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To the Community:

This letter provides important funding information for families caring for children in foster care while they complete Resource Family Approval (RFA).

Funding for Emergency Caregivers: Families Not Yet Approved through RFA

Caregivers who accept placement of a child prior to completing RFA (through an emergency placement or placement on a compelling reason), also called emergency caregivers, now receive emergency caregiver funding.

Emergency caregiver funding took effect on March 30, 2018. Eligibility depends on when the placement occurred and when you started RFA:

- **RFA Completed Prior to March 30, 2018:** If you accepted placement prior to March 30, 2018 AND you were approved pursuant to RFA prior to March 30, 2018, you are not eligible for the emergency caregiver funding described in this letter.
- **RFA Application Pending On or After March 30, 2018:** If you are an emergency caregiver who was completing RFA on or after March 30, 2018, you are eligible for emergency caregiver funding for each child placed in your home. This funding is only available back to March 30, 2018 – **OR** – the date the RFA application was submitted, whichever is later. The amount of funding for the period between March 30, 2018 through June 30, 2018 is \$923/month. If you did not complete the RFA process by June 30, 2018, the emergency caregiver funding will increase to \$960/month as of July 1, 2018.
- **Placement Prior to Approval On or After July 1, 2018:** If you took placement of a child prior to completing RFA on or after July 1, 2018, you are eligible for emergency caregiver funding as of the date of placement. However, for that funding to start, you must submit the RFA application. The amount of emergency caregiver funding for families that took placement on or after July 1, 2018 is \$960/month.

It is important you sign and submit the RFA application (RFA-01 form) quickly to receive emergency caregiver funding. In most cases, you will receive emergency caregiver funding up until you complete RFA.

Funding for Resource Families: Post-Approval Funding

You should continue to receive foster care funding in an amount no less than the basic rate (\$960/month) without interruption if you are approved.

Please contact your county worker if you have questions. Los Angeles County caregivers can call (800) 697-4444 or email FCHL@dcfs.lacounty.gov. You can also contact Elise Weinberg with our office at (213) 368-6010.

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