

Foster parents are reimbursed for the money spent caring for foster children on a monthly basis thorough issuance of a check around the 12th of the month for the previous month. Direct deposit is available. As a general rule, the board rate is meant to cover food, clothing, transportation, utilities, telephone, linens, recreation, the child's allowance and personal incidentals. Foster parents are required to provide the foster children with an allowance on a weekly or monthly basis. Foster parents are encouraged to find ways for the children to earn their allowance, as age appropriate, in order to allow them the opportunity to develop a sense of responsibility. Foster parents are also encouraged to set allowance amounts based on the needs of the child (i.e. a teenage child should be afforded the opportunity to earn enough money to participate in activities with his/her friends). A child should not be expected to purchase their own clothes, toiletries or personal items with their allowance.

The current board rate for foster children is as follows:

Ages 0-12 years:	\$17/day	\$517.44/month
Ages 13-17 years:	\$19/day	\$578.32/month