

Working Together



It can be expensive to raise a child. But if you are a licensed foster parent or if you adopt a child from foster care, CT FOSTERS will help you every step of the way.

Training and Support

Caregivers receive free post-licensing training and reimbursements for mileage and childcare associated with training. Caregivers have peer mentors available as a support in addition to support staff, liaisons, monthly support groups and networking events.

Childcare Funding

Children in foster care qualify for Care4Kids, which makes childcare and camp more affordable for working parents.

Health Insurance

Children in foster care qualify for HUSKY at no cost to the caregiver.

Monthly Board & Care

Licensed caregivers are provided a monthly stipend to help offset the costs of caring for a child. These payments are not taxable.

School Lunch Program

Children in foster care are eligible for free public school lunch programs.

Respite

Licensed caregivers may receive up to 14 days of respite care, provided by another foster parent, each year.

After Finalization

Adoption Assistance Program

The Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) is a confidential assessment, education, brief counseling and referral service available to adoptive and guardianship families. Using an EAP (Employee Assistance Program) model of service delivery, the program offers clients the opportunity to consult with a social worker around any concern that is placing stress on the family.

CT Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP)

This partnership of the Department of Children and Families, Department of Social Services, and Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services focus on addressing and improving the behavioral health of the children in the state.

Federal Tax Credit

Families adopting a child from foster care may receive a federal tax credit.

College Program

Children adopted from foster care may receive tuition benefits for post-secondary educational/training institutions.

