



## WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

# Research Memorandum

## PAYMENTS TO FOSTER CARE PARENTS

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This memorandum responds to a request at the Committee's June meeting for information regarding payments to foster parents in other states. LSO identified three approaches in providing financial support to foster parents. Under the first approach, used in 40 states, payments to cover the care of a child are uniform across the state, but the payment amount varies. LSO identified four states (Colorado, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania) where payments vary county by county.<sup>1</sup> Under the third approach, in use in six states (Connecticut, Kansas, Maine, North Dakota, Texas, and West Virginia), parents receive a flat rate from the state, regardless of age, which may increase should the child need additional care. While a comprehensive list of all fifty states' rates and approaches may be found in the appendix, the following section discusses how payments in Wyoming compare to other states, using the three age brackets that the Wyoming Department of Family Services uses to determine reimbursement rates.

### DISCUSSION:

To determine payments for foster parents, the Wyoming Department of Family Services uses three age brackets – (1) birth to five years, (2) six to twelve years, and (3) thirteen to eighteen years.<sup>2</sup> Several other states use the same or similar brackets as Wyoming, thus allowing to compare monthly reimbursement rates with other states. To compare rate fluctuation across age brackets within a single state, please refer to **Appendix A**, which is included in this memorandum and provides a detailed state-by-state analysis.

In Wyoming, the basic rate for the first age bracket – children between birth and age five – is \$645 per month.<sup>3</sup> Monthly payments for that age category range between \$395 per month in Idaho<sup>4</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> It is unclear whether the state or the counties make the payments in these four states.

<sup>2</sup> Wyoming Department of Family Services. Chapter 9: Budgeting and Lump Sums III. Ongoing Months of Eligibility for Child <https://dfs.wyo.gov/about/policy-manuals/foster-care-and-adoption-iv-e-policy-2/>

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. *Idaho Foster Care*. <http://icpcstatepages.org/idaho/foster-care/>

\$896 in California.<sup>5</sup> **Table 1** on the following page shows how Wyoming's monthly rate ranks against 22 states using the same or similar age brackets. Wyoming's monthly payment appears to be higher than the average of \$586.17 and the median (Hawaii), which stands at \$576.<sup>6</sup>

For a child between six and twelve years old, foster parents in Wyoming receive a monthly allowance of \$664. For that age bracket, monthly payments range between \$439 in Idaho<sup>7</sup> and \$882 in Alaska.<sup>8</sup> **Table 2** on page 3 of this report shows how Wyoming's reimbursement rate compares to payments in 20 states with similar age brackets.<sup>9</sup> Wyoming's monthly payment for the six to twelve age category appears to be lower than the average of \$681.29 but still ranks above the median amount (Oklahoma) of \$612.60.<sup>10</sup>

The last age bracket groups all children between the age of thirteen and the upper age limit to receive payments, which differs across states. In Wyoming, the age limit to receive payments is age 18.<sup>11</sup> For these children, Wyoming's monthly reimbursement rate is \$732 per month. In other states, monthly payments range between \$501 in Louisiana<sup>12</sup> and \$942 in Alaska.<sup>13</sup> Using the same approach as for the first two age brackets, **Table 3** on page 3 of this report shows that Wyoming's monthly reimbursement rate of \$732 appears to be above both the average amount of \$715.73 and the median (Montana), which stands at \$721.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> California Department of Social Services. Information about the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Home-Based Family Care (HBFC) and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Rates Structure and Conversion Process from the Old Rate Structure to the New Rate Structure. <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2016/16-79.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Hawaii Department of Human Services – Resource Family Basics. *A Summary of Important Information for DHS Resource Families.*

<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/RESOURCE-FAMILY-BASICS-040516.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. *Idaho Foster Care.*

<http://icpcstatepages.org/idaho/foster-care/>

<sup>8</sup> Helping Grow Families. How to Become a Foster Parent in Alaska: Complete Guide

<https://helpinggrowfamilies.com/how-to-become-a-foster-parent-in-alaska-complete-guide/>

<sup>9</sup> Note that states present in **Table 1** may not be present in **Table 2** (i.e., California), due to these states using age brackets too different than that used in Wyoming for this age category.

<sup>10</sup> Oklahoma Human Services. *Traditional Foster Care.* <https://okfosters.org/foster-care/traditional-foster-care/>

<sup>11</sup> Wyoming Department of Family Services. Chapter 9: Budgeting and Lump Sums III. Ongoing Months of Eligibility for Child

<https://dfs.wyo.gov/about/policy-manuals/foster-care-and-adoption-iv-e-policy-2/>

<sup>12</sup> Louisiana Office of Community Services. *The Foster Parent Handbook for the Foster and Adoptive Families of Louisiana.*

<http://www.dcss.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/searchable/OCS/fosterParenting/FosterParentHandbook0409.pdf>

<sup>13</sup> Helping Grow Families. How to Become a Foster Parent in Alaska: Complete Guide

<https://helpinggrowfamilies.com/how-to-become-a-foster-parent-in-alaska-complete-guide/>

<sup>14</sup> Helping Grow Families. *How to Become a Foster Parent in Montana: Complete Guide*

<https://helpinggrowfamilies.com/how-to-become-a-foster-parent-in-montana-complete-guide/>

**Table 1: Foster Parents Monthly Payments (Age 0-5)**

Monthly Payments Range (Age 0-5 or Similar)									
\$350-\$399	400-449	450-499	500-549	550-599	600-649	650-699	700-749	750-799	800-899
Idaho	Missouri Louisiana Arkansas Wisconsin*	North Carolina Florida Virginia*	Iowa Utah Oklahoma	Hawaii	South Carolina Nebraska New Mexico <b>WYOMING</b> Indiana*	New Hampshire Oregon Washington		Massachusetts Georgia Alaska	California*
*Age bracket is 0 to 4 years Mean: \$586.17 Median: Hawaii (\$531.60)									
Source: LSO Staff Compilation									

**Table 2: Foster Parents Monthly Payments (Age 6-12)**

Monthly Payments Range (Age 6-12 or Similar)								
\$400-\$449	450-499	500-549	550-599	600-649	650-699	700-799	800-849	800-899
Idaho Arkansas Louisiana	Wisconsin* Missouri Florida	Iowa**	Alabama Virginia† North Carolina	Oklahoma	Hawaii** New Mexico <b>WYOMING</b>	Oregon New Hampshire** South Carolina Washington**	Georgia	Massachusetts Alaska**
*Age bracket is 5 to 11 years ** Age bracket is 6 to 11 years †Age bracket is 5 to 12 years Mean: \$681.29 Median: Oklahoma (\$612.60)								
Source: LSO Staff Compilation								

**Table 3: Foster Parents Monthly Payments (Age 13-18)**

Monthly Payments Range (Age 13-18)								
\$500-\$549	550-599	600-649	650-699	700-749	750-799	800-849	850-899	900 and up
Louisiana** Missouri	South Dakota† Alabama† Florida† Idaho Utah*	Michigan North Carolina	Hawaii* Oklahoma	Montana† Virginia <b>WYOMING</b> South Carolina	Nebraska* Nevada Kentucky* Oregon**	Washington* Indiana†† Rhode Island**	Massachusetts Georgia	Maryland** Alaska**
*Age bracket is 12 to 18 years ** Age bracket is 12 to 20 or 21 years † Age bracket is 13 to 20 or 21 years †† Age bracket is 14 to 18 years Mean: \$715.73 Median: Montana (\$721)								
Source: LSO Staff Compilation								

**APPENDIX A: MONTHLY FOSTER PARENT PAYMENT RATES BY STATE**

*Note: The amounts presented in this table represent basic rates and do not include rates for children needing additional care beyond the basic level of care contemplated by each state's laws or rules. This table also does not include supplemental allowances, such as a clothing allowance, that certain states offer in addition to the basic rate.*

<b>States</b>	<b>Monthly Payments to Foster Parents</b>
Alabama <sup>i</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-2: \$527.57/month</li> <li>• Age 3-5: \$543.43/month</li> <li>• Age 6-12: \$556.84/month</li> <li>• Age 13-21: \$571.48/month</li> </ul>
Alaska <sup>ii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$792-\$1,140/month</li> <li>• Age 6-11: \$882-\$1,338/month</li> <li>• Age 12-20: \$942-\$1,429/month</li> </ul>
Arizona <sup>iii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximate range: \$590.40-\$814.50</li> </ul>
Arkansas <sup>iv</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$410/month</li> <li>• Age 6-11: \$440/month</li> <li>• Age 12-14: \$470/month</li> <li>• Age 15-17: \$500/month</li> </ul>
California <sup>v</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-4: \$896/month</li> <li>• Age 5-8: \$954/month</li> <li>• Age 9-11: \$994/month</li> <li>• Age 12-14: \$1032/month</li> <li>• Age 15-21: \$1072/month</li> </ul>
Colorado <sup>vi</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the state of Colorado, each county oversees the reimbursement rates that foster parents are provided.</li> </ul>
Connecticut <sup>vii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents in Connecticut will receive a stipend of \$55.55 per day, per child, regardless of age.</li> <li>• Monthly stipend: \$1689.65</li> </ul>
Delaware <sup>viii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents in Delaware do not get paid for fostering. They do, however, receive a non-taxable stipend ranging between \$13 to \$55 per day to cover the care of the child, depending on the age and needs of the child.</li> <li>• Approximate range of monthly stipend: \$390-\$1650</li> </ul>
Florida <sup>ix</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$484.06/month</li> <li>• Age 6-12: \$496.46/month</li> <li>• Age 13-20: \$581.09/month</li> </ul>
Georgia <sup>x</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$758.10/month</li> <li>• Age 6-12: \$817.80/month</li> <li>• Age 13-18: \$889.50/month</li> </ul>
Hawaii <sup>xi</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$576/month</li> <li>• Age 6-11: \$650/month</li> <li>• Age 12-18: \$676/month</li> </ul>
Idaho <sup>xii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$395/month</li> <li>• Age 6-12-\$439/month</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 13 and 18: \$584/month</li> </ul>
Illinois <sup>xiii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents get paid a monthly stipend amount of between \$418 to \$511, depending on the age of the child.<sup>15</sup></li> </ul>
Indiana <sup>xiv</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-4: \$647.70/month</li> <li>• Age 5-13: \$703.20/month</li> <li>• Age 14-18: \$811.50/month</li> </ul>
Iowa <sup>xv</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$503.40/month</li> <li>• Age 6-11: \$523.50/month</li> <li>• Age 12-15: \$573/month</li> <li>• Age 16-20: \$724.80/month</li> </ul>
Kansas <sup>xvi</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$720/month</li> </ul>
Kentucky <sup>xvii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-11: \$730/month</li> <li>• Age 12-18: \$786/month</li> </ul>
Louisiana <sup>xviii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$407.10-\$467.40/month</li> <li>• Age 6-12: \$448.80/month</li> <li>• Age 13-21: \$501/month</li> </ul>
Maine <sup>xix</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$750/month</li> </ul>
Maryland <sup>xx</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-11: \$887/month</li> <li>• Age 12-21: \$902/month</li> </ul>
Massachusetts <sup>xxi</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$750.30/month</li> <li>• Age 6-12: \$850.50/month</li> <li>• Age 13-18: \$880.60/month</li> </ul>
Michigan <sup>xxii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-12: \$522.95/month</li> <li>• Age 13-18: \$624.56/month</li> </ul>
Minnesota <sup>xxiii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-11: \$650.70/month</li> <li>• Age 12-14: \$749.10/month</li> <li>• Age 15-18: \$775.20/month</li> </ul>
Mississippi <sup>xxiv</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-8: \$696.90/month</li> <li>• Age 9-15: \$802.20/month</li> <li>• Age 16-21: 876.60/month</li> </ul>
Missouri <sup>xxv</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$406/month</li> <li>• Age 6-12: \$463/month</li> <li>• Age 13 and up: \$503/month<sup>16</sup></li> </ul>
Montana <sup>xxvi</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-12: \$595.25/month</li> <li>• Age 13-21: \$709.62/month</li> </ul>
Nebraska <sup>xxvii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$612/month</li> <li>• Age 6-11: \$703.80/month</li> <li>• Age 12-18: \$765/month</li> </ul>
Nevada <sup>xxviii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-12: \$682.94/month</li> <li>• Age 13-18: \$773.17/month</li> </ul>
New Hampshire <sup>xxix</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$655.20/month</li> <li>• Age 6-11: \$708/month</li> <li>• Age 12-17: \$835.80/month</li> </ul>

<sup>15</sup> Illinois does not clearly list age brackets.

<sup>16</sup> Missouri does not clearly list an upper age limit.

New Jersey <sup>xxx</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foster parents will receive a monthly board payment starting at \$716 (according to the child's age and level of care)<sup>17</sup></li> </ul>
New Mexico <sup>xxxi</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-5: \$627.30/month</li> <li>Age 6-12: \$661.80/month</li> <li>Age 13-17: \$688.50/month</li> </ul>
New York <sup>xxxii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the state of New York, each county or jurisdiction oversees the reimbursement rates that foster parents are provided.</li> </ul>
North Carolina <sup>xxxiii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-5: \$475/month</li> <li>Age 6-12: \$581/month</li> <li>Age 13-18: \$634/month</li> </ul>
North Dakota <sup>xxxiv</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2,077/month</li> </ul>
Ohio <sup>xxxv</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Ohio, each county oversees the reimbursement rates that foster parents are provided.</li> </ul>
Oklahoma <sup>xxxvi</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-5: \$531.60/month</li> <li>Age 6-12: \$612.60/month</li> <li>Age 13-18: \$678.60/month</li> </ul>
Oregon <sup>xxxvii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-5: \$693/month</li> <li>Age 6-12: \$733/month</li> <li>Age 13-20: \$795/month</li> </ul>
Pennsylvania <sup>xxxviii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Pennsylvania, each county oversees the reimbursement rates that foster parents are provided.</li> </ul>
Rhode Island <sup>xxxix</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-3: \$720/month</li> <li>Age 4-11: \$810/month</li> <li>Age 12-21: \$840/month</li> </ul>
South Carolina <sup>xl</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-5: \$605/month</li> <li>Age 6-12: \$708/month</li> <li>Age 13-20: \$747/month</li> </ul>
South Dakota <sup>xli</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-12: \$471.30/month</li> <li>Age 13-18: \$565.80/month</li> </ul>
Tennessee <sup>xlii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-11: \$786.60/month</li> <li>Age 12 and up: \$901.80/month</li> </ul>
Texas <sup>xliii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$812.10/month</li> </ul>
Utah <sup>xliv</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-5: \$520.13/month</li> <li>Age 6-11: \$553.58/month</li> <li>Age 12-18: \$587.04/month</li> </ul>
Vermont <sup>xlv</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reimbursement rate depends on the foster parent's training and experience, and the age of the child.</li> </ul>
Virginia <sup>xlvi</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-4: \$486/month</li> <li>Age 5-12: \$568/month</li> <li>Age 13-18: \$721/month</li> </ul>
Washington <sup>xlvii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 0-5: \$672/month</li> <li>Age 6-11: \$796/month</li> </ul>

<sup>17</sup> In New Jersey, The different payments based on age were not immediately clear.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 12-18: \$810/month</li> </ul>
West Virginia <sup>xlviii</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$900/month</li> </ul>
Wisconsin <sup>xlix</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-4: \$420/month</li> <li>• Age 5-11: \$460/month</li> <li>• Age 12-14: \$522/month</li> <li>• Age 15-18: \$545/month</li> </ul>
Wyoming <sup>l</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-5: \$645/month</li> <li>• Age 6-12: \$664/month</li> <li>• Age 13-18: \$732/month</li> </ul>
<i>Source: LSO Staff Compilation</i>	

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