Families and Children Letter FCL 008
OFFICE OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

TO: Directors, Public Children Services Agencies
    Administrators, Title IV-E Courts

FROM: Jeffery Van Deusen, Deputy Director,
      Office of Families and Children

DATE: May 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Funding for Foster Youth Graduating in 2021

We would like to celebrate the educational accomplishments of our youth in foster care who are graduating from high school, or who have successfully earned their High School Equivalency Diplomas (formerly known as a GED). Special allocations will be made available to your agency through the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS) for this purpose. With these funds, agencies are encouraged to offer each graduate a monetary gift in recognition of successfully completing this milestone achievement.

In order to determine the individual award levels and county allocation amounts, the Office of Children and Families will need a signed copy of the attached allocation agreement. This document indicates the total number of graduates from your agency, and each graduate’s first name and SACWIS PID. In order to ensure adequate processing time, these agreements must be submitted to Tracy.Hughes2@jfs.ohio.gov no later than May 21, 2021. Unfortunately, no allocation requests will be accepted after this date.

OFC’s Transitional Youth Coordinators, Shelly Boyd and Tracy Hughes, are available to assist you, if needed. Should you have questions, please forward them to the Transitional Youth mailbox: Transitional-Youth-Programs@jfs.ohio.gov.
Graduation Allocation

Title IV-E Agency: __________________________________________

We agree to use the allocation received to provide our 2021 graduating foster youth with a check for the amount awarded in recognition of successfully completing this milestone achievement. We understand this cannot be in the form of a cash stipend or purchased gift cards.

Please submit the following:

Total Number of 2021 Graduates: ______

Names (and SACWIS ID numbers):

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Public Children Services Director or Designee Signature: __________________________

Date: __________________________

Submitted for Payment to Tracy.Hughes2@jfs.ohio.gov by noon on May 21, 2021.
To be completed by the Office of Families and Children

PO#: ____________  Invoice#: ____________  Amount: $__________

Approved for Payment by:  ______________________________________

Date:  ______________________________________