

	Benefit	Eligibility Requirements
<p>Enhanced Relative Rate (ERR)/(ERR-UC Undocumented Child)</p> <p>ONLY AVAILABLE WHILE CHILD IS IN FOSTER CARE/PLACEMENT</p> <p>http://fostergeorgia.com/options-for-relatives/ https://dhs.georgia.gov/kinship-care-portal</p>	<p>Provides financial support to relative caregivers who meet the TANF degree of relationship as long as funds are available to defray expenses related to the child’s care and well-being.</p> <p>Subsidy Rates Effective July 1, 2018: (Approximately 80% of Foster Care per diem rates)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child age birth through 5 \$675.55/month • Child age 6 through 12 \$723.91/month • Child age 13 and older \$782.31/month <p>Additional Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Clothing Allowance Birth to 12 \$311.00 13 and over \$415.00 <p>Must be used within six months of entering care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Clothing Allowance All ages \$415.00/year • Car/booster seats Maximum \$125.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must be a US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident (ERR) • If the child is undocumented, the relative must be a U.S. citizen/legal permanent resident (ERR-UC) • (ERR-UC) - If permanent guardianship is transferred to the relative, the child must be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident to meet eligibility criteria for other subsidies • Income Eligibility Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relative: None ○ Child: The income (child support, Social Security Income, Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance etc.) of the child will be used to offset the child’s subsidy (excluding the child’s wages) <p>Annual Clothing Allowance: annual clothing may be a one-time expenditure or spent in incremental amounts during a fiscal year, but it cannot be claimed during the calendar year that the child entered care</p>
<p>Family Foster Care</p> <p>ONLY AVAILABLE WHILE CHILD IS IN FOSTER CARE/PLACEMENT</p> <p>http://fostergeorgia.com/current-foster-parents/</p>	<p>Provides financial support for expenditures for a child in a relative or non-relative foster home that has been approved by DFCS.</p> <p>Subsidy Rates Effective July 1, 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child age birth through 5 \$25.27/day (\$768.63/month) • Child age 6 through 12 \$27.26/day (\$829.16/month) • Child age 13 and older \$29.65/day (901.85/Month) <p>Additional Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sibling incentive (3 or more), additional \$3.44 per day/child • Initial Clothing Allowance Birth to 12 \$311.00 13 and over \$415.00 <p>Must be used within six months of entering care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Clothing Allowance All ages \$415.00/year • Additional per diem may be paid based on needs of child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete IMPACT training and assessment to become an approved foster parent • Income Eligibility Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relative: None ○ Child: None
<p>Subsidized Guardianship (SG)</p> <p>ONLY AVAILABLE AFTER CHILD HAS ACHIEVED PERMANENCY WITH THE RELATIVE</p> <p>http://fostergeorgia.com/options-for-relatives/ https://dhs.georgia.gov/kinship-care-portal</p>	<p>Provides financial support to a relative caregiver who meets the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) degree of relationship and has obtained permanent guardianship, as long as funds are available to defray expenses related to the child’s care and well-being.</p> <p>•TANF Degree of Relationship is established by one of the following: Birth, Ceremonial or common-law marriage, legal adoption, legal guardianship. (Common law marriage (must have existed prior to July 1, 1997)</p> <p>The following relationships meet the relationship requirement: (To establish a child’s relationship to a paternal relative, paternity must first be established):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent (either by birth, legal adoption, or step relationship) • Grandparent (up to great-great-great) • Sibling (half, whole, step) • Aunt/uncle (up to great-great) • Niece/nephew (including child and grandchild of niece/nephew) • First cousin • First cousin once removed (the child of a first cousin) • Legal guardian • Adoptive Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: Although the new adoptive relationship will take precedent over blood relationships, adoption does not terminate the blood relationship for specified relatives; however, biological parents will be treated as a non-parent relative • Spouse of any person named in the above group even after the marriage is terminated by death or divorce, unless the child is born after termination of the marriage. EXCEPTION: The spouse of a stepparent or the spouse of a stepsibling is not within the specified degree of relationship. <p>Subsidy Rates Effective July 1, 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child age birth through 5 \$675.55/month • Child age 6 through 12 \$723.91/month • Child age 13 through 18 \$782.31/month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid (34 different programs) • Independent Living Program (ILP) services for youth age 14 or older and who were in care at least six months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Reunification granted by the court • Child must have resided with the relative under DFCS supervision for a minimum of 6 months prior to the transfer of permanent guardianship • Relative was granted permanent guardianship of the child until age 18 by the court • The child is a citizen/legal permanent resident of the U.S. • Income Eligibility Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relative: None ○ Child: The child’s income, excluding wages cannot be more than the subsidy which the caregiver may be entitled. (This would need to be discussed in detail with the child’s case manager)
<p>Non-Relative Subsidized Guardianship (NRS)</p> <p>ONLY AVAILABLE AFTER CHILD HAS ACHIEVED PERMANENCY WITH THE NON-RELATIVE OR RELATIVE OUTSIDE OF THE TANF DEGREE OF RELATIONSHIP</p> <p>http://fostergeorgia.com/options-for-relatives/ https://dhs.georgia.gov/kinship-care-portal</p>	<p>Provides financial support to a relative caregiver who does not meet the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) degree of relationship (see above) or a non-relative and has obtained permanent guardianship to defray expenses related to the child’s care and well-being, as long as funding is available.</p> <p>Subsidy Rates Effective July 1, 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child age birth through 5 \$371.40/month • Child age 6 through 12 \$419.88/month • Child age 13 through 18 \$478.22/month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid (34 different programs) • Independent Living Program (ILP) services for youth age 14 or older and who were in care at least six months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Reunification granted by the court • The child has resided with the relative/non-relative under DFCS supervision for a minimum of six months prior to the transfer of permanent guardianship • Relative/Non-relative was granted permanent guardianship of the child until age 18 by the court • The child is a citizen/legal permanent resident of the U.S. • Income Eligibility Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relative: None ○ Child: The child’s income, excluding wages cannot be more than the subsidy which the caregiver may be entitled. (This would need to be discussed in detail with the child’s case manager)

¹ Eligibility requirements may not be exhaustive of all the program requirements; amounts subject to change; some programs are based on availability; and for additional information the appropriate DFCS representative should be consulted. All information is current as of November 2018.

<p>Adoption Assistance</p> <p>ONLY AVAILABLE AFTER CHILD HAS ACHIEVED PERMANENCY WITH THE RELATIVE</p> <p>https://dfcs.georgia.gov/adoption-assistance</p>	<p>Provides financial assistance for a child with special needs at the point of placement in the adoptive home.</p> <p>Types of Monthly Adoption Assistance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing monthly payments – Monthly payments to the adoptive parent(s), not to exceed the amount the child received in a family foster home placement; or not to exceed the amount the child would have received if he/she were in a family foster home placement. Medicaid/Amerigroup coverage - Medical coverage, which continues to be provided if the child is placed for adoption in another state or moves with the adoptive family to another state, per the procedures of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA). (Must be eligible to receive Adoption Assistance payments for Medicaid eligibility) Non-Recurring Funds - One-time payment of fees related to adoption, not to exceed \$1500.00 per child. Such payments may assist in covering legal fees, court costs, and other one-time adoption-related expenses which are not in conflict with state or federal law. <p>Subsidy Rates - Effective July 1, 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child age birth through 5 \$441.04/month Child age 6 through 12 \$463.85/month Child age 13 through 18. \$486.67/month <p>Children with severe mental, emotional, or physical challenges may receive higher rates for specialized needs if documented by a licensed medical or psychological provider</p>	<p>Child Must Be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child who has been in the care of a public or private agency or individual other than the legal or biological parent for more than 24 consecutive months. A child with a physical, mental, or emotional, disability, as validated by a licensed physical or psychologist A child who is a member of a sibling group of two or more placed in the same home <p>Foster Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No minimum stay required Satisfactory criminal records and CPS background checks Must have a termination of parental rights (TPR) or a voluntary surrender (VS) for both parents Completion of required paperwork Finalized adoption in court <p>Relative (Child Must be IV-E eligible): (IV-E = type of federal funding source)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No minimum stay required Satisfactory criminal records and CPS background checks Completion of required paperwork Permanent custody to the relative for purpose of adoption documented in the order which transfers custody to relative Must have a termination of parental rights (TPR) or a voluntary surrender (VS) for both parents Relative completes an independent adoption
<p>TANF</p> <p>AVAILABLE WHETHER CHILD IS IN FOSTER CARE/PLACEMENT OR ACHIEVE PERMANENCY</p> <p>https://dfcs.georgia.gov/temporary-assistance-needy-families</p>	<p>Provides cash assistance to needy families to ensure children may be cared for in their own homes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> under 18 a US citizen deprived due to continued absence from the home of at least one parent; physical or mental incapacity of at least one parent; OR death of a parent living in the home with a specified relative who is receiving cash assistance on the child's behalf Financial Eligibility based on family's net income, family size, and countable assets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countable assets must be below \$1000
<p>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Food Stamps (SNAP)</p> <p>https://dfcs.georgia.gov/food-stamps</p> <p>AVAILABLE IF CHILD IS IN FOSTER CARE/PLACEMENT OR ACHIEVE PERMANENCY</p>	<p>Provides monthly benefits to low income families to pay for the cost of food.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility based on income Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. National, or eligible immigrant. Must live or intend to live in Georgia
<p>MEDICAID</p> <p>AVAILABLE WHETHER CHILD IS IN FOSTER CARE/PLACEMENT OR ACHIEVE PERMANENCY</p> <p>https://dfcs.georgia.gov/medicaid https://dch.georgia.gov/rsm-programs-assistance</p>	<p>Child Under the Age 19 Medicaid Provides health insurance for children under 19</p> <p>Former Foster Care Medicaid Medicaid coverage extended to young adults post foster care from age 21 to age 26.</p> <p>Chafee Independence Program Medicaid Medicaid coverage extended to young adults post-foster care from age 18 to 21.</p>	<p>Child Under the Age 19 Medicaid Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> under age of 19 Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Georgia Must have a social security number Financial Eligibility based on family's size and net income <p>Former Foster Care Medicaid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have been in foster care and received benefits on 18th birthday Must be from the age of 21 to age 26 and a resident of Georgia <p>Chafee Independence Program Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have been in foster care and received benefits on 18th birthday Must be under the age of 21 and a resident of Georgia <p>There are no income or resource limits for either Chafee or Former Foster Care Medicaid.</p>
<p>Peachcare</p> <p>AVAILABLE WHETHER CHILD IS IN FOSTER CARE/PLACEMENT OR ACHIEVE PERMANENCY</p> <p>https://dch.georgia.gov/peachcare-kids</p>	<p>Provides medical insurance for children who are financially ineligible for Medicaid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cost for children ages 5 and under 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> under age of 19 Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Georgia Must have SSN Income must be less than or equal to 247% of Federal Poverty Level.
<p>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG)</p> <p>AVAILABLE ONLY IF CHILD IS WITH THE RELATIVE AND IS NOT RECEIVING ANY OTHER DFCS ASSISTANCE</p> <p>https://www.georgialegalaid.org/resource/tanf-for-grandparents-raising-grandchildren-5</p>	<p>General Overview Provides enhanced financial assistance in the form of a Monthly Subsidy Payment or one-time Crisis Intervention Services Payment.</p> <p>Monthly Subsidy Payment (MSP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly cash payment of \$100 per child Payment may be used for expenses to care for the child <p>Crisis Intervention Services Payment (CRISP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One time emergency cash payment Up to four times the maximum TANF benefit 	<p>General Eligibility Grandparent who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving/will receive TANF Caretaker for grandchild 55 years of age or older OR disabled <p>Monthly Subsidy Payment (MSP) Child must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living in grandparents' house, and <p>Grandparent must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet GRG eligibility and Be receiving TANF for grandchild for whom assistance is requested <p>CRISP Payment: Grandparent must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive TANF Meet the basic GRG eligibility criteria AND Have an emergency/crisis as a direct result of the grandchild moving in
<p>Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS)</p> <p>AVAILABLE WHETHER CHILD IS IN FOSTER CARE/PLACEMENT OR ACHIEVE PERMANENCY</p> <p>https://caps.decal.ga.gov/en/</p>	<p>Assists low income families with the cost of child care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Guardian must be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a resident of Georgia, have proof of identity, and meet state-approved activity requirements Child must be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 years old or younger OR 17 years old or younger if the child has medically documented special needs Child must be a U.S. citizen and have current immunization