

Franklin County Children Services

AdoptOhio Incentives Program 06/07

The purpose of the adopt Ohio incentive as administered by Franklin County Children Services is to offer a one time incentive to adoptive families who finalize on a older, medically fragile or a large sibling group. In the past these populations have waited longer than other youth for adoption for various reasons.

The funds are given to the adoptive families as a permanent incentive or package to assist families for future planning of these youth that are not covered by Medicaid. Such services include college savings, emancipation services, graduation expenses, tutoring, and recreational/social opportunities.

Schedule of AdoptOhio Incentives for Families

Funds are made available to the family after receipt of a final decree of adoption and based on availability of funds from JFS

- Youth ages 9-12 - \$3,000
- Youth ages 13-18 - \$6,000
- Medically fragile youth ages 2-8 - \$3,000
(those with life threatening illness and who have nursing or other medical technology equipment for survival)
- Large sibling group(family is adopting more than 3 siblings) - \$500 per youth ages 0-8

AdoptOhio funds are also used to pay for collaboration with private agencies to increase pool of approved families for youth we have waiting in Ohio. This would entail payment of approved home studies, courtesy supervision and or other related adoptive activities.

Funds are also used to showcase youth waiting via adoption parties, production of flyers and other promotional items (ie calendar) and other media outreach via recruitment efforts.

Our county has seen tremendous movement of older and minority youth. These funds are a major factor in our placement success.