

# Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

MARCH 9, 2020





# Current Status of FCRRC



Items approved by NCC:	NCC to vote on in May:
➤ Essential-Intensive Rates (Foster Parent and Agency)	➤ Specialized Rates (Foster Parent and Agency)
➤ Adoption Subsidy Pilot Recommendations	➤ Treatment Foster Care Rates
➤ LOR Agency Expectations	
➤ Revised NCR	



# Essential Rate Recommendations

## Recommended Essential Rate

Nebraska Foster Parent **Proposed** Essential Rates compared with current daily and annual rates effective July 1, 2019. The increases are proposed to span 2020 until 2025.

AGE	DAILY	PROPOSED DAILY	ANNUAL	PROPOSED ANNUAL
0-5	\$20.40	\$22.26	\$ 7,446.00	\$8,124.72
6-11	\$23.46	\$27.06	\$ 8,562.90	\$9,876.57
12-18	\$25.50	\$28.73	\$ 9,307.50	\$10,485.87

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# Tiered Rate Recommendations

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AGE	ESSENTIAL	PROPOSED ESSENTIAL	ENHANCED	PROPOSED ENHANCED	INTENSIVE	PROPOSED INTENSIVE
<b>0-5</b>	\$20.40	\$22.26	\$28.05	\$29.76	\$35.70	\$37.26
<b>6-11</b>	\$23.46	\$27.06	\$31.11	\$34.56	\$38.76	\$42.06
<b>12-18</b>	\$25.50	\$28.73	\$33.15	\$36.23	\$40.80	\$43.73

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# Agency Administration & Support Rate Recommendations

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## Recommended Daily Rates

<b>LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>AGENCY SUPPORT RATES EFF. 7/1/19</b>	<b>JUVENILE PROBATION*</b>	<b>PROPOSED AGENCY SUPPORT RATE</b>
<b>ESSENTIAL</b>	\$22.20		\$26.92
<b>ENHANCED</b>	\$28.73		\$32.16
<b>INTENSIVE</b>	\$39.54	\$38.76	\$41.73

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# Level of Responsibility Workgroup

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The workgroup recommends DHHS and **Administrative Office of Probation** and the Courts adopt and implement the use of the revised Nebraska Caregiver Responsibility Tool.

- Replace professional foster care service contracts, letters of agreement, and **vouchers** with the use of the NCR.
- Implement the use of the NCR at DHHS, Saint Francis and **Juvenile Probation**.
- Develop revised training curriculum for the most recent version of the NCR for case managers, supervisors and **field officers**.



# Adoption Assistance Pilot Recommendations

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1. The workgroup agrees with the Department's initiative to implement a standardized process which is equitable and fair across jurisdictions as this did not exist before the pilot.
2. 65% of the maximum foster care reimbursement rate for those children whose responsibility level is essential is an acceptable minimum offer for children who present with a guarded prognosis and whose caregiving responsibility level is "essential."
3. **The workgroup recommends updates to the Nebraska Administrative Code 479, Chapters 7 & 8 specific to the Guardianship and Adoption Assistance programs increase request and appeal process. The Administrative Code should be updated to clarify that all assistance agreements (adoption and guardianship), regardless of funding source (federal or state), must have a means to provide each caregiver the ability to request a maintenance rate increase and the ability to appeal the determination by DHHS, in accordance with the Administrative Appeals Act.**

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# Specialized Rate Recommendation: Option A

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<b>AGE</b>	<b>MARKET RATE: PROBATION/PROMISESHIP</b>	<b>PROPOSED DAILY</b>	<b>PROPOSED ANNUAL</b>
<b>0-5</b>		\$80	\$29,200
<b>6-11</b>	\$80/day	\$80	\$29,200
<b>12-18</b>		\$80	\$29,200





# Specialized Rate Recommendation: Option B


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<b>AGE</b>	<b>MARKET RATE:</b> PROBATION/PROMISESHIP	<b>PROPOSED DAILY</b>	<b>PROPOSED ANNUAL</b>
<b>0-5</b>		\$77.75	\$28,378.75
<b>6-11</b>	\$80/day	\$82.55	\$30,130.75
<b>12-18</b>		\$84.22	\$30,740.30



# Agency Support Rate

LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY	DHHS EFF. 7/1/19	JUVENILE PROBATION	PROPOSED DAILY RATE
ESSENTIAL	\$22.20		\$26.92
ENHANCED	\$28.73	\$38.76	\$32.16
INTENSIVE	\$39.54		\$41.73
<b>SPECIALIZED**</b>		\$80.00	<b>\$72.75</b>





# Treatment Family Care Rate Recommendations

RECOMMENDED SERVICE COMPONENT	(SERVICE DURATION= 4 MONTHS)	MEDICAID RATE	OCCURRENCE	FREQUENCY	TOTAL	
INITIAL DIAGNOSTIC INTERVIEW (CHILD)		\$ 125.52	1	per year	\$ 31.35	(divided by 4 r service durati
CERTIFIED TREATMENT AIDE	6 hours at 15 minute increments	\$ 11.98	24	per week	\$ 287.52	
INDIVIDUAL THERAPY SESSION (CHILD)	twice weekly	\$ 112.08	2	per week	\$ 224.16	
FAMILY THERAPY SESSIONS	twice weekly	\$ 90.42	2	per week	\$ 224.16	
CLINICAL CONSULTATION*	2 hours/ month	\$ 87.25	2	month	\$ 38.77	(divided by 4.!

\*CLINICAL CONSULTATION \$42.31 - \$87.25/HR MEDICAID RATE



## Next Steps for FRRC in 2020

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1. Send **TFC & Specialized Rate** recommendations to NCC for final approval
2. Update legislative report with approved recommendations
3. Meet to finalize legislative recommendations & report



# Next Steps

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FCRRC will submit the third legislative report.



In order for changed rates to be implemented, legislation must be introduced in the 107th Legislature, 1st session.



If passed, rates would go into effect, likely at the beginning of 2022.