“The Bridge Program”

Family Agreement

Welcome to the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children. The “Bridge Program” was designed to give temporary assistance to eligible Resource Families who need child care in order to maintain the placement for the child/ren in their care.

The Child Development Resource Center (CDRC) is your “Navigator” for this program. Our mission is to help you find child care that meets your needs and offer other resources and support to help you establish long-term subsidized child care. We also support the child care providers through training, mentoring and help with the payment process.

The Bridge Program is a partnership that takes collaboration and communication. In order to participate in the Bridge Program and receive assistance with child care payments, you are agreeing to the following terms:

1. To work closely with the FCS Social Worker and keep them informed of any changes in scheduling, child care providers, or other changes with the participating child.
2. To work closely with CDRC, to keep us informed of any changes or issues with the child care provider, the child’s schedule or other updates. (831) 466-5820.
3. To work closely with the selected child care provider to ensure that the provider receives the payment forms, they are signed and completed properly, and submitted at the end of the month (or immediately if care is terminated.)
4. To honor your payment agreement with your selected child care provider, and if there is a cost beyond what the Bridge Program can pay, you will pay the difference. (Details are on the BP-2)
5. To work with CDRC to establish long term subsidized child care services as soon as that becomes feasible.
6. To transition to fully subsidized child care within the 6 month window of elibibility. If that is not possible, you agree to contact your FSC Social worker to request an extension of your Bridge Program services. (Care will not be paid beyond the first 6 months, without a new approval form.) Start date: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ End date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for opening your heart and your home to take care of a child who needs you. We are committed to helping you through this process. Your signature verifies that you agree to the terms explained above.

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Resource Family Signature Date

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CDRC Navigator Signature Date