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Hello Families,

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Welcome to Summer! We hope that you and your family are having a fun-filled summer with friends and family!

We are excited to continue building rapport and relationships with post-permanency families! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to **adoptsupport@mycpid.com** or 208-252-6117

Who Is Rise

RISE, Inc is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1987. RISE provides a range of services to adults, children, and families in Utah, Oregon, Arizona, Texas, and Idaho.

Please visit our website at
idadoptresources.org

RISE provides services such as foster care, after-school and summer programs, early intervention, mental health therapy, behavioral supports, respite, and disability services. RISE, Inc. recently acquired the Idaho chapter formally known as Community Partnerships of Idaho.

NEWS

Subsidy

During July, your family should be receiving a letter in regards to your child (ren)'s subsidy. Our team will work with any families who wish to submit a request for review and renegotiation of subsidy during the month.

What signifies a need for change in review and renegotiation of subsidy?

Below are a few examples of what may be the reason.

1. The child develops new behavioral issues as a result of trauma that the child endured before adoption
2. New medical or mental health diagnoses
3. Continued issues or behaviors that have intensified since the adoption
4. Continued impairments to child's physical, emotional, or mental health
5. Change in family circumstances due to job loss or relocation to another state

Keep in mind if you think your family needs to renegotiate the subsidy, please reach out and ask to speak with one of our team members. Our team will work with you and your family to complete an individualized assessment of need, review and document discrepancies between the current needs, and submit a finalized recommendation to the Department's permanency supervisor for evaluation and review. We are here to walk you through the process and ensure you are feeling supported.

Grants

Did you know that there is a grant specifically available for post-permanency families? If not, here is some basic information about it! Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions or information requests!

Who is eligible for these grants?

- The adopted or guardianship child must be under the age of 18
    - Must have been adopted through foster care, private, independent, or intercountry adoption in any state **(excludes stepparent or birth parent adoption)**
    - Must have been placed in a legal guardianship through the child welfare system in any state
- The child must have a current need related to one of the following best interest factors:

- emotional/behavioral needs
- cultural/religious needs
- educational/developmental needs
- medical/physical needs
- Trauma-related needs
- Relationships with parents, relatives, siblings, and current caregivers
- Child's interests and community connections
- Documentation of the identified need(s) will be gathered in an assessment with IARE's staff

What can the grant be used for?

Services, activities, or supports related to the child's identified needs which are:
- One time or time-limited
- Not covered under other programs or community organizations
- May include assistance meeting basic household needs in the event of a financial crisis that may be threatening the stability of permanent place
- May include services or supports for birth children in the home ONLY if those services or supports are necessary to meet the needs of adopted children.

Additional Examples:
- Transportation expenses to maintain connection birth families
- Time-limited in-home counseling or family/sibling counseling
- Parent registration, travel fees, and child care for training to meet the child's needs
- Time-limited therapies not covered by Medicaid/EPSDT/Private insurance (i.e. Equine or art therapy)
- Specialized summer camps/activities

What is excluded?

- Residential Services
- Out of home placement
- Orthodontics
- Attorney/Court fees

Is there a limit of times a family can utilize a grant?

Grants being awarded are dependent on the availability of funds. There is no limit to the number of requests that a family can make, however, priority may be given to families who have not been awarded a grant.

Idaho Voices for Children

Idaho Voices for Children announced a new advocacy initiative focused on ensuring that 100% of Idaho kids have access to health coverage. The program is known as Idaho Kids Covered which is a statewide network of health care advocates and stakeholders working to ensure affordable access to health coverage and care for all children in Idaho.

They celebrated with a network launch event which can be watched **here.** Additionally, visit the **new website** and learn about the state of child health coverage in Idaho and how the network is making changes.

Child Tax Credit

Were you aware that the American Rescue Plan included a historic Child Tax Credit? The plan includes benefits for nearly all working families, including those who, due to their low income are not required to file federal taxes.

In a move to help families struggling to make ends meet, the Biden administration is encouraging all eligible families who were not required to file a 2019 or 2020 individual tax return due to their low-income status to now sign up for these monthly benefits set to begin in July.

Learn more about the tax credit **here**.

Find the non-filer signup tool **here**.

Blog Post

We've published our first blog post about Decoding Media For My Child. To read more about resources parents can use in determining what's age-appropriate for your child to be watching, visit
https://www.idadoptresources.org/blog/decoding-media-for-my-child/

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