

Dear Foster Parent,

On any given day there are over 2,500 children in the child welfare system with the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services partners with our foster families to find loving, stable homes for children. We know that word of mouth is our most important recruitment tool. CHWCS has a referral incentive for our current foster and adoptive parents to thank you for partnering with us.

Community Services referral incentive program is called **The Foster Parent Referral Program**.

Here's how it works:

When you refer a family to any of our foster care programs and they apply, you will receive:

- A special thank you gift.

If the family becomes licensed, you will receive:

- \$200.

In addition, if the family is licensed for Treatment Foster Care or Respite Foster Care, you will receive:

- A \$100 bonus.

There are specific eligibility requirements with the referral program.

- CHW accounting requires us to process referral payments within 60 days of the person referred becoming licensed. We must be made aware of the referral (either through your licensing specialist or directly to me) as soon as you know that the person you referred has applied.
- The referring family must be a currently licensed foster parent.
- Relative families and unlicensed kinship providers being referred to be foster parents are not eligible for this program.

I encourage you to think about the people in your lives, family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers, who might have what it takes to be a CHW foster parent. **People just like you!**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. Thank you for being a foster parent and making difference for the children and families in our community.

Sincerely,

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