



British Columbia

Federation of Foster Parent Associations

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To Whom It May Concern:

The basic family care rate (maintenance) is all inclusive and covers the day to day costs of caring for a child or youth in care. All foster parents with a Restricted, Regular, Level 1, 2, or 3 contract receive this rate.

Current maintenance rates are \$757.67/mth for a child aged 11 and under, and \$866.11/mth for a child aged 12-19. This amount covers maintenance of the child and includes, but is not limited to clothing, recreation, household costs, allowances, school fees, transportation and personal needs.

In addition to the basic maintenance rate, Level 1, 2, and 3 homes receive a service payment (fee for service) which varies depending on the Level of care provided. This amount, with the exception of 3 days of relief, is for the use of the foster parent, in order to maintain the placement.

In an effort to provide clarification regarding what portion of the overall contract payment may be construed as income for the purpose of determining mortgage approval, following are the current Specialized Care Fee for Service Rates as set out by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Level One Specialized Care Payment (per child) – up to six children in the home

One child any age \$396.56/mth – 3 days relief (approx) \$150.00 = \$246/child

Level Two Specialized Care Payment – up to three children in the home (basic minus 3 days relief)

One child \$1,078.94/mth – 3 days relief (approx) \$180/child = \$898.94
Two children \$1,845.76/mth – 3 days relief (approx) \$360/2 children = \$1,485.73
Three children \$2,508.54/mth – 3 days relief (approx) \$540/3 children = \$1968.54

Level Three Specialized Care Payment) – Up to two children in the home (basic minus 3 days relief)

One child \$1,755.20/mth – 3 days relief (approx) \$270.00 = \$1,485.20
Two children i \$2,990.20/mth – 3 days relief (approx) \$540.00 = \$2,440.20

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the Federation Provincial Office at 1-800-663-9999.

Yours truly,
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