

Caregiver Support Resource Payments



What are monthly caregiver support resource level payments?

Monthly caregiver support resource level payments assist licensed caregivers (foster parents and licensed kinship caregivers) in meeting the needs of children and youth experiencing foster care.

How much should I expect to receive?

A Caregiver Support Resource Level 1 is paid to all licensed caregivers for costs related to food, clothing, shelter, and personal incidentals. There are six additional caregiver resource level payments which are paid to licensed caregivers who are parenting children with varying degrees of physical, developmental, behavioral, or mental health conditions that require increased effort, care, or supervision beyond the needs of a typically developing child.

The chart below outlines the monthly caregiver support resource levels by child's age and their support needs.

Child's Age	Level 1/ Basic	Level 2 (Includes Basic)	Level 3 (Includes Basic)	Level 4 (Includes Basic)	Level 5 (Includes Basic)	Level 6 (Includes Basic)	Level 7 (Includes Basic)
0-5 Years	\$722	N/A	\$1,407	\$1,749.50	\$2,092	\$2,434.50	\$2,777
6-11 Years	\$846.00	N/A	\$1,531	\$1,873.50	\$2,216	\$2,558.50	\$2,901
12+ Years	\$860.00	\$1,202.50	\$1,545	\$1,887.50	\$2,230	\$2,572.50	\$2,951

The chart below breaks down the monthly basic rate by the child's age and basic needs.

Child's Age	Shelter ¹	Food ²	Clothing ³	Personal Incidentals	2023 Legislative Increase	Total Level 1/ Basic
0-5 Years	\$385.00	\$183.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$50.00	\$722.00
6-11 Years	\$385.00	\$291.00	\$44.00	\$76.00	\$50.00	\$846.00
12+ Years	\$385.00	\$318.00	\$43.00	\$64.00	\$50.00	\$860.00

¹ Shelter costs are based on 2019 Washington foster care non-relative placements, by county; and The FY 2019 Washington FMR Summary, average cost of adding a bedroom (from one to 4 bedrooms). (https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2019_code/2019state_summary.odn).

² USDA Moderate-Cost Food Plans July 2019, adjusted to Washington State Cost of Living (source: <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/CostofFoodJul2019.pdf>; 2010 Census Bureau Cost of Living for Urban Areas).

³ Clothing and a marginal portion of shelter costs are based on 2015-2017 Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) updated to July 2019 dollars by using the Consumer Price Index, using the respective CES Expenditure Codes outlined in Tables 2-4.

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