Foster families receive a reimbursement from the state for a portion of the cost of caring for children in DCFS care.

The last rate increase for foster parents was in FY 08. Rates were raised $1 for what was the equivalent of Levels 1 & 2, and up $1.50 for Level 3. Before that, it went up .25 for all levels from FY06-FY07, and before that it goes back to FY00-01 when it was raised .75 for only what was the equivalent of level 1 providers.

Foster care reimbursement rates for families caring for levels 1-3 children since 2000

$0.75 for level 1 providers in 2001
$0.25 for level 1-3 providers in 2007
$1.00 for level 1-2 $1.50 for level 3 providers in 2009

Proposed Reimbursement Increase

An appropriation of $750,000 for foster parents who are licensed by and for the state (this proposal would not include private foster care providers) will increase the hourly foster parent rate by 6 cents. Or an average of less than $2.00 per day.

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