

## **Lakemary's Supported Family Living Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is the purpose of the Supportive Family Living Program?**

- Provide family placements for children who are developmentally disabled and need out of home placements.
- Provide an alternative to institutional or residential placement.

#### **What is the goal of the SFL Program?**

- To train and support foster families to better serve the children that participate in the SFL Program.
- To insure stable, safe and nurturing placements for children.

#### **Who are the SFL support team members?**

- Participating foster families
- Family of Origin
- Supported Family Living Specialist
- Service Coordinator or Targeted Case Manager

#### **Who is eligible to be served by the LAKEMARY SFL Program?**

- Children who are:
  - diagnosed as developmentally disabled
  - appropriate for a home placement
  - at least five years old and no older than 21 years old
  - qualify through their Community Developmental Disabilities Organization (CDDO) for Home & Community Based Services (HCBS)

#### **How is a child/family referred to the program?**

- Children are referred to the LAKEMARY SFL Program by a CDDO, or by an agency contracting with SRS to provide foster care services.

### **How are referrals screened at LAKEMARY Center?**

- Referral is initially reviewed by the SFL Specialist; Final acceptance requires the approval of the Service Coordination Team Leader, Social Services Coordinator, Director of Johnson County Services and the President of LAKEMARY Center.
- Following acceptance a child is placed with a family able to meet the child's needs. If no family is currently available, the child will be placed on a waiting list for services.

### **How can a family apply to become an SFL Provider?**

- Contacts the SFL Specialist at LAKEMARY Center who will arrange an interview and give the family an application.
- The family will complete the PS MAPP (Partnership for Safety and Permanence- Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) or Deciding Together class while the SFL Specialist conducts a family consultation.
- The application and the consultation is screened by the LMC staff to see if the family meets the needs of the SFL program.
- Everyone in the household who is at least 18 years old must complete the MAPP or Deciding Together training.
- Family complete Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) License application.
- KDHE completes an in-home survey.

### **What supports are provided to the foster family?**

- Regular in home visits to provide training and support to meet the needs of the child placed in the home.
- Assistance with annual licensing process
- Financial support (current rate \$31.98 - \$115.76) depending on the child's needs

### **What are the requirements for continuing to provide Supported Family Living?**

- Completes 12 hours of training and Health Assessment annually.
- Work with SFL Specialist to complete annual survey report.
- Continued approval by the LAKEMARY SFL program.

**What does the LAKEMARY staff expect from the LAKEMARY SFL Providers?**

- Use of proper discipline, constructive, and empowering not demeaning or abusive.
- Demonstrate active and constructive participation in the LAKEMARY SFL Program.
- Express needs, input, and concerns to the SFL Specialist.
- Report changes as soon as possible about:
  - occupants in the household
  - child placements in the home
- Respond timely to re-licensing paperwork
- Turn in absentee sheets according to dates given on pay period calendars
- Follow KDHE licensing standards