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Information on Levels of Care

According to the Child Welfare League of America's National Data Analysis System (NDAS)¹, in 2002 there were 25 states known to have "level of care" systems for children in out-of-home care. They are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and West Virginia. In addition, four other states provided us with information about their care systems. They are: Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, and Virginia. The term "level of care" represents a service delivery model based on a continuum of care, ranging from least restrictive to most restrictive placement settings. Common characteristics of this model include set criteria for determining a child's physical, emotional, and social needs, placement requirements, and payment schedule. States may vary according to the number of care levels they identify and the types of services associated with each level.

We gathered information on many of these programs through NDAS, Internet sources and direct contact with state agencies to provide the following summary of level of care information. The type of information available is as varied as the systems in use in the states. Note that this is not a comprehensive list of all policies.

Alaska

The levels of care apply only within the residential care system.

Name of Level	Brief Description
1	Day Treatment
2	Emergency stabilization and assessment (emergency shelter care)
3	Residential treatment
4	Residential diagnostic and treatment programs (small residential programs with heavy emphasis on short-term intensive mental health treatment)
5	Residential psychiatric treatment centers (24-hour care for the most severely disturbed children with the greatest needs for long-term care).

¹ <http://ndas.cwla.org/>

Arizona

Name of Level	Brief Description	Foster Parent Reimbursement ²
Basic Foster Care		\$22.50 - \$25.87
Special 2		\$26.76 - \$28.76
Special 3		\$33.89 - \$35.89
FC + Parent Therapist		\$40.35 - \$42.35
Behavioral Health Group Home Care	Supervisory residential setting appropriate to the needs of the individual, including 24-hour supervision.	
Therapeutic Group Home	Structured treatment in a setting appropriate to the needs of the individual, including 24-hour supervision, 24-hour awake staff coverage.	
Residential Treatment Center	In a secure or non-secure setting, provide treatment which enables the individual to move to a less restrictive level of care as soon as the treatment goals are met	

Colorado (county administered)

Colorado implemented a system redesign of residential congregate care formerly known as RTC (Residential Treatment Centers) using a fee-for-service system (effective July 1, 2006). The cost depends on the type of residential congregate care (PRTF-psychiatric residential treatment facility), TRCCF (therapeutic residential child care facility), and RCCF (residential child care facility). In regard to foster care, development of level of care (LOC) instruments was left to the county departments. There are two LOC (northern consortium and southern consortium) instruments that are used more frequently by the larger counties. Smaller and mid-size counties have developed methodologies of their own.

² Rate per day, varies by age of child. See www.de.state.az.us/dcyf/adoption/pdf/rates.pdf

Connecticut

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement³
Foster Care			\$24.21 - \$26.89/ day, by age of child
Medically Complex ⁴	Children with medical needs beyond the common childhood illnesses	Classes are provided to give a description of the program as well as a brief introduction to some of the special care needs of our children	\$44.38/day
Specialized/Therapeutic ⁵	Private Agencies have contracts to provide foster care for children ages 3-17 who have extraordinary psychological and medical needs	Specialized Foster Parents are trained and receive support via the Private Agency	
Emergency Shelter	24-hour residential supervision and access, on an as-needed basis, to clinical care. This care is designed to be short-term in nature, while more permanent or long-range options for the child is developed		
Group Homes	Designed for adolescents who are likely to eventually transition to independence following group home care, 24 hour residential staff		
Private Residential Treatment Center	Provide individual, group, and family therapy; a mix of on-grounds education and community-based education depending upon the level of need experienced by children; 24 hour awake residential care staff; medication management; and recreation services		
State Residential Treatment Centers	Intensive services as described for Residential Treatment Centers and include a population of children who are often harder to serve in private facilities. These children are more likely to meet designations of medically or behaviorally complex		

³ See <http://www.state.ct.us/dcf/Policy/Trmt36/36-55-25-2.htm>

⁴ See http://www.state.ct.us/dcf/FASU/FASU_Med_complex.htm

⁵ See http://www.state.ct.us/dcf/FASU/FASU_Therapeutic.htm

District of Columbia

Name of Level	Brief Description
Level III Handicap	Child or youth has significant physical impairments, but does not require skilled nursing to assist in ongoing care
Level IV Multi-Handicap	Child or youth has a diagnosable, enduring, life-threatening condition. Skilled nursing is required to assist in ongoing care.

Georgia

The level of care system only pertains to public and private specialized foster care providers

Name of Level	Brief Description ¹	In-Service Training Hours Required ²	Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Rate ³
Level 1	No more than occasional mild emotional and/or behavioral management problems			Written State Office approval is required for the county department to pay a DFCS foster home a per diem which is higher than the Basic Service Rate plus \$1.75. Approval of a rate is to meet the special needs of a child and to reimburse the provider for the extra services required to care for the child.
Level 2	Mild emotional and/or behavioral management problems	Primary foster parent: 20 Secondary: 15	Ongoing education and training is offered to foster parents regarding the child's specific diagnoses	
Level 3	Moderate and/or occasional serious emotional and/or behavioral management problems	Primary: 20 Secondary: 15	"	
Level 4	Moderate to serious emotional and/or behavioral management problems	Primary: 35; secondary: 25	Caregiver receives specialized training by medical personnel	
Level 5	Serious to severe emotional and/or behavioral management problems	Primary: 35; secondary: 25	"	
Level 6	Severe emotional and/or behavioral		Specialized training in all areas	

Name of Level	Brief Description ¹	In-Service Training Hours Required ²	Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Rate ³
	management problems		(including medications and treatments) is given to caregivers prior to the child leaving the hospital	Renewal of the state's approval is required. Depending on the needs of the child, the special per diem may be decreased, continued or increased at each review.

¹Indicators for each level at:

http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/DHR-DFCS/DHR-DFCS_CommonFiles/11370069LOCIndicatorManual_1103.pdf

²Training requirements for each level at:

<http://www.gahsc.org/nm/pp/2003/locminimumstandardsforlevelofcareproviders20031103.doc>

³Rates for child-caring institutions and child placing agencies at: <https://www.galocweb.com/forms/docs/LOCContract2006.pdf>

Hawaii

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Basic Room & Board	This is the basic R&B for providing care & supervision for a foster child.	PRIDE	\$529/mo
Difficulty of Care	Additional compensation for providing care & supervision above what would usually be expected for a developmentally on target child. Based on the "special needs" of a child, <i>e.g.</i> , for more intensive supervision, physical or medical care, and foster parents' participation in therapy with child. Need for services must be supported in writing by the child's appropriate treating professional	Based on specific needs of child - foster parent may obtain necessary training from therapist, physician, or other appropriate professional. The Department also offers a range of specialized trainings and presentations.	Up \$570/mo (in addition to the \$529/mo basic R&B)

Illinois

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Basic		PRIDE	\$361 - \$445/ month, by age of child
Specialized Foster Care	A child with severe and/or chronic medical, mental health, and/or developmental concerns. The agency works closely with the foster parent around treatment needs for the child so the workers are in the home a minimum of twice per month .	12 hrs/yr minimum The agency typically offers the trainings but there are also Department trainings that the foster parents can attend	No standard rate; average \$950-\$2500 per month depending on agency and level

Illinois uses the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) instrument as the universal assessment tool to determine the needs of the child and then a team approach to determine how the needs can be met in terms of what level of care. See <http://www.state.il.us/DCFS/docs/IAPbroc.pdf>

Kansas

All foster care is provided under contract with private agencies. Kansas does not license group facilities using a "levels of care" system, but agencies placing children use "levels of care" names for the facilities or types of care.

Name of Level	Brief Description	Foster Parent Reimbursement⁶
Family Foster Care		\$19/82/day
Therapeutic Foster Care	A specialized foster home with a special license providing medically necessary treatment to behavior disordered. Care is provided in a home-like environment with a maximum of two (2) per home.	\$115.00/day

⁶ See Children and Family Services Services Rates and Covered Services, both available at <http://www.srskansas.org/publications.htm>

Name of Level	Brief Description	Foster Parent Reimbursement ⁶
Level III	A small group facility providing foster care, much like a large foster home; for children who usually exhibit no "serious" problems other than those related to current stress that reflects parental or caretaker inadequacy.	\$35.41/day
Level IV	A larger facility, usually providing more structure for residents; for children and youth who display moderate behavior problems which may include difficulty with authority figures, repeated minor criminal offenses, difficulty in school or involvement with drugs and/or alcohol.	\$59.93/day
Diversion	Highly trained family foster homes which are recruited and trained by a Licensed Child Placing Agency to offer an alternative to group residential facilities or institutional care.	\$49.64/day
Level V	A residential center providing medically necessary treatment for behavior disordered children	\$121.50/day
Level VI	A residential center providing medically necessary treatment for severely behavior disordered children	\$210/day
Emergency Family	Family foster care for the protection of children who are in immediate danger of harm or who have been threatened with harm. Limited to 30 days.	\$36.66/day

Kentucky

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required/Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement ⁷
Basic		Does not have a requirement for training that is specific to the level of care. The level of care is specific to the child. Minimum of 30 hours pre-service	\$19.70- \$21.70/day by age of child
Basic Advanced		Foster parents who have completed 24 hours of initial Advanced Foster Parent training and 12 hours ongoing training each year.	\$21.90-\$23.90/day by age of child
Care Plus	Children who have an emotional or behavioral problem, are due to be released from a treatment facility,	24 hour initial Family Treatment Home training and complete 24 hours ongoing training each year	\$37.00/day first year; then \$42.00/day

⁷ See https://apps.chfs.ky.gov/pandp_process/foster_care_per_diem.htm

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required/Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement ⁷
	display aggressive, destructive or disruptive behavior, are at risk of being placed in a more restrictive setting or of institutionalization, or have experienced numerous placement failures.		
Basic Medically Fragile	Children who are identified as medically fragile	Requires prior approval of the foster family's eligibility for the rate in addition to approval for the specific placement of the child by the Quality Central Medical Staff.	\$37.00/day
Advanced Medically Fragile	Children who meet the definition of specialized medically fragile, require physician or licensed nurse supervision, 24 hour monitoring, and close proximity to a regional medical center		\$42.00/day
Degreed Medically Fragile	Based on the child's medical acuity level, children who meet the definition of specialized medically fragile, require physician or R.N. supervision, 24 hour awake monitoring, and close proximity to a regional medical center		\$45.00/day
Specialized Medically Fragile	Quality Central Medical Staff may recommend specialized medically fragile rates based on the medical acuity of a child		\$55.00, \$70.95, or \$88.55/day
Therapeutic Foster Care	Homes operated by private child care agencies	Minimum of 36 hours orientation and preparation. Minimum of 24 hours ongoing annual training.	

Louisiana

The foster care worker and residential facility representative consult in completing a Residential Level of Care form to describe the child's level of care. The form is designed to accurately identify the needs of the child in a residential facility, emergency shelter, or supervised apartment. These needs must be addressed in services and case planning. Currently, there are 4 levels of residential care: mild, moderate, controlled, and intensive. Services under all levels include basic board, therapeutic treatment, supervision, recreation, transportation, and individualized treatment planning. Intensity, amount and kind of supervision and treatment vary according to the level of the child

Maine

Levels of Care is a new process for assessing the service needs of all Maine children currently in foster care and new children entering foster care. Implementation began in May 2003. The goal of Levels of Care is to have all children in foster care regularly assessed in a standardized way, both to support the appropriate level of care and service in the least restrictive setting possible and to assure that care and services delivered are supporting the goal of permanency for each child. All children placed in DHHS foster homes or contracted agency foster homes will be assigned a Level of Care (LOC) ranging from A to E based on their individual needs reflected in the child assessments. Scheduled re-assessments of all children will occur annually to determine their LOC. The LOC Assessment System includes service provider requirements (for both foster parents and child placing agencies) based on each child's level of need and standardized reimbursement for foster parents, directly relating reimbursement to the needs of individual children.

Name of Level	Brief Description ⁸	Foster Parent Reimbursement
LOC A - Basic Care - Minimal Needs	Children who have minimal needs and will be placed in a family foster home for children (family foster home). "Children with minimal needs" may have occasional episodes of behavioral and/or emotional problems which do not significantly impair the child's interpersonal relationships and ability to function at home or at school. "Children with minimal needs" are expected to function largely at an age appropriate level educationally, socially, physically, medically, developmentally and emotionally.	\$16.50/day

⁸ See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bcfs/locrule.htm> for full description

See <http://www.cwti.org/AFFT/MCF/MCF.htm> for information about Maine Caring Families, a therapeutic foster care program administered by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Child and Family Services for certain children in the Department's custody. The Program is a public/private partnership with Spurwink and CARE Development. The Child Welfare Training Institute provides training and support for the Department of Health and Human Services' Maine Caring Families Program

Name of Level	Brief Description⁸	Foster Parent Reimbursement
LOC B - Basic Care - Mild Needs	Children who have mild needs that require a higher than LOC 01-Basic Care level of services in a family foster home.	\$30.00/day
LOC C - Treatment Care - Moderate Needs	Children who have moderate needs that require a higher than LOC 02 - Basic Care level of services in a specialized children's foster home (specialized foster home)	\$45.00/day
LOC D - Treatment Care - High Needs	Children who have high needs that require a higher than LOC 03 - Treatment Care level of services in a specialized foster home.	\$60.00/day
LOC E - Treatment Care - Severe Needs	Children who have severe needs that require a higher than LOC 04 - Treatment Care level of services in a specialized foster home	\$75.00/day

Maryland

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required/ Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Regular Foster Care			\$20.48 - \$20.97/day by age of child
Intermediate Foster Care	Children may exhibit extraordinary physical, emotional or behavioral issues. These might include physical handicaps, emotional disturbances, severe learning disabilities, etc.	Foster parents are required to participate in various treatment plans, trainings, provide prescribed physical care, and other tasks as deemed appropriate.	\$22.19 - \$22.68/day by age of child

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required/ Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Diagnostic Shelter	Receives psychological and psychiatric work-up		
Small Group Home	Services up to 8 children with various needs		
Large Group Home	Serves up to 12 or more children		
Alternative Living Unit	3 children who are low function and an IQ below 70		
Therapeutic Group Home	Children with psychiatric and emotional problems		
Medically Fragile	Service to children who are technically dependent		

Missouri

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required/ Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Regular Foster Care			\$227 - \$307/month by age of child
Behavioral Foster Care	For children with behavioral challenges. ⁹ Upon successful completion of a behavioral foster care program, the child may move to a less structured setting.	Behavioral foster parents have acquired skills in managing and modifying problematic child behaviors.	\$657.00 plus \$100 Professional Parent Incentive Payment
Career Foster	For children with serious emotional	Provides intensive individualized intervention in a family and	\$47/day

⁹ See <http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/section4/sec4ch4.pdf> for complete description

Care	and behavior problems who qualify for the Career Foster Care (CFC) program.	community-based setting to prevent unnecessary and inappropriate placements of children in highly structured environments. Career Foster Parents have acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to serve as the primary change agent for children placed in their care.	
Medical Foster Care	For children with extraordinary medical needs. A medical foster family may best meet a child's needs if the child requires a minimum of six (6) hours of care per day beyond that of a child at the same age without medical/developmental problems.	Must have medical training and/or knowledge specific to care for the unique medical needs of the child. This training/knowledge is child specific and provided by the doctor/hospital for the child as needed and as prescribed by the attending physician.	\$657.00 plus \$100 Professional Parent Incentive Payment

Nebraska

Services offered are the same regardless of license. The difference in the licenses equates to the restrictive nature needed of the placement. Group Homes are staff-secure without overnight awake staff and Group Home A are staff-secure with overnight awake staff.

Nevada

Nevada is in the process of redesigning their system of children's mental health, including a new process for higher levels of care. Community residential services were based upon a level system comprised of group home levels 1, 2, and 3 and therapeutic foster care. In the redesign, the level system is collapsed to a single treatment home with services and supports mirroring the structure of the previous level 2 group home. When the individual needs of a child require a more intensive structure, additional non-residential services such as psychosocial rehabilitation and basic skills can be added.

New Hampshire

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required/Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Supplemental Level I Level II Level III Level IV Level V	The child's behavior, substance use, and medical/psychological/developmental needs are assessed, as are the resources (e.g, need to monitor the child, specialized training, etc) of the required foster family. mild range of functioning moderate range severe range severe range, including danger to self or others care of adolescents, age 14 to 21 years, who are participating in the Independent Living Program by foster parents who have been recruited, selected, and trained to serve this population.		Level of payment is based on areas of functioning.
Specialized		21 hours specialized training plus 16 hours of new training each year.	Additional \$100/month/child
Individual Service Options	ISO services are vendored with licensed child placing agencies to provide a menu of services to a child in foster care or the child's own home. ISO is an alternative to residential placement for children and youth with a range of behavioral,	ISO foster care providers must participate in at least 24 hours of training per year	\$50 - \$80/day

	psychological and medical issues.		
Staffed Foster Home	Alternative to residential care for some youth who can be better served in the community.	Staff must meet the training requirements for foster parents and if the child is an ISO child, would need to meet the ISO provider requirements as well.	Per diem is rateset with the agency. Staff are employed by the agency operating the staffed foster home.

Ohio

Name of Level	Brief Description	Foster Parent Reimbursement ¹⁰
Family foster home	Certified family foster home	Each county sets its own minimum and maximum per diem rates, which range from \$9 to \$118/day
Medically fragile foster home	Provides specialized medical services designed to meet the needs of children with intensive health care needs	
Treatment foster home	Incorporates special rehabilitative services designed to treat the specific needs of the children received in the foster home and that receives and cares for children who are emotionally or behaviorally disturbed, chemically dependent, mentally retarded, or developmentally disabled, or who otherwise have exceptional needs	
Difficulty of Care		Maximum additional rates: Special Needs - \$85/day Exceptional Needs: \$200/day Intensive Needs: \$200/day

¹⁰ <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/lpc/MTL/FCASPL58I.pdf>

Oklahoma

Name of Level	Brief Description	Foster Parent Reimbursement ¹¹
Foster Home Care		\$335 - \$468/month by age of child
Difficulty of Care	DOC payment rates are available to reimburse foster families for the additional care and supervision required due to the child's extraordinary physical, mental, or emotional needs. DOC reimbursement is not available to children in specialized community homes, specialized foster care through Developmental Disabilities Services Division, therapeutic community homes, and therapeutic foster care placements. ¹²	I - \$1.67/day II - \$3.33/day III - \$5.00/day IV - \$7.50/day V - \$13.33/day
Therapeutic Foster Care	Residential behavioral management services provided in a specialized foster care setting for a child who: meets medical necessity criteria; has special psychological, behavioral, social, and emotional needs; accepts and responds to close relationships within a family setting; and requires more intensive or therapeutic services than are found in traditional foster care.	\$70.51/day
Group Home Level B	Services to Native American boys and girls, 6-17 years of age	\$24.55/day
Group Home Level C	Services to boys 12-17 years of age with a goal of remediation of demonstrated behavior problems and a focus on socialization through group living	\$46.49/day
Group Home Level D	Services to youth 12-17 years of age who are certified for Developmental Disabilities Services Division services due to emotional disturbances and developmental disabilities	\$72.62/day
Group Home Level D+	24-hour awake supervision for children 8-17 years of age with a goal of remediation of behavioral or emotional problems through a focus on therapeutic issues.	\$90.94/day
Group Home Level E	23-hour awake supervision for children 6-17 years of age with a goal of remediation of behavioral or emotional problems through a focus on therapeutic issues. Children exhibit severely disturbed excessive anti-social behaviors and are aggressive towards self and others.	\$136.00/day

¹¹ http://www.okdhs.org/forms/forms2/OKDHS_Ap-C-20.PDF

¹² See http://www.okdhs.org/forms/forms2/OKDHS_Ap-C-20.PDF for description of the four DOC levels

Name of Level	Brief Description	Foster Parent Reimbursement ¹¹
Intensive Treatment Services	72-hour crisis stabilization	\$164.87/day
Oklahoma Residential D & E	Comprehensive diagnosis and evaluation service in a 20-day residential non-secure facility.	\$174.29/day

Oregon

Four levels of residential/group care.

Name of Level	Brief Description
Psychiatric Residential	Includes crisis, assessment and evaluation (short term/stabilization), long term residential, pilot programs (combination of residential and community based services)
Behavior Rehabilitation Services	Includes long term residential in facility based or therapeutic foster care programs, different levels of care based on youth's need for staff supervision and support
Shelter Services	Includes short term residential care, either facility based or therapeutic foster care, designed to assess youth's need for on-going services
Family Shelter Care Non Behavior Rehabilitation Services	Includes shelter services.

Pennsylvania

State supervised, county administered system; the majority of services are directly provided by private agencies. Most of the 67 counties contract with private providers including foster care. Contracts address levels of care; each agency sets its own foster care maintenance payments made directly to foster parents. There are varying levels of care dependent upon the provider agency and those levels are called a variety of names. The state also does not regulate the types of training. Foster parents must receive a minimum of six hours annually.

South Carolina

Six levels of residential/group care

Name of Level	Brief Description
Standard Group Care	Provided by licensed nonprofit organizations in a group setting of five or more children. Many have house parents, while others have around the clock staff. They provide a place to live for a child who cannot stay at home or in a home setting.
Emergency Shelter Services	Provided by local nonprofit organizations to provide for 24- hour care with little or no advance warning. Providers are licensed by the state
Low Management Services	Provides for more structure and a higher child to staff ratio than standard group care services.
High and Moderate Management Rehabilitative Services	Highly structured therapeutic group homes having intensive staff supervision and programs for emotionally disturbed children which may include severely emotional disturbed, aggressive and multi-handicapped children or adolescents.
Therapeutic Foster Care	Provided in a specially recruited, professional supervised, therapeutic foster home. The service goal is to enable the mentally and behaviorally challenged child to develop skills that promote successful functioning in normalized familiar and other social settings. Prevention of more costly and restrictive treatment options and facilitation of reuniting the child with his or her family of origin and/or permanent guardian, are expected outcomes.
Residential Treatment Services	Provides for the diagnosis and treatment of severely emotionally disturbed and/or mentally ill children under the age of twenty-one (21) who require less than acute inpatient care but who need a structured environment with intensive treatment services.

South Dakota

Levels of care begin with kinship or basic foster care, specialized treatment, family treatment homes, group care, residential treatment, residential psychiatric treatment, and psychiatric hospitalization

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required	Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Foster Care		30 hr pre-service	PRIDE	0-12 \$415 13+ \$498
Specialized Foster Care	Provision of care to foster children who have special care needs, and/or whose behaviors are difficult to deal with while a permanent plan is being developed	30 hr of pre-service and 12 hrs based on special needs of child.	PRIDE for pre-Service Additional 12 hours depends on need of child placed in the home - no set curriculum - utilize what is available from community resources	0-6 \$664.02 7-11 \$731.91 12-14 \$842.58 15-18 \$868.31

Texas

See http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Foster_Care/Care_Levels.asp for full descriptions of each level.

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required/ Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement ¹³
Basic	A supportive setting, preferably in a family, that is designed to maintain or improve the child's functioning	All prospective foster and adoptive parents attend approximately ten weeks of pre-service training known as PRIDE (Parents Resource for Information Development Education). Verified basic foster family units must complete 20	\$20.56/day
Moderate	a structured supportive setting,		\$35.97/day

¹³ Effective 9/1/2005. See

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Adoption_and_Foster_Care/About_Foster_Care/foster_care_reimbursements.asp

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required/ Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement 13
	preferably in a family, in which most activities are designed to improve the child's functioning, for a child having problems in one or more areas of functioning	hours of additional in-service training on a yearly basis. Non-group foster family units providing therapeutic care must complete at least 50 hours of annual in-service training. TDFPS also requires at least the primary caretaker in the foster family to be certified in infant/child CPR and first aid training prior to home certification and must be updated as required to maintain certification. Training requirements are similar for group foster homes with the following exception: Training requirements extend to all foster parents in-group homes.	
Specialized	A treatment setting, preferably in a family, in which caregivers have specialized training to provide therapeutic, habilitative, and medical support and interventions		\$46.25/day
Intense	A high degree of structure, preferably in a family, to limit the child's access to environments as necessary to protect the child. The caregivers have specialized training to provide intense therapeutic and habilitative supports and interventions with limited outside access,		\$82.22/day

Utah

Name of Level	Brief Description ¹⁴	Training Hours Required	Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Level I	Child/youth may have mild to moderate medical or medically needy, psychological, emotional, or behavioral problems, who requires parental supervision and care.	32 hours	CCBIT	\$13.75 - \$15.75/day by age of child
Level II	Child/youth may be physically disabled, developmentally delayed, medically needy or medically fragile, or have a serious emotional disorder (SED).	32 hours	CCBIT	\$16.75 - \$18.75/day by age of child
Level III	Child/youth with severe behavioral problems that require intensive treatment services and constant supervision in a family living environment by a trained out-of-home care provider.		Prospective Foster Care Level III out-of-home caregivers must meet the following requirements before they can be approved to provide care: a. 6 months experience providing care for troubled youth; b. One parent available in the home full time; c. If the out-of-home caregiver is single, they may not have a job outside of the home; d. 20 hours of Behavioral Replacement Model Training; e. Successful demonstration of the corrective teaching strategies taught in the Behavioral Replacement Model course;	\$26.25 - \$31.25/day by age of child

¹⁴ See Out-of-Home Care Practice Guidelines, 300 - Out of Home Care Services and Level of Care Checklists.
<http://www.hspolicy.utah.gov/dcf/>

Name of Level	Brief Description ¹⁴	Training Hours Required	Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
			f. Completion of an evaluation at the end of a 6-month probationary period; g. Completion of any additional requirements as outlined by the region.	
Level III Step-Down (TFS)	Child/youth has been in a Foster Care Level III placement and whose behaviors have improved to the Goal System of the Behavior Replacement Program.			
Contracted Residential/ High-Cost Placements				
Intensive Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services	Psychiatric residential treatment facility that provides room and board and treatment services in a psychiatric residential treatment program.			
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services	Psychiatric residential treatment program for 4 or more clients that provides room and board and treatment services in a psychiatric residential treatment program			
Intensive Residential Treatment Services, Sex Offender, Level 7 Secure Care	Intensive residential treatment program for 4 or more juvenile sex offenders that provides room and board, supervision and intensive clinical intervention in a physically secured residential treatment facility			

Name of Level	Brief Description ¹⁴	Training Hours Required	Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Intensive Residential Treatment Services, Sexual Offender, Level 6	Intensive residential treatment program for four (4) or more juvenile sex offenders that provides room and board, maximum non secure supervision and intensive clinical intervention in a residential treatment facility			
Intensive Residential Treatment Services	Intensive residential treatment program for 4 or more clients that provides room and board, intensive awake night supervision and treatment services in a residential treatment program.			
Intensive Residential Assessment Services	Short term (up to 60 days) comprehensive diagnostic and assessment service for 4 or more clients			
Transitional Living Residential Care	Supervised transitional living residential care program for 4 or more clients provided in a licensed facility with "apartment-like" rooms. Provides room and board, behavior management, general guidance, supervision, diagnostic and treatment services designed for clients with behavioral, psychiatric and adjustment problems			

Name of Level	Brief Description ¹⁴	Training Hours Required	Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Intensive Residential Treatment Services, Preschool Age	Intensive residential treatment program for 4 or more clients that provides room and board and treatment services in a residential treatment facility providing intensive supervision.			
Intensive Residential Treatment Services, Cognitively Impaired	Intensive residential program for 4 or more clients with cognitive impairments that provides room and board, non secure intensive supervision and therapy services in a residential treatment facility			
Intensive Residential Treatment Services, Teaching Family Model:	Intensive residential treatment program for 4 or more clients that provides room and board and treatment services in a residential treatment facility. The program has full time trained treatment parents and staff to provide daily guidance, supervision and intensive behavioral intervention for clients			
Residential Services, Pregnant/ Parenting Teen	Group living services, supervision and treatment services in a residential program for 4 or more clients who are pregnant or teen parents and when needed, their child			
Group Residential Care:	Group living services, supervision and treatment services in a residential program for 4 or more clients who have behavioral or adjustment problems.			

Vermont

The state has a System of Care system that is described on its website at <http://www.ddmhs.state.vt.us/docs/publications/system-of-care-plans.html#cafu>.

Virginia

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required/ Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Regular		Regular foster homes receive whatever training each local department chooses to provide.	
Therapeutic		Therapeutic Homes do receive a higher level of training but there is no set curriculum or competencies that must be mastered to be considered Therapeutic.	Rate is up to each individual local department or private child placing agency.
Treatment		Treatment homes must meet Medicaid requirements.	

Washington

Behavior Rehabilitation Services program serves children/youth in group care and therapeutic foster care. Their service levels are as follows: Behaviorally/Emotionally Disordered 1A - Extremely Behaviorally/Emotionally Disordered 1B - Severely Behaviorally/Emotionally Disordered 1C - Seriously Behaviorally/Emotionally Disordered 1D - Moderately Behaviorally/Emotionally Disordered Sexually Aggressive Youth 2A - High Risk Sexually Aggressive Youth 2B - Moderate Risk Sexually Aggressive Youth 2A - private bedroom 2B - private bedroom Developmentally Delayed 3A - Extremely Behaviorally Disturbed DD Children 3B - Seriously Behaviorally Disturbed DD Children 3C - Behaviorally Disturbed Children with Autism Medically Fragile

Name of Level	Brief Description	Training Hours Required Training Curriculum Used	Foster Parent Reimbursement
Basic			\$294 - \$436/ month by age of child
Levels II, III, and IV	These are for payment purposes and are to reflect the time and energy of	Do not provide discrete training for levels. Require training specific to physically assaultive and/or sexually aggressive	Levels 11,111,1V are added to

	<p>the foster parent rather than the level of need of the child.</p>	<p>children prior to placement of any child with those issues in a foster home (including relatives)</p>	<p>the basic rate as indicated by an assessment completed by the caregiver and the social worker. The rates are II: \$176.16 III. \$518.13 IV: \$794.36</p>
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West Virginia

4 levels of residential/group care.

Name of Level	Brief Description
1	Children with mild dysfunction in school/life
2	Children with moderate dysfunction in school/life
3	Children with severe dysfunction in school/life
4	Emergency shelters/crisis support