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Re: 2024-2025 Family Support Services Program Application

Greetings! You are receiving this communication because you have received or requested Family Support Services (FSS) funds in the past year. FSS is a program that assists families to support their loved ones/children in the family home. We are now preparing for the distribution of FSS funds for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Who can apply for FSS funds?

1. County Board eligible individuals.
2. Individuals who live in the same home with family.
3. Individuals who have no other funding stream (If you have the following: HCBS Waiver including the Level 1, Individual Options, SELF and/or TDD, adopted children who receive a subsidy, and foster children, you are not eligible to apply).
4. Household income less than \$79,762.

The maximum annual allocation per eligible individual is pro-rated throughout the year, based on the application date and copayment allocation amount.

Date Application Received:	Max Allocation Amount (per eligible individual):
July 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2024	\$750
October 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024	\$570
January 1, 2025 thru March 31, 2025	\$380
April 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2025	\$190

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The following services are appropriate to apply FSS funds towards **(This list is not all inclusive):**

1. Special Equipment / Modifications – Sensory items, therapy balls, communication devices, adaptive car seats, strollers, etc.
2. Special Dietary Items - Specialized formula, shakes, thickeners, etc.
3. Incontinence Supplies – Disposable diapers, wipes, pads, plastic sheets, etc.
4. Recreation: Dance, Horseback Riding, Camps, Swim Lessons, Ice Skating, etc.
5. Counseling, Training & Education, Therapy Services
6. Transportation - SARTA passes can be purchased with FSS funds.
7. Respite Care- Families can choose DODD certified providers or someone of their choosing. It is not required that the selected provider has provider certification. This service can occur within or outside the family home **(Anyone living in your home or a parent of the child will not be paid by FSS to provide respite services). Please check on your application if you are interested in respite so you can receive the proper forms that must be completed and submitted prior to the respite being provided.**

The Process:

1. Individual is determined eligible for Stark County Board of DD services and requests FSS application.
2. Family receives application, completes and submits back to FSS Department.
3. FSS Department will receive application, review, and processes as appropriate.
4. Families receive fund allocation via mailing of FSS coupons along with vendor list with all vendors who accept FSS coupons as a direct form of payment.
5. Vendor/provider delivers service and submits claim (coupons) to NEON for reimbursement and/or families make purchase and submits receipt, coupons, and W-9 form to NEON for reimbursement.

When FSS Funds are exhausted:

Families applying for the FSS Program when there is no money available will be placed on a FSS waiting list based on date and time of request. In the event that an emergent need arises and you are on the waiting list, let the FSS Service and Support Administrator know and the situation will be reviewed to determine how assistance can be provided.

Please complete, sign and return the enclosed application. The FSS Service and Support Administrator will review your completed application and let you know if your family is eligible for the program.

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