

## **OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUTH TRAINING COMPLETION INCENTIVE POLICY**

Timely Completion of required training hours to maintain your foster care license can be a challenge. With this in mind, OFY offers its foster parents a choice between two incentives for completing training hours in advance of their licensure date.

Foster parents who wish to receive a \$1000 incentive must do the following:

- 1) Receive all of your required training hours in your certification period (2 years) by attending OFY training sessions, exclusively.
- 2) Complete 30 or more training hours in the first 11 months of your certification period. This will earn you \$500.
- 3) Complete the remainder of your training hours 30 days prior to your certification date. This will earn you another \$500.

Foster parents who wish to receive a \$400 incentive must do the following:

- 1) Complete 30 or more training hours, by any means, in the first 11 months of your certification period. This will earn you \$200.
- 2) Complete the remainder of your training hours, by any means, 30 days prior to your certification date. This will earn you another \$200.
- 3) All documentation of your training hours must be in the OFY office 30 days prior to your certification date.

Both incentives will be mailed within 45 days of the completion of the training hours.

The incentives are paid for the foster family. In a two-parent foster home both parents must complete the requirements for the incentive to be paid.

Effective 9/1/09, OFY foster parents must provide service to the agency in order to receive their training incentive. This service can be: 1) Having a child placed in your home; 2) Providing Respite Care for another OFY foster Parent at least twice during your certification period.