

## Expenses paid by the State of Georgia:

### Per Diem

The basic rates are as follows for DFCS Foster Homes (Per Day) (To be used for the child's food/lodging expense/basic needs):

▪ Birth – 5 years	=	\$27.80
▪ 6 years – 12 years	=	\$29.99
▪ 13 years & over	=	\$32.62

### Clothing

- **State Initial Clothing** – Initial clothing must be purchased during the first six months of entry into foster care. State Initial clothing is available to all children who come into foster care. This is a one-time allowance and does not renew. This allowance cannot be used in the same calendar year as State Annual Clothing.

○ State Initial Clothing is as follows (All children eligible no matter their placement type):

- Ages 0-12 years = \$311.00
- Ages 13 & over = \$415.00

- **State Annual Clothing** – A clothing allowance of \$690.00 per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) will be available to all foster children, regardless of age, who are in family foster home, CPA placement, relative home, or CCI. This allowance cannot be used in the same calendar year as State Initial Clothing.

### Medical and Dental Care:

Most foster children will be covered by Medicaid and will receive medical and dental treatment and prescriptions through this program. The legal county should approve in advance all medical care expenses not covered by Medicaid. **Please check with your respective DFCS office in regards to braces or other medical/dental care coverage.**

### Summer Enrichment:

Funding for these activities should be explored through the State Safety Enrichment Program (52180) or Scholarships for children 13 years old or younger (if 14 yrs and over this would be part of the ILP program). Each child is allotted \$500.00 per fiscal year. You must reach out to your case manager to ensure the activity meets the program guidelines.

### Child Restraint Devices:

The purchase of a **NEW** child safety device is reimbursable through state funds when the original receipt is attached to the monthly invoice for a maximum of \$200.00. Child restraint devices must be replaced as the child grows, and child safety devices must go with the child for whom they were purchased when the child changes placement or returns home.

### **Safety Helmets:**

The purchase of a safety helmet is reimbursable through state funds when the original receipt is attached to the monthly invoice for a maximum of \$30.00. Any helmet involved in a serious accident **MUST** be thrown away and replaced. Documentation will be needed when seeking reimbursement for replacement helmet.

### **DFCS will reimburse for many different expenses, but it does change from county to county based off county funds.**

- Camps and retreats that occur outside of summer.
- Funds for Formal attire (Prom)
- Graduation Allowance
- School Pictures
- School Supplies
- Musical Instruments
- Lessons – Music, Dance, Sports, Etc.
- Extracurricular Expenses – Sports Fees – Attire for activities (Uniforms, Dance Shoes, Etc..)
- Hair Cuts
- Allowances (Weekly/Birthday/Christmas) – This all depends on the county budgets, but most kids are signed up for Clark Howard Christmas.
- Diapers (Most counties do try to help reimburse for this)