“The Bridge Program”

Child Care Provider 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 the families find child care that meets their needs and offer other resources and support to help them 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 child care payments for particiating children, you are agreeing to the following terms:

1. To work closely with CDRC, to keep us informed of any changes or issues with the child’s schedule. (831) 466-5820.
2. To keep CDRC informed of any updates such as changes in your rates or hours of operation.
3. To work closely with the Bridge Family to ensure that the payment forms are completed properly, signed by both parties, and submitted at the end of the month (or immediately if care is terminated.) The information on the back of the time sheet (BP10A) provides details on requesting payment.
4. To communicate with the Bridge Family, and if you require payment beyond what the Bridge Program can pay, make an agreement with the family to pay the difference.
5. To respect the confidentiality and guard the privacy of Bridge Family at all times.
6. That the Bridge Program is a temporary funding program. Families have 6 months to find long term subsidized care, and must ask for an extension if they need more time. Care will not be paid beyond the first 6 months, without a new approval form. Start date: ­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ End date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. The approved schedule for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_ hours per \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at a rate of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Not to exceed the RMR of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_\_
8. That payment will be made the month after child care services are provided, according to the Regional Market Rate guidelines and the BP2 Approval Form.
9. That resources such as training on Trauma Informed Care, and individual mentoring are available as part of the Bridge Program and CDRC will provide these services when requested.

Thank you for opening your heart 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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CDRC Navigator Signature (831)-466-5820 Date