



Family Resources

This information is provided to you and is designed to help answer questions and update you on the procedures for requesting *Family Resource Services*

Please keep this information handy for future reference

What is the purpose of Family Resource services?

To support families for caring for their family members living in their home.

What services does Family Resource Services (FRS) assist with?

- Incontinence/medical supplies (briefs, catheters, etc.) A physician's written prescription is needed.
- Communication devices will be considered
- Dietary supplements – written prescriptions are required
- Hearing aids, basic frame eyeglasses – written prescription required

- Respite Services – Respite means to get a “relief” or a “breather”. In FR, respite means paying someone to provide care for the person who is eligible for MRDD services; either in your home or in the home of the provider of this care. Prior approval is necessary for respite services. Certified provider information is available at orientation.
- Parent Training/Consultation includes the consideration of costs for teaching parents techniques that can be used at home. The cost and number of visits will be determined on a case-by-case basis

Note

Requests for equipment, respite, dietary, home modifications, medical supplies and parent training/consultation costs are funded from the same allocation of funds. A letter of necessity from a physician is required for consideration of approval.

Why am I dealing with the ARC Hamilton County?

The ARC Hamilton County is the contracted administrator for Butler County MRDD Family Resources. The dollars you receive from Family Resources are Butler County MRDD funds.

How many families are enrolled in the Family Resource Program?

Currently there are over 700 families enrolled

What is the annual allocation per family?

FRS cap is \$1,000.00 for one family member; \$300.00 for additional family members enrolled.

Does every family have \$1,000.00 to spend for the entire year?

NO. FRS fills requests as they come in. FRS will consider funding requests if funds are still available. Families will not be permitted to spend MORE than \$1,000.00 for the calendar year or not more than \$500.00 in a quarter if the money is used for respite, camp, or a combination of the two.

NOTE: *Requests for respite for confirmed vacations, medical procedures, etc. must be made as early in the year as possible to ensure the availability of funds for requests.*

Do my left over funds carry over to the next year?

NO. Funds that have not been expended within the year will not be carried over. January starts a new funding year.

Do families have to get prior approval for all services through FRS?

YES. The FRS program will not pay for any service unless a request has been submitted prior to the purchase.

Is there a guarantee that my request will be filled?

NO. FRS will honor requests on the basis that funds are available and a family has not yet reached the cap amount. Also, the request must fall under FRS guidelines for the approval.

How will I know if a request has been authorized?

You will receive an Authorization for Service form (voucher) in the mail for the approved request. It will include detailed information, including vendor, item to be purchased, cost, family co-pay, etc.

Please remember that FRS must be the payer of last resort. Families must seek financial assistance through Medicaid, BCMH, insurance, etc., before requesting FR funds. Families may request assistance from FRS to seek other funding resources.

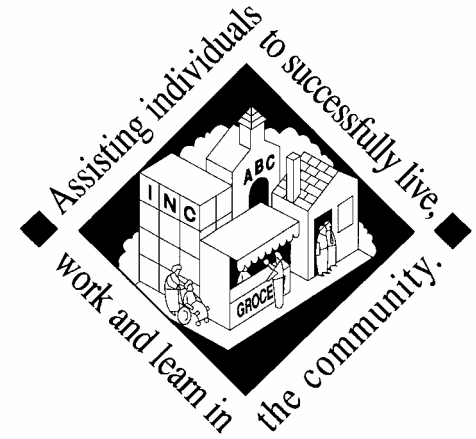
Ongoing individual and group therapy services are not a billable service for payment or reimbursement to the family. Counseling services are not billable to FRS.

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