Dear Kinship Foster Grandparent,

As a grandparent or great-grandparent caregiver to a related child or children placed in your home by the Department of Child Safety (DCS), you may be eligible for a monthly stipend.

To be eligible for the Grandparent Stipend you must meet the following criteria:

- 1. You must be a grandparent or great-grandparent caregiver to a related child or children placed in your home by the Department of Child Safety (sometimes referred to as CPS).
- 2. You must **not** be a licensed foster home or licensed foster parent.
- 3. Your household income must be less than 200% of the federal poverty level by family size as shown on the attached Grandparent Stipend Eligibility form (ACY-1314A).

The monthly stipend is \$75 per month for <u>each</u> grandchild placed in your home by DCS. You will receive the stipend in the same manner as the monthly allowances you currently receive for the child or children in your care.

The Department of Child Safety looks forward to providing this stipend to eligible kinship foster grandparents to help defray a small portion of the costs associated with caregiving.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Grandparent Stipend, please contact (602) 255-2631.

Sincerely,

Division of Child Safety