

COMPARISON OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS of ADOPTION, LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP, KIN GAP, LONG TERM FOSTER CARE and TRIBAL CUSTOMARY ADOPTION

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	Adoption (Adoption Assistance Program –AAP)	Tribal Customary Adoption (Adoption Assistance Program –AAP)	Kin-GAP (Legal Guardianship)	Non-Relative AFDC Foster Care (FC) (Legal Guardianship)	Long Term Foster Care
Amount	A negotiated rate based on the special needs of the child and circumstances of the family	A negotiated rate based on the special needs of the child and circumstances of the family	A fixed payment according to age	A fixed payment according to age	Based on age and in some cases, child's disability
Special Needs Allowance	Available in most counties; varies according to county A child who is developmentally delayed and a current consumer of California Regional Center may qualify for the dual agency flat rate.	Available in most counties; varies according to county A child who is developmentally delayed and a current consumer of California Regional Center may qualify for the dual agency flat rate.	Included if child was eligible while in foster care	Available in most counties	Based on current Foster Care funding
Medi-Cal	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Clothing Allowance	None	None	Varies according to county	Varies according to county	Varies according to county

Maximum Age	Until child turns 18; can be extended to 21 if a child has a mental or physical handicap that warrants continuation of benefits.	Until child turns 18; can be extended to 21 if a child has a mental or physical handicap that warrants continuation of benefits.	Until child turns 18; until 19 if child is in school and can graduate	Until child turns 18; until 19 if child is in school and can graduate	Until child turns 18; can be extended to 21 if a child has a disability
Independent Living Program	Yes, if child adopted at or after age 16	Yes, if child adopted at or after age 16	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reassessment	At least every two years	At least every two years	Every year	Every six months	Ongoing
Foster Care Case Closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No