

The Department of Children and Families is proud to announce **Florida's Adoption Benefits Enrollment** period is right around the corner! As the state agency responsible for the adoption of children from the child welfare system in Florida, we value the contributions of the many state employees who work to make our system a success, especially those individuals who choose to adopt children from our care.

Florida has a special benefits program for those state employees and teachers who choose to embrace children from our state's system and make them part of their forever family. Through the Adoption Benefits Program, state employees and teachers who adopt children from the Department may be eligible for a one-time stipend of \$5,000 or \$10,000 depending on the special needs of the child adopted.

The enrollment period for the Adoption Benefits Program begins August 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 but all state employees can begin researching whether or not they are eligible right now by visiting the Department of Children and Families Web site at www.state.fl.us/cf_web/.

Just click on the icon for the Adoption Benefits Enrollment Program to view valuable information about the program or to download an application for benefits. You may also contact your agency Personnel Office for additional information about the Adoption Benefits Program.

On behalf of Governor Charlie Crist, the Department of Children and Families is proud to offer this benefits opportunity to state employees and teachers throughout the state.

Thank you,

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