

Family Caregiver Support Program

GRANDPARENTING PROGRAM



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Interested applicants should phone the Armstrong Co. Agency on Aging at 1-800-368-1066 to arrange for a home visit by the FCSP care manager. The care manager will evaluate, and consider consumers' appropriateness for any Agency programs. (Some of the agency's programs are not necessarily available simultaneously.) The care manager will guide the family in choosing services that will be most beneficial to their situation. Applicants whose primary interest is NOT in Family Caregivers financial benefits are directed toward the Agency's regular gamut of services so as to preserve Family Caregiver slots for those who wish to avail themselves of its unique benefits.

If choosing the FCSP is the family's best alternative, the care manager will help the family arrange those benefits unique to the FCSP, enabling them to receive maximum financial benefits and maximum control and flexibility.



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FCSP GRANDPARENTING

Caring for a grandchild (age 18 or younger) in the home can be a stressful and sometimes costly experience. Unfortunately, many caregivers simply don't know what help is available or where to turn to obtain help. The Penna. Dept. of Aging through the Armstrong Co. Area Agency on Aging provides such help through the Family Caregiver Support Program. Its purpose is to reinforce, not replace the care being provided by a grandparent to an impaired grandchild living in their home.

Benefits and services that are provided may include: assessment of needs; counseling in coping skills; training in caregiving skills; financial assistance to purchase supplies or services; one-time grant for home adaptation or assistive devices; benefits counseling on services available through local, state or federal programs; referrals to family support or discuss specific organizations; and assistance with completing benefits and insurance forms.

Eligibility requirements vary according to state and/or federal regulations. Basic regulations are the care receiver is age 18 or younger, and resides in the same household as the caregiver. The caregiver must be at least 60 years of age and is related to child (grandparent or older relative) and is the primary caregiver. Household income not exceeding 380% of poverty level. Priority is given to caregivers providing care to children with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities. If eligible, the state program may reimburse up to \$200/mo. The federal program may reimburse up to \$500/mo.

DURABLE GOODS

Durable goods are any non-disposable assistive/personal devices which are usable to assist the care receiver (or the caregiver on the care receiver's behalf) to carry out an activity of daily living and/thereby, reduce the caregiver's burden. Before the Family Caregiver Program will pay for any durable goods, it must first be determined that no funding is available from Medicare, Medical Assistance or other insurance. Some items may warrant a note from doctor stating medical necessity. Pre-approval required for items over \$100.00.

*Pill Box	*Glucose Monitor
*Pill Crusher	*Potty Chair
*Lift Chair	*Hoyer Lift
*Stair Lift	*Blood Pressure Monitor
*Bath Seat/ Bath Bench	*Heating Pad
*Grab Bars for Tub/Shower/Toilet	*Bed Pan
*Mattress Protector	*Egg Crate Mattress
*Transfer Bench	*Seat Cushion
*Hospital Bed	*Cane
*Rails for Bed	*Elevated Toilet Seat
*Walker	*Fan
*Baby Monitor	*Wheelchair

*Respite (Babysitting) is available through FCSP Grandparenting Program to those who qualify.

APPROVED SUPPLIES

We have updated the approved supplies list to better serve you, our consumers. As before, if you have a special need or supply not listed, contact Tammy McPherson.

- *Incontinence Supplies, Pantyliners, Adult Diapers, Blue Pads
- *Bandages, Gauze Tape for Current Skin Conditions
- *Alcohol Swabs
- *Sterile Gloves
- *Nutrition Supplements-Ensure
- *Diabetic Supplies, Test Strips, Syringes (with MD order)
- *Peroxide
- *Special Eye Creams, Lotions
- *Emergency Alert Systems-Life Line
- *Special Skin Care Products, Lotions, Powders
- *Irrigating Bags
- *Catheter and Urinary Bags
- *Laxatives and Stool Softeners
- *Anti-Diarrhea Products
- *Food Care Products
- *Denture Products
- *Analgesic Rubs-Bengay
- *Sleep Aids
- *Vitamins
- *Feminine Hygiene Products