
**LICENSED FOSTER CARE STANDARD RATE
AND ENHANCED RATE MATRIX**

A. Standard Rate:

1. Birth to 5 years of age: \$18.75 per day
2. 6 to 12 years of age: \$19.23 per day
3. 13 to 18 years of age: \$24.76 per day

i. The standard rate is intended to cover the following categories at the approximate percentages of the total standard rate provided.

- Room and Board: 85%
(10% of total allocated for Independent Life Skills Training ages 13-17)
- Personal allowance: 3%
- Incidental Allowance: 2%
- Clothing: 10%

B. Enhanced Rate Matrix:

TIER 1: \$5 Additional Per Day:

1. School aged children in need of before/after school programs.
2. Sibling groups of three (3) or more that are kept together.
3. Foster child who is pregnant.

TIER 2: \$10 Additional Per Day:

1. Children with continued school concerns resulting in multiple out of school suspensions.

TIER 3: \$15 Additional Per Day:

1. Child who has a Child Placement Agreement (CPA) which requires placement of the child in their own individual bedroom, enhanced supervision, or modifications to the household such as, but is not limited to, sharps being secured. The CPA must be attached to the request.
2. Child is currently using or has a recent history of alcohol or drug abuse or addiction.
3. Child has a Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) history, primarily misdemeanors, and the child is not currently on probation.

TIER 4: \$20 Additional Per Day:

1. Child with non-age typical behaviors, medical or physical needs, or undiagnosed developmental delay that necessitates assistance with routine daily care and increased supervision.
2. Child with outstanding evaluation for therapeutic or medical foster care.
*Reassessment after results of Medical Foster Care (MCF) / Behavioral Health (BH) Multidisciplinary (MDT) Staffing is determined.
3. Child with mild Intellectually Development Disorder (IDD) with cognitive functioning between 50 to 70. Documentation of Intelligence Quotient (IQ) must be attached.

TIER 5: \$25 Additional Per Day:

1. Child is stepping down from therapeutic foster care or therapeutic group care requiring the foster parent to have additional training.
2. Child with moderate IDD with cognitive functioning between 35 and 50. Documentation of IQ must be attached.

TIER 6: \$30 Additional Per Day:

1. Child stepping down from or awaiting a Residential Treatment Center (RTC) / Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program (SIPP) setting.
2. Child with diagnosis of Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Conduct Disorder, Intermittent Explosive Disorder, or an attachment diagnosis disorder. Documentation of diagnosis must be attached.
3. Child with severe and persistent mental illness such as, but is not limited to, Schizophrenia / Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder (DMDD), etc. Documentation of diagnosis must be attached.
4. Child with serious behavioral or emotional concerns and disruptive behaviors which require increased supervision and support. Child must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. An adjudication of delinquency and must be on a conditional release status or active probation and/or house arrest with DJJ, or is a youth stepping down from a DJJ program.
 - b. A history of physical aggression or violent behavior toward self or others, animals, or property within the past year resulting in law enforcement and/or Mobile Response Team (MRT) involvement.
 - c. A history of fire setting with the intent to cause harm.
5. Child with substance abuse conditions that interfere with daily living. CPA must be attached.
6. Child who has been confirmed as a victim of human trafficking as documented in the CPA. CPA must be attached.
7. Child alleged sexual offender, sexually aggressive, sexual behavior concerns, physically assaultive, arson, and/or requires crisis intervention as documented in the CPA. CPA must be attached.

TIER 7: Rate Based on Qualifying Criteria:

1. Child qualifies for therapeutic foster care and a therapeutic foster home cannot be secured. The alternative foster home will receive an enhanced rate based on their qualifying level. MDT notes must be attached.
 - a. Level I: \$39.00 per day
 - b. Level II: \$56.00 per day
2. Child qualifies for medical foster care and a medical foster home cannot be secured. The alternative foster home will receive an enhanced rate based on their qualifying level. Children's Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (CMAT) notes must be attached.
 - a. LOC I: \$44.00 per day
 - b. LOC II: \$55.00 per day
 - c. LOC III: \$76.99 per day
3. The NWF Health Network executive leadership has the authority to make lawful enhancement decisions that go beyond the licensed foster care tier matrix. In doing so, enhancements shall be fair and equitable across all partners. This ensures a stable and nurturing environment for the child's well-being, development, and individual needs, promoting a consistent and high-quality standard of care.
4. Contracted licensing counselors shall train foster parents regarding their financial responsibilities and expectations to the children.
5. When a foster parent has any questions related to their room and board rate, the foster parent shall be informed to contact the NWF Health Network placement supervisor.