

United for Families Caregiver Support Program

The Caregiver Support program was designed to increase the stability of children by providing support and assistance to foster parents, and relative/non relative caregivers. The program includes a full time Caregiver Support Program Specialist to provide support to all caregivers and liaison with case management staff.

Emergency and Supplement Funds are available to relieve some of the financial burdens that threaten the stability of the child's placement. They also allow for children to participate in extra curricular activities to enhance their lives. Several Foster Parent Appreciation Events are held annually to show appreciation to our foster parents.

Mentors

- One mentor is assigned to each of our four counties (they are paid contractors)
- Available to foster parents 24/7
- Attend when possible, MAPP panel night in their respective county
- Attend respective Foster Parent Association meetings monthly
- Mentors contact foster parents as follows:
 - a. Call when newly licensed to welcome and introduce themselves
 - b. Call with two (2) days of notification when a first placement has been made
 - c. Call or email to remind of foster parent association meetings
 - d. Call or email to notify of special events (such as fair tickets)
 - e. Call to provide support when an issue or concern arises (such as an abuse report)
 - f. Call as requested by the Caregiver Support Coordinator
- Participate in pre-service or UFF post pre-service training
- Participation in, at minimum, two UFF sponsored annual events
- Support UFF's mission "to break the cycle of child abuse through a diverse network of community partners and innovative services"