



## DFCS Maintenance Support Chart Kinship Families

Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

	DFCS Kinship (Relative Placement)	DFCS Kinship (Relative Foster Home)	DFCS Kinship (Guardianship)	DFCS Kinship (Adoption)	Family-Arranged Kinship Care
<b>Description</b>	Court-ordered child welfare cases where DFCS has temporary or permanent custody resulting in foster care placement.	Court-ordered child welfare cases where DFCS has temporary or permanent custody resulting in foster care placement.	DFCS no longer has custody or involvement and permanent guardianship has been granted to the relative.	DFCS no longer has custody and no involvement; child is legally adopted by relative.	Family circumstances involving a relative who cares for a relative or fictive kin. <b>DFCS not involved in the custody decision.</b>
<b>Legal Status</b>	Child is in legal or permanent custody of DFCS.	Child is in legal or permanent custody of DFCS.	Child custody transferred to relative after Non-reunification order has been granted by judge or parents are in agreement.	Child is legally adopted.	Varies.
<b>Caregiver Requirements</b>	Relative must have an approved Relative Care Assessment.	23-Hour IMPACT Training Fully assessed and approved to meet all requirements as a DFCS Foster Home.	Relative must have an approved Relative Care Assessment.	Approved adoption study.	No DFCS requirement; custody is family arranged.
<b>Financial Supports</b>	Enhanced Relative Rate 80% Foster Care Rate Monthly Schedule (per child) see below	Foster Care Per Diem Schedule (Per Child) – see below  *Children with special needs that may require additional time and skills by the foster parent may be eligible for a special per diem.	Enhanced Subsidy Guardianship Payments – 80% Foster Care Rate Monthly Schedule (per child) see below	Adoption Assistance Rate (Monthly Payment) • Birth to Age 5: \$441.04 • Age 6 to 12: \$463.85 • Age 13 & over: \$486.67  Children with severe mental, emotional, or physical challenges may receive higher rates for specialized needs if documented by a licensed medical or psychological provider.	Three Options: <b>TANF – Payee</b> (Monthly Payment based on the child's income) • \$155 for one child, • \$235 for 2 children, • \$280 for 3. <b>TANF – Monthly Subsidy Payment</b> (only available to grandparents over the age of 55 or disabled) • \$100 per child. <b>TANF Crisis Intervention Services Payment (CRISP)</b> – One-time cash payment of 4x TANF grant awarded to meet an emergency need. (only available to grandparents over the age of 55 or disabled)
<b>Medicaid</b>	Right from the Start Medicaid (RSM)	Foster Care Medicaid or RSM	RSM; Peach Care	Adoption Assistance Medicaid, RSM; Peach Care	Medicaid
<b>Case Management</b>	Educational, Therapeutic and ILP Services are available ILP services are available for youth 14 and over in care for 6 months)	Educational, Therapeutic and ILP Services are available ( ILP services are available for youth 14 and over in care for 6 months)	ILP Services are available are available for youth 14 and over in care for 6 months)	ILP Services are available are youth adopted at age 14 and older.	None
<b>Home Visitation</b>	Monthly visits required	Monthly Visits required	Annual Renewals	Annual Renewals	None required
<b>Child Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To allow the responsible adult/caregiver to work, attend school or training Caretaker/responsible person with whom the child is residing <u>must</u> be participating in a CAPS approved employment, education, or training activity an average of 24 hours per week.</li> <li>Adult must meet the need and residency criteria.</li> <li>An open placement case must exist.</li> </ul> No fee is assessed for the child's care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To allow foster parent(s) to work. Foster parent(s) with whom the child resides <u>must</u> meet residency and need requirements</li> <li>Foster parent must be employed outside the home</li> <li>Foster parents working from home will have eligibility assessed on a case by case basis</li> </ul> Each foster parent in the home <b>MUST</b> provide a check stub from within the past 4 weeks to verify employment	Only available if child and relative meet all CAPS eligibility requirements.	Only available if child and relative meet all CAPS eligibility requirements.	Only available if child and relative meet all CAP requirements. –  Priority is given to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grandparents over 55 or disabled;</li> <li>Grandparents that do not meet the work requirement with children under 5</li> <li>Children with documented disabilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Respite</b>	None	10 Days a year	N/A	Available for medically fragile children only.	N/A
<b>Training</b>	No training hours required	23 Initial Hours of IMPACT Training and 15 hours of annual training.	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Eligibility:**

- For all relative programs, the relative must be related to the child by blood, marriage or adoption.
- To be eligible for subsidies, children must be in DFCS custody or have exited DFCS custody with the subsidy authorized. A subsidy cannot be granted post permanency.
- Children in a safety resource or who exit a safety resource via transfer of custody to a caregiver are **NOT** eligible for subsidy.

Foster care Per Diem Schedule (per child)		80% Foster Care Rate Monthly Schedule (per child)	
Birth to Age 5	\$15.04	Birth to Age 5	\$365.91
Age 6 – 12	\$17.00	Age 6 – 12	\$413.67
Age 13 and over	\$19.36	Age 13 and over	\$471.15