

FUNDING SOURCES



Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)

The Adoption Assistance Program is available to both relative and non-relative families who adopt children from foster care. AAP reduces the financial barriers to the adoption of children who might otherwise remain in foster care. Eligibility is not based on family income, but rather on the eligibility of the child. The AAP rate is negotiated with each family, and is based on the child's basic and special needs, and the circumstances of the family. Information is available at <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG1303.htm>

Kin-GAP

Kin-GAP is a cash aid program that supports eligible relative caregivers in California who become legal guardians. Kin-GAP pays eligible relative guardians at the basic AFDC-FC rate for the child's age, and a special care rate that the child was receiving 1 month prior to the guardianship order. Kin-GAP gives eligible relative caregivers that are unable or unwilling to adopt the child an option for exiting the child welfare system.

A Kin-GAP guardian can only receive Kin-GAP funding if s/he lives in California. If a relative guardian moves out of California and then returns to California, they can receive Kin-GAP again. Kin-GAP eligibility must be established before dependency has been dismissed. Therefore, if a prospective Kin-GAP eligible guardian plans to leave the state, Kin-GAP should be established before dependency is dismissed so that the guardian can receive Kin-GAP aid if they ever move back to California.

A relative must meet certain eligibility criteria to be a Kin-GAP guardian. Detailed information about the Kin-GAP program and eligibility criteria is available from your Agency social worker or at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cfsweb/PG1354.htm>

Basic Foster Care Rates

Below is a table showing the current AFDC-FC standardized basic rates for foster family homes set by the State of California, Department of Social Services:

Foster Family Homes Schedule of Basic Rates Effective 1/1/08	
Age	Basic Rate
0-4	\$446
5-8	\$485
9-11	\$519
12-14	\$573
15-19	\$627