

2008 Relative Care Support Chart

	DFCS CUSTODY		RELATIVE CUSTODY			
	Enhanced Relative Rate (ERR)	Foster Care Per Diem	Relative Care Subsidy (RCS)	Enhanced Relative Care Subsidy (ERCS)	Subsidized Guardianship (SG)	Enhanced Subsidized Guardianship (ESG)
Source	DFCS	DFCS	DFCS	DFCS	DFCS	DFCS
Who	Relative Caregivers	Any approved foster parent	Relative with legal custody	Relative with legal custody	Relative guardian	Relative guardian
Income Requirement Child	Child cannot receive more than \$400 in child support/SSI	None	-Child cannot receive more than \$400/month in child support/SSI	-Child cannot receive over \$400/month in support/SSI	Can't receive over \$400 in child support/SSI	-Child can't receive over 400/month in support/SSI
Income Requirement Relative	None	None	None	-Relative caregiver's household income under \$150k/year	None	Relative caregiver's household income under \$150k/yr
Legal Relationship	Relative Caregivers who have physical custody of the child while DFCS has legal custody.	A regular or relative foster care home that has been approved by DFCS.	When temporary legal custody transferred from DFCS to relative who agrees to have permanent custody of the child until the child turns 18	Same as RCS	The juvenile court has transferred temporary legal custody from DFCS to the guardianship of an approved relative caregiver	Same as SG
Age	18	18	18 or if in high school until 19-until graduate	18 or if in high school until 19-until graduate	18 or if in high school until 19-until graduate	18 or if in high school until 19-until graduate
Other Reqs; Eligibility reqs; Circumstances ending eligibility	-Must have approved RCA -Ends once permanency achieved. Usually financial support until relative qualifies as foster parent -Must be renewed annually	-Home approved as foster home w/in 180 days of child being there	Court must FIRST issue non-reunification court order and THEN a custody order - Annual review by DFCS -3 yr. review by court -Parental rights CANNOT be terminated -if parents successfully petition to have custody returned, ends	Same as for RCS	-Child in custody of DFCS for at least 12 months and reunification with parents unlikely (but NRCP not necessary)	Same as for SG

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Amount	-Calculate 80% of what per diem amt would be for child of same age as child in Q -ERR rates: →Birth-5: \$355.25 per month →6-12: \$401.50 →13 and over: \$457.47	- <u>Regular Per Diem</u> -DFCS basic rate: Birth-5:\$14.60 6-12: \$16.50 13 and up:\$18.80 - <u>Special per diem</u> : added on to Basic Rate; ranging \$0.50-1.75 for children who demand additional time and skills of FP - <u>Specialized Foster Care</u> : for children a lot of special needs; a rate that is higher than the Basic Rate + \$1.75 (which is the basic rate + max amt of special rate available)-requires approval	\$10/day or \$304.17 per month	80% of per diem rate based on child's age at time custody transferred to relative -ERCS Rates: →Birth-5: \$355.25 per month →6-12: \$401.50 →13 and over: \$457.47	\$10/day or \$304.17 per month	80%of foster care per diem ESG rates: →Birth-5: \$355.25 per month →6-12: \$401.50 →13 and over: \$457.47
Automatic qualification for other funding	-IV-E Eligible -Annual clothing allowance	-IV-Eligible; IV-E reimbursable -Annual clothing allowance	Annual clothing allowance	Annual clothing allowance	Annual clothing allowance	Annual clothing allowance
Automatic exclusion from other funding	All other DFCS funding; NOT IV-E reimbursable	If receiving ERR and trying to get per diem, if home not approved as FH w/in 180 days because of non-compliance-ERR cut off	TANF; NOT IV-E eligible or reimbursable	TANF; NOT IV-E eligible or reimbursable	TANF; NOT IV-E eligible or reimbursable	TANF; NOT IV-E eligible or reimbursable
Medicaid	Right From the Start Medicaid (RSM)	IV-E Medicaid, then CWFC	RSM; PeachCare	RSM; PeachCare	RSM; PeachCare	RSM; PeachCare
What \$ can be used for	Assist relative with basic needs of child while in relative's care	Reimbursements for expenses related to child's care	Child's needs- clothes, special dietary needs, med/dental, special ed needs, child care, mental needs	Child's needs- clothes, special dietary needs, med/dental, special ed needs, child care, mental needs	Child's needs- clothes, special dietary needs, med/dental, special ed needs, child care, mental needs	Child's needs- clothes, special diet needs, med/dental, special ed needs, child care, mental needs

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