

“The Summary”

Option #1:

Caregiver Workshop = learn about Health & Safety issues, injury prevention, age appropriate activities, nutrition information and a variety of other resources. Incentives will be given to those who attend;

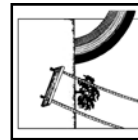
Option #2:

Home Visit = community resources, goody bag, plus **\$50** gift certificate to Wal-Mart;

Option #3:

- Career advising and child care licensing services - **FREE**;
- Health & Safety Training = scholarship valued at **\$80** for Health & Safety Training, plus **\$50** cash stipend; plus **\$50** gift certificate from a supply catalog;
- Training & Licensing Incentives = 15 hours of training through workshops and conferences = **\$100** stipend (if Health and Safety Training is current).

All providers will complete an Application as well as a Professional Development Plan with the support of CARES Staff.



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ATTENTION Informal Child Care Providers!

- Do you provide care for at least 15 hours per week?
- Do you provide care for at least one child other than your own?
- Is that child between the ages of birth and five?

If so, you could qualify for up to \$150 in CASH Stipends and Incentives!



Valley Oak Children's Services offers Cash Stipends and Incentives through a State funded program called CARES. If you are providing Informal Child Care and meet the above qualifications, please see inside of this brochure for more information about the different options it has to offer!

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CARES 2007/2008: Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) Track

OPTION 1:

The Caregiver Workshop option is for those providers who would like to attend a 1 1/2 hour training which would include health & safety issues, injury prevention, age appropriate activities, how to make the home a learning environment, nutrition information, positive communication and guidance. While attending the workshop, providers will receive resources and incentives!

OPTION 2:

The Home Visit option (optional for 1st year providers but required if wanting to participate in 2nd year) is for those who would like our Provider Support Specialist to visit their home, bringing community resources and a goody bag of fun activities for the children in their care. The resources may include information on health & safety issues, licensing requirements, and/or any other topics in which the provider expresses a specific interest. Home visits last 90 minutes and during the home visit, the Provider Support Specialist will work with the provider to create a Professional Development Plan, which will include an entry-level assessment.

At the end of the home visit, providers will receive a **\$50** gift card.

OPTION 3:

A. Individual Career Advising Sessions:

The Career Advising option is offered to providers who would like assistance and information regarding community resources, licensing, education and training. Providers will be linked as appropriate to other VOCS exempt provider programs which offer additional resources, supports, trainings and incentives. CARES staff will work with the provider to create a Professional Development Plan in setting goals toward the area they would like to grow professionally.

B. Health and Safety Training:

This training is offered to providers that are interested in attending the 15 hour Health and Safety training offered by Home Health Care Management. The training includes Infant/Adult CPR, Pediatric First Aid and Preventative Health. Providers who choose to attend this training will receive a full scholarship **(valued at \$80)** to pay for the training and a **\$50** stipend once the Health & Safety component is completed. In addition to the \$50 stipend, a **\$50** gift card will be issued to the provider. Providers may choose this option regardless of whether they receive home visits or participate in the other trainings described below.

C. Training & Licensing incentives:

Second year participants or first year participants who have completed the Health & Safety training must

complete 15 hours of CARES approved professional development in order to be eligible for a **\$100** stipend. The provider will have contact with CARES staff in creating a Professional Development Plan in regards to what trainings are offered and count for professional development.



*Sometimes it just takes a little information
and resources for us to reach our goals!*

For more information about the CARES Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) Track, please contact Cari Freeman at (530) 899-4943 or Amy Broce at (530) 899-4915