

**CLINTON COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
FOSTER CARE PROGRAM**

**POLICY REGARDING LEGAL REPRESENTATION, LEGAL FEES  
COUNSELING OR LEGAL ADVOCACY FOR FOSTER CAREGIVERS**

Clinton County Job and Family Services has issued the following statement concerning legal representation, legal fees, counseling or legal advocacy for foster caregivers for matters directly related to the proper performance of their roles. At this time, Clinton County Job and Family Services will not compensate or reimburse foster caregivers for any expenses incurred when procuring legal representation, counseling or advocacy services or for any legal fees paid for such services in such matters directly related to their performance and/or service as foster caregivers. When foster caregivers seek such representation or other legal services accordingly, Clinton County Job and Family Services can offer assistance with referral and resource information about different legal services available including support groups, local Legal Aid offices and other agencies with knowledge of the pertinent matter the foster caregiver is seeking legal counseling on; however, the agency will not accept responsibility financially for said services delivered to foster caregivers thereafter. As noted afore hand, Clinton County Job and Family Services will not compensate or financially reimburse foster caregivers for expenses incurred for legal services obtained by foster caregivers for matters directly related to the proper performance of their roles.

Please note this information will be given to foster caregivers at the time of initial certification, on-goingly at training and rule reviews.

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