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Community Care Foster Family Home Program

Aloha CCFFH Operators, COVID-19 has now begun to affect caregivers and CCFFHs. We knew it was only a matter of time because no one can prevent the spread of the Coronavirus, people can only slow the spread. Home and Community Based Service providers have been doing an excellent job to assist in those efforts.

However, CTA is reaching out to gather a list of Primary and Substitute Caregivers willing to go on a COVID-19 response team roster.

This team will be called to see if they are available to assist if there is a crisis and to explain the circumstances when there are situations in a CCFFH where a household member OR caregiver has potentially been exposed and has to quarantine OR has tested positive and must isolate themselves. When this happens, we anticipate that the clients will need alternative caregivers.

While all CCFFHs have SCGs, they are not always available and others may not understand that the risk of transmission is low and therefore are unnecessarily fearful. The risk of transmission is low when proper infection control precautions are used.

As a CCFFH community, we all want to support caregivers to take care of themselves

COVID-19 Caregivers and Homes



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CTA would like to develop a roster of individuals to call that are willing to go into these homes to care for clients. These caregivers will be paid for providing services. The caregivers will be supplied with additional training and additional personal protective equipment from the Department of Health Disease Outbreak Control Division and Disease Investigation Branch (DIB) as well as MedQuest for Medicaid clients.

If you are not willing to care for clients in another person's home but ARE willing to take care of clients in your own CCFFH that have been potentially exposed (which doesn't mean they were -it only means there is a probability they were), tested negative for COVID-19 or even tested positive for COVID-19, then let us know that too.

Please email covid19@comties.com with your name and number and someone will contact you to get the specifics of EXACTLY what you are and are not willing and available to assist with. The roster will include everyone's preference to provide each specific service.

In summary the following are the instances we would like to have a list for. You may get put on each list or only 1 list. That choice is yours.

1. Providing care to clients in another person's CCFFH
 - a. When caregivers and/or household members need to be in quarantine for a potential exposure
 - b. When caregivers and/or household members need to isolate because they have tested positive for COVID-19
 - c. When a client in the home have tested negative
 - d. When a client in the home has tested

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2. Transferring clients to your CCFH

- a. When a client has tested negative
- b. when a client has tested positive

In both of these instances, you cannot have any other clients in the home due to potential exposure for a minimum of 14 days until the DIB clears them as being safe.

The specifics and details will be discussed as situations arise since they will be different in how they are handled because every situation will be unique.

We appreciate your commitment and dedication to keeping everyone safe while continuing to provide quality care.

Mahalo,

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