

Foster Care and Related Supports

Program	Description	Contact Information
<p>Adoption Assistance Payments</p>	<p>All states provide adoption assistance for certain children with special needs who are adopted from the child welfare system. “Special needs” are defined by each state. A child may be determined to have special needs if he or she is part of a sibling group, is older, belongs to a certain minority group, or has physical and mental disabilities.</p>	<p>Contact your local child welfare agency, or</p> <p>Visit www.nacac.org/subsidy_stateprofiles.html.</p>
<p>Foster Care Payments</p>	<p>Kinship caregivers in most states may be able to receive foster care payments on behalf of the children in their care if they meet certain requirements. Children who receive assistance through this program must be involved in formal foster care, meaning they are in the custody of the state rather than their grandparents.</p>	<p>Contact your local child welfare agency.</p>
<p>Subsidized Guardianship</p>	<p>Thirty-five states and the District of Columbia offer financial assistance for caregivers who obtain legal guardianship of children who have been in the foster care system. A few states also have subsidized guardianship for children who have not been in the foster care system.</p>	<p>Contact your local child welfare agency, or</p> <p>Visit www.gu.org/Files/Subsidized.Ne.w12_02.pdf. (Adobe Acrobat required.)</p>

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