytime to support placement stability for children in DCF custody.

General Information

- The FPICC program is not to be used for typical babysitting, FPICC should be used to support emergencies or placement challenges.
- The FPICC service is authorized on a daily basis or for up to 5 days at a time.
- DCF staff will provide transportation
- Foster parents will be paid \$45 per day per child to provide this additional service. Please note: this money may be taxable.

DCF will screen children daily for COVID-19 before proceeding with referral or drop-off. Program will not be used for children who are COVID positive..

How to Become Part of the Program

- DCF Area Offices will recruit from ADLU, Unrelated and Kinship foster parents to be part of this program
- Each Area Office will select foster parents to participate based on the expected demands of the Office and the children who will likely utilize the program.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT
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