

OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUTH REFERRAL INCENTIVE POLICY

Options for Families and Youth recognizes that many of our excellent foster and adoptive homes have come to us as a result of our current Homes' recommendations. In response, we have implemented an incentive policy to reward their recruitment efforts.

As of September 1, 1999 OFY will give a referring foster parent \$100 for each home/family that completes the licensure/approval process to become an OFY Foster/Adoptive home.

As of March 1, 2007 OFY will give a referring foster parent \$500 for each family willing to accept teens for placement as long as they complete the licensure/approval process to become an OFY Foster/Adoptive home.

A foster parent can refer a prospective family by:

1. Calling the OFY Licensing Specialist and give the prospective foster parent's name.
2. Asking the prospective family to contact OFY directly and give their name as their referring foster family.

Once OFY receives the newly-licensed family's certificate, OFY will issue the referring foster parent a \$100 or \$500 (accordingly) check within 30 days.