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Changes in Healthcare Benefits

Reminder of Health Benefits

Summer is a great time to schedule your child's annual physical before the busy back-to-school season. If your child is due for a yearly wellness visit, now is a great time to make an appointment.

Benefit updates:

- Sunshine Pathways to Shine Plan (Medicaid) offers a Care Grant. The Care Grant can be used for sports, arts, tutoring, and other enrichment activities, one time per year. Please contact your case manager to apply. The benefit amount has increased to \$300.
- Beginning July 1, 2026, the monthly OTC CVS household benefit will change from \$50 to \$25. If you have questions about your child's health care, medical benefits, or available resources, the Nurse Care Coordinator can help! Cheryl Dawson, RN, Nurse Care Coordinator can be reached at Cheryl.Dawson@pfsf.org or nurse@pfsf.org.

The Empowered Foster Parent



Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. TBRI® uses Empowering Principles to address physical needs, Connecting Principles for attachment needs, and Correcting Principles to disarm fear-based behaviors.

TBRI® classes will begin on August 6th and run four consecutive Thursdays from 6pm to 9pm ending August 27th. To register, please contact Christy.Conner@pfsf.org.

Agency News Update

Planning for Back to School

School will be back in session for most of our children early to mid-August. PSF will be issuing Annual Clothing Allowances by August 7th, 2026. To qualify for a clothing allowance, the child must have been in a level 2 or group care setting for a minimum of 6 consecutive months. Children ages 0-4 will receive \$200 and those ages 5-17 will receive \$300.

Foster parents may also want to confirm the children are registered for school. An Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Staffing may be necessary for school transfer/enrollment and educational planning. Talk with your Family Care Counselor to determine if the child in your care will need a physical or updated immunizations. Reminder, if your child has an IEP or 504 plan, the child's parent or child's case worker is the representative who is able to sign the plan. Foster parents are encouraged to participate, along with parents and case workers, but foster parents cannot authorize the plans.

Payment & Reimbursement Corner

Board Payments

Board payments are provided by the 10th of the following month of care. Partner Families can review the last 12 months of payments with their provider number. Here is the link to PSF's Payment Portal



A Note about Adoption Subsidy Payments

Effective September, 2026 monthly Adoption Subsidy Payments will be issued under the same schedule current Board Rate and GAP payments are issued. This change will help ensure our payment process aligns with workflows to improve operational efficiency and payment processing.

Travel Reimbursement

PSF is working on closing out FY 25-26 books and will not be able to pay travel submitted late. Travel reimbursement must be submitted monthly by the 20th of the following month. Please be sure to submit June travel by the 20th of July. Your Caregiver Support Specialist can assist with Travel Reimbursement.

Level 2-5 foster home can be reimbursed for travel. Foster parents are expected to provide routine transportation for children in their care as they would their own children. Routine transportation includes medical/mental health appointments, dental visits, visitation with the child's parents and siblings and other routine destinations. Travel is reimbursed at the current rate set by the State of Florida.

Travel that is eligible for reimbursement for children primary to Partnership for Strong Families:

- medical and mental health appointments.
- "special" education and vocational trainings (includes PT/OT).
- visits with parents, siblings, or relatives.
- court proceedings and staffings.
- approved in-service training sessions (includes QPI and FAPA).
- maintain child's school of origin (outside of home's zoned school) with prior approval.

Travel for children who are not primary to Partnership for Strong Families. Check with the Community Based Care Agency that has primary case responsibilities for travel reimbursement procedures.

Summer Fun and Safety

Summer Safety Spotlight: Water Safety

Whether you're enjoying a backyard pool, the springs, the river, or the beach, water activities can create wonderful family memories. They also require extra attention, especially for children who may be impulsive, curious or unaware of potential dangers.

Take time to plan ahead, provide close supervision, and make water safety part of every outing. Safe moments today help create happy memories for tomorrow.

A few simple precautions can help keep children safe:

- Provide active, undistracted supervision whenever children are in or near water.
- Never assume another adult is watching and designate a "water watcher".
- Use properly fitted US Coast Guard approved life jackets when appropriate.
- Remember, children with trauma histories or developmental differences may have limited awareness of danger or may be drawn to water.
- If you have a pool, be sure barriers and gates are secure.

Community Connection

Summer doesn't have to be filled with elaborate vacations or perfectly planned activities to make a lasting impact. Children often remember the simple moments like playing a game, sharing a meal, laughing together, or knowing someone consistently showed up for them. Every small act of care helps build trust through connection.

Learn to Earn

Click the QR code for a short video. Tell me how a child's regulation first occurs (what kind of a regulation)? Hint: it's around 1–2-minutes in.

Email christy.vanvaley@pfsf.org for your chance to win a gift card.



Something to Remember

Celebrate the little victories. They often become the biggest milestones!

Know someone interested in foster care? Have them email HopePartner@pfsf.org or call (352) 244-1615 to learn more!