FOSTER PARENT TRAINING
Purpose: to provide everything you need to know about financial processes when fostering a child
AGENDA

- Respite Care
  - How much
  - How many days
  - When paid out

- Kinship Care (brief overview)
  - How much
  - Pro-rate
  - When paid out

- Foster Care
  - Different Types of rate
  - Pro-rate
  - When paid out

- Clothing Allowance
  - How much
  - How to submit
  - Proper vs. Improper

- Questions/Who to Contact
Daily rate of $33
Pay day in NOT day OUT
- Daily rate pays day in not the day out @ $33/night
  - EXCEPTION: day respite pays day out

- If a child’s needs necessitate a higher rate, it will be determined prior to respite occurring

- If a child is served in the Children’s Long Term Support Program, the program will pay out at different rate
  - Rate not paid through eWiSACWIS (state database) but paid out through the waiver
Monthly rate of $238
Relationship to child
KINSHIP CARE VS FOSTER CARE

**Kinship Care**
- Child has to be a relative
- Paid the month of care, full amount
- No variety in payment amount
  - Set amount for kinship care – does not differ based off child’s needs

**Foster Care**
- Child can be a relative or a complete stranger
- Paid the month after care, can be prorated
- Variety in payment amount
  - Set amounts but changes based on:
    - Age
    - Needs
    - Extra expenses
When going through the licensing process, it is important to determine the level for each foster parent:

Level 1 = Kinship Care
Level 2 = Foster Care

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Different subtypes to the Foster Care Rate
Rates vary/pro-rate/subject to individualized worker assessment
“The Uniform Foster Care Rate (UFCR; FCR) is a standard scale of monthly payments to foster parents for the cost of caring for a foster child.”

There are four parts to the rate:
1. Basic Maintenance Rate
2. Supplemental Rate
3. Exceptional Rate
4. Clothing Allowance

Is determined to cover the basic needs for the care of the child in your home.
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1. **BASIC MAINTENANCE RATE (STANDARD)**

"Statutorily set by Legislature and published by the department"

Minimum to expect each month for each child while in out of home care

(Only can be lower than this amount if it's a partial month in care)

\[ f = \frac{\text{monthly amount}}{\text{days}} \times \text{days in care} \]

Upgraded for birthday into next tier
2. SUPPLEMENTAL RATE (NEEDS)

The higher a child scores on this tool, the increase for the supplemental rate.

Not every item on this tool is used towards the suppl. Rate

Agencies are the gatekeepers to changes of the CANS tool.

Foster parents can ask for re-assessment

Foster parents have the right to review with the worker

Must be completed within 30 days of placement; subsequently every 6 months (exception: significant change to child’s behavior)
Eligible Costs:

- Transportation – to the school of origin
  - X miles at $Y per mile
- Transportation – other (court hearings, family interactions, independent living classes, foster parent training, meetings with caseworker/meetings with child welfare agency; extra-curricular activities)
  - These costs must go beyond what is normally expected
- Personal Incidentals – Care Needs – OTC medications and Special Dietary Foods; Hygiene and cosmetics; extra infant and toddler supplies (high chairs/diapers)
  - These needs must go beyond what is normally expected
- Personal Incidentals – Normalcy Activities – Drivers Ed; College Prep costs; work-related costs; “reasonable and occasional” costs of such items as tickets or other admission fees for sporting, entertainment or cultural events or dues for clubs
- Supervision
- Sibling Placement
- Minor Parent/Minor Child

3. EXCEPTIONAL RATE (EXPENSES)

This section of the rate is used to ‘assist’ the provider with costs that pertain to the child.

All costs must go above and beyond what is normally expected for a child at the same given age.

Prior to expense occurring, the expense must be approved to be reimbursed by the Department.
Set amount
Within 60 days of placement
### 4. Clothing Allowance

- Specifically INITIAL
  - Within the first 2 months of care
  - Grace period
  - Only applies to clothing & sales tax (no school items, misc. costs, etc)
  - MUST PROVIDE ORIGINAL RECEIPT
  - Allowance follows child within placement strings (exception: 4 months reunified “resets” allowance if child re-enters care)

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HOW TO REIMBURSE CLOTHING EXPENSES
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JR DAYWEAR 646007243097 G 1.80 T2
ItemPrice 9.00 YouSave 7.20

MS SWEATER 848940072363 * 30.00 T2
ItemPrice 60.00 YouSave 30.00

MISSY SLEEPWEAR 716272286751 G 11.60 T2
ItemPrice 58.00 YouSave 46.40

SUBTOTAL 43.40

TOTAL OFF OFFER 10.00-
Kohl'S CASH 172858172000773 20.00-
**REMNING BALANCE 0.00
T1= 0.00 @ 8.0% TAX 0.00
T2= 13.40 @ 4.0% TAX 0.54
TOTAL $13.94

TOTAL SAVED: $113.60

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING AT KOHL'S
WHO DO I CONTACT?
WHO DO I ASK...

- What is my monthly check amount
- Will I get paid for my respite on xx/xx/2017
- Is my clothing allowance on this check...
- Can this get paid as exceptional

To: Assigned social worker
CC: Laci mccannl@co.portage.wi.us
CC: Danita dockad@co.portage.wi.us

Calling Danita is also acceptable for those that do not have email or internet access.
WHO DO I ASK...

- Parent didn’t come see kid
- Doctors appointment on Friday
- Child having atypical temper tantrums
- When is Court?
- What PSG worker is picking up child?
WHO DO I ASK...

- When is that training?
- When are you available to meet regarding licensing?
- How can I change my W-9?
- What decisions can I make without the parent?
- Who has to pay school fees, library fines, disorderly conduct tickets, allowance, etc?

To: Danita  dockad@co.portage.wi.us
MISCELLANEOUS

- Checks are processed on the 5th business day of the month. UNLESS there is a holiday.
  - Respites
  - Kinship Care
  - Foster Care
  - Clothing Allowances

- Medical aid costs and their reimbursement are not eligible under the exceptional rate. However, there is assistance through MA mileage reimbursement.
  - This reimbursement is not an assistance the Department offers. In these cases, you want to contact MTM Services.
QUESTIONS / FEEDBACK