

With the legislature’s passage of the budget, the foster care basic rate increased to the following amounts effective July 1.

## **Foster Care Maintenance Payments**

Foster care maintenance payments are intended to assist licensed foster parents in meeting the needs of the foster child in their care. A basic rate payment (Level 1) is paid to all foster parents for costs related to food, clothing, shelter, and personal incidentals. In addition, there are three levels of supplemental payments (Levels 2, 3 and 4) which are paid to foster parents who care for children with varying degrees of physical, mental, behavioral or emotional conditions that require increased effort, care or supervision that are above the needs of a typically developing child.

### **Monthly Rate:**

<b>Child's Age</b>	<b>Level I or Basic Rate</b>	<b>Level II (Includes Basic Rate)</b>	<b>Level III (Includes Basic Rate)</b>	<b>Level IV (Includes Basic Rate)</b>
0-5 Years	\$562	\$739.92	\$1,085.51	\$1,364.30
6-11 Years	\$683	\$860.92	\$1,206.51	\$1,485.30
12+ Years	\$703	\$880.92	\$1,226.51	\$1,505.30

### **Basic Rate:**

<b>Child's Age</b>	<b>Shelter <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Food <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Clothing*</b>	<b>Personal Incidentals*</b>	<b>Total Level 1</b>
0-5 Years	\$272	\$180	\$53	\$57	\$562
6-11 Years	\$272	\$285	\$49	\$77	\$683
12+ Years	\$272	\$313	\$50	\$68	\$703

1 The cost estimate for shelter include a “base housing number” of \$239 based on HUD fair market rent data and additional estimated shelter costs of \$33 based on the marginal cost of certain Consumer Expenditure Survey codes related to IV-E allowable costs.

2 The cost estimate for food is based on USDA food diaries for moderate income individuals and does not exclude costs related to the availability of WIC for 0-5 year olds and school lunches for school age youth.

\* Cost estimates for clothing and personal incidentals are based on USDA average costs for 2 parent/2 child households using Consumer Expenditure Survey codes related to IV-E allowable costs.