RELATIVE CAREGIVER PROGRAM – FACTS AND TIPS

Eligibility:

- Child must be adjudicated dependent in Florida and placed in the custody of a relative by the court.
- Relative must have an approved home study, including background checks.
- Children 18 years old and younger. Must have SS# or submit an application for one.
- Only assets and income of the child are considered. Asset limit is $2000.00
- Relative Caregiver must cooperate with Child Support Enforcement.
- The enclosed brochures provide additional information regarding the program and eligibility or you can visit [http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access-florida-food-medical-assistance-cash/temporary-cash-assistance-tca](http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access-florida-food-medical-assistance-cash/temporary-cash-assistance-tca)

How to Apply:

- Go to [http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/) and click the ‘Apply for Benefits’ button toward the bottom of the page. (You can also do a prescreening questionnaire and check the status of your application at this website as well).

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- Go to your local access center to apply (see below for addresses for each of the 5 counties). The local service centers have support workers on site to assist you in the application process.
• If the dependency case is still open, the Case Manager or Child Protective Investigator will make a referral for you to Economic Services for the Relative Caregiver Program.

Service Center Phone Numbers and Addresses:
• ACCESS Customer Call Center – 1-866-762-2237
  o Charlotte County Service Center – Fax #: 1-866-784-7113, 19500 Cochran Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
  o Immokalee Service Center (Collier) – Fax #: 1-866-784-7113 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL 34142
  o Naples Service Center (Collier) – Fax #: 1-866-784-7113 4215 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112
  o Labelle Service Center (Glades/Hendry Counties) – Fax#: 1-866-784-7113 813 E. Hickpochee Ave, Suite 100, Labelle, FL 33935
  o Fort Myers Service Center (Lee) – Fax #: 1-866-784-7130 2295 Victoria Ave, Room 110, Fort Myers, FL 33901
• Suncoast Region, Regional Director- Phone # 813-558-5500

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:
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