## LICKING COUNTY -- Board of - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Dear Families,

The Board budgets an annual allocation to Family Support Services (FSS). The amount allocated to each family depends on the amount of the total allocation and the number of families that use FSS. The number of families who request FSS money increases as the Board's enrollment increases. We are working to stretch the FSS money as far as we can.

In 2017 up to \$600 for each Board eligible family member is available to use on items and services that are approved. To be sure that FSS money is available to those who need it most; we ask that you not apply for FSS if you have no financial need to do so. Individual FSS requests will be approved if the following criteria are met, and the resources are available to meet the request:

- 1. There is no other potential source of funding, such as Medicaid, to cover the cost of the request; and
- 2. There is a need for the item or service that is specifically related to your son, daughter, or family member's disability.

Families with a member not enrolled on any type of Medicaid waiver have priority for FSS funding. Families of a person enrolled on a Medicaid waiver of any type are eligible to receive FSS money under the following circumstances:

- 1. The item, equipment, or service is not covered by another source of funding such as Medicaid or the Medicaid waiver on which your son or daughter is enrolled; and
- 2. There is no other source of funding available to address the need; and
- 3. The need for the item or service is specifically related to your son, daughter, or family member's disability.

Items and services that can be paid for by another source will not be approved for FSS reimbursement. Items or services that are not related to your son or daughter's disability will not be approved for FSS reimbursement.

Requests for FSS funding can be submitted at any time during the year by completing a request form and returning it to your child's service coordinator at 565 Industrial Parkway, Heath, OH 43056. This form, as well as the other forms and needed information is available on our website <a href="www.lcountydd.org">www.lcountydd.org</a> (Under Families, click on Family Support Services) If you use FSS to help pay for respite, the completed Respite Acknowledgement Form should also accompany your completed request. (Also on the website) These forms can be emailed to your service coordinator for approval as well.

Please contact your service coordinator at 740-349-1420 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Umstot Superintendent