

The Case Manager will notify the Non Relative Caregiver Administrator when the following occurs:

- The application for benefits is completed and ready for submission
- A placement change occurs
- There is a change in non relative caregiver
- The child is closed Permanent Guardianship.



OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CAREGIVERS:

211 Telephone service for community linkage

Support Group Meetings

Behavior Analysis Services

Parenting classes

Medicaid Funded Services



For Additional Information,
please contact:

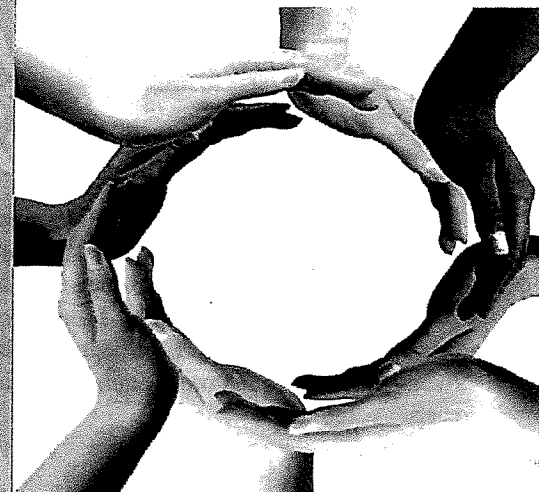


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NON RELATIVE CAREGIVER BENEFITS INFORMATION



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Purpose:

To alleviate the financial burden by helping with the cost of housing, food, clothing, incidentals, supplies, and any other costs or services that aide in the care, safety and well-being of the dependent child to promote support and stability.

AGES & AMOUNTS:

0-5	\$242
6-12	\$249
13-18	\$298

Duration:

As long as funding continues to be available, Non Relative caregiver financial assistance will continue until the child reaches age 18, is adopted, is no longer placed in the home, moves from the state of Florida, or the Non Relative caregiver becomes licensed, whichever is sooner.

Eligibility:

- 1) A court accepted Unified Home Study;
- 2) A court order adjudicating the child dependent;
- 3) A court order placing the child in the care and custody of the non relative caregiver and finding that the placement is in the best interest of the child; and,
- 4) A signed statement by the Non Relative caregiver expressing financial need to continue to care for the child long term.

Caregiver is ineligible if:

The Non Relative caregiver receives Supplement Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or Social Security Survivor Benefits (SSA) on the behalf of the child.

Process:

Complete the DCF form: *Application for Non Relative Caregiver Financial Assistance, form CF-FSP 5398*

- Non Relative caregiver must complete general demographic information and sign a financial attestation to indicate his or her financial need for assistance to care for the child long term.
- Case Manager must verify all eligibility criteria is met and sign the application.
- Application and Unified Home study is emailed by Case Manager within 2 business days to:
Nonrelative_Caregiver@dcf.state.fl.us
- DCF makes a determination within 5 business days
- DCF provides notice of eligibility to the Non Relative caregiver and Case Manager within 10 business days

You should KNOW:

- Payment is prorated for the days the child lived in the home.
- Payment is paid following the month of placement (ex. paid in June for the month of May)
- Payment continues after case is closed Permanent Guardianship.
- If the child is out of the home for an extended period of time but remains in the Non Relative caregiver's care and custody, payment will be suspended for up to 60 days. If the child remains out of the home on day 61 benefits will be terminated.
- Whenever a payment is discontinued or an application is denied, DCF will notify the non relative caregiver of the reason and of their right to appeal the decision.

