



## Foster Care: Reimbursable Expenses and Services Available

### A child entering foster care is eligible for the following:

- **Medical, dental and behavioral health coverage through Louisiana Medicaid**
  - Please request coverage and insurance card from your case worker if you don't have one
- **Purchases of necessities for a child upon placement**

All purchases are based on the child's needs. Maximum amounts are listed below and require prior authorization with the child's worker.

  - Clothing – up to \$300 (*under 12 years old*) or up to \$400 (*12 years and older*)
  - Replacement clothing - \$200 per year (*under 12 years old*) or \$300 per year (*12 years and older*) per child, as needed
  - Incidentals (toiletries/personal hygiene) – up to \$40
  - Luggage – up to \$100
  - Car Seat – up to \$150 (*infant/toddler*) or up to \$50 (*booster seat*)
  - School Supplies – up to \$75
  - School Uniforms – \$150 (*under 10 years old*) or \$250 (*children aged 10-17*)
  - Backpack – \$50 per school year

### Additional services reimbursable to a caregiver:

- **Mileage based on the current state rate**
  - Taking a child to and from a family visit
  - Attending meetings/Court Hearings on behalf of or with the foster child
  - Transporting the child to and from an appointment (medical, therapeutic)
- **Prescription medication not covered by Medicaid**

### Caregivers may also be eligible for the following reimbursement with prior approval from the child's case worker:

- **Educational expenses**
  - Tutoring
  - Club dues
  - Clothing for special events or athletics (PE uniform, team or athletic gear) – not to exceed \$100
  - Senior expenses – not to exceed \$200 for senior pictures and \$500 for senior ring and/or senior packages
  - School pictures/yearbooks – not to exceed \$50 per school year
- **Band instruments** – purchase or rental not to exceed \$400 (including insurance)
- **Developmental/socialization activities** – up to \$900 per year
  - Summer camp – not to exceed \$300 per year

Additional services may be available for reimbursement on a child-specific basis. Foster caregivers seeking reimbursement should consult with the child's case worker and obtain approval prior to making any purchase and keep all receipts.

For more information about expenses, contact your child's case worker or email [DCFS.FosterCare@la.gov](mailto:DCFS.FosterCare@la.gov).