

## **FAMILY SUPPORT FUNDING (July 2019-June 2020)**

The Tennessee Family Support Program is a grant program totally funded through the state and administered through the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. This program provides a little bit of financial support to assist individuals with a **severe lifelong disability** (of all ages and income level) to be able to stay at home with their family, or live as independently as possible.

Since this program depends on the state legislature approving it each year, there is no guarantee that the program will be continued from year to year. Also, this application is not a guarantee that the applicant will be picked up during this fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020). Selection must be open to all individuals each year. **Prior selection cannot be considered as a priority. Selection shall not be determined on a first come, first served basis.**

### **Selection is based on:**

- Family needs, including services currently available and in use, informal support systems available to the family, and the condition of family members
- The immediacy of need, e.g. crisis or emergency
- Severity of the family problems
- Time awaiting services
- The impact of the disability on the activities of everyday life for the whole family

### **To be considered for support for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, you must return the following:**

- **2019-2020 Family Support Intake form (enclosed) with both sides completed and signed**
  - *Intakes received with a blank note section (explaining your need for the grant) will automatically go to the bottom of the list for review*
- **Proof of Disability (must clearly state the diagnosis from the physician or School records)**
- **Proof of Residency (most current utility bill – this can be in the family's name)**
- **Proof of Citizenship (copy of Birth Certificate)**

Please return the above requested information **ASAP** so we can review and determine your eligibility for this program. You may return these documents by:

- Mail- ATTN Family Support  
715 Emory Valley Rd.  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
- Email and FAX– see below

Assistance with Spanish interpretation is available. Please contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Regina Wilson, Family Support Director