



# Family Support Services Program

Family Support Services Program (FSSP) provides support to families in their role as primary caregivers for a family member with a developmental disability. FSS provides a small grant designed to reduce stress, ease the burden of care, and provide some support for extraordinary expenses incurred while maintaining an individual with developmental disabilities at home. Needs are conveyed by the family by completing a biannual questionnaire. **FSS funding is an addition to other community resources and is not meant to be a family's sole source of support.**

A Family Support Plan (FSP) will be created and completed with the FSS Coordinator, based in part, on your completion of the FSS application. Services for your child will be identified in this plan. In addition, the FSP will aid the family in identifying goals and needs in order to provide the proper resources and supports for your family. Changes can be made to the FSP throughout the year as long as they are approved by the FSS Coordinator. The FSP will be reviewed and updated annually.

The FSS Allocation Committee meets in June and December to review the eligible cases. Families are notified of funding decisions via letter.

Once approved for funding, families must fill out a statement of expenses with receipts attached, in order to receive reimbursement. Forms must be signed by families and caregivers (if applicable).

## **How do I get started?**

0-4 years old: contact Tanya Workman (970)244-5519, [tworkman@mesadev.org](mailto:tworkman@mesadev.org)

5 and older: all children must be formally determined to have a developmental disability. Please contact Eligibility/Intake regarding "After-Five-Eligibility", (970)256-8656.

## **Allowable services and supports**

Respite Care

Parent and Sibling Support

Professional Service

Assistive Technology

Medical and Dental

Home Modification

Transportation

Other Individual Expenses

**Family Support cannot pay for all of your needs, please contact Tanya Workman with questions of how other resources in the community may help you. We are here to support you!**