



Fostering hope for children and families.

"Our Mission is to foster resilience in children and families so they can thrive."

Foster Parent Financial Arrangements

As a foster parent, you will receive monthly compensation for each child placed in your home. This compensation comes from two sources; A Basic Foster Care (BFC) Maintenance payment and an Enhanced Maintenance Payment for Additional Daily Supervision (ADS). The amount of BFC maintenance is set by the state each year and the ADS payment is set according to how the child scores on a state administered instrument called the "Virginia Enhanced Maintenance Assessment Tool", or simply the "VEMAT".

Basic Foster Care Maintenance (BFC) Payment Breakdown - effective July 1, 2025

Age of Child	Room and Board	Clothing	Personal Care, Recreation	Monthly Allowance	Total Payment Rate
0 thru 4	\$397	\$72	\$111	\$ 0	\$580
5 thru 12	\$453	\$94	\$118	\$12	\$677
13 and over	\$551	\$144	\$128	\$38	\$861
Maximum Independent Living Stipend					\$800
Supplemental Clothing Allowance					
Age 0 thru 4					\$387
Age 5 thru 12					\$485
Age 13 and over					\$581

*An extra clothing allotment is usually available to children in DSS custody.

Enhanced Maintenance payment for Additional Daily Supervision (ADS)

The second part of your monthly payment comes from your services providing additional daily supervision to the child depending upon his or her needs. Needs are determined by the score the child receives on the VEMAT. Each child will receive a VEMAT score within 60 days of placement (60 days is interpreted to mean 60 calendar days from the time the child enters the home through the end of the month in which the 60th day falls). If a child is placed in your home without a VEMAT score an emergency rate of \$1120/per month is provided. A table is shown below that shows the daily and monthly payments based upon different levels of child need:

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Virginia Enhanced Maintenance Assessment Tool (VEMAT) Score & Payment Levels

VEMAT Points	Dollars/Month
0	\$0.00
4	\$224.00
8	\$448.00
12	\$672.00
16	\$896.00
20	\$1,120.00
24	\$1,344.00
28	\$1,568.00
32	\$1,792.00
36	\$2,016.00

Payment Qualifications:

If the child needs to spend the night(s) with another Teaching Parent for any reason, then that parent would receive the total per diem payment (BFC & ADS).

IRS and Teaching "Foster" Care Payments:

The IRS currently considers Foster Care and "Additional Daily Supervision" payments exempt from federal taxes.

Bonuses:

People Places recognizes those Teaching Parents who are able to fulfill their responsibilities to obtain **annual** medical and **bi-annual** dental examinations with a **BONUS** of **\$40** for the annual medical and a **\$30** for each semi-annual dental. When each medical or dental appointment is completed by the due date and the form turned into the office, the family is eligible for this bonus payment to be included in their next check. There is not a bonus paid for initial exams, which may be required at placement.

We encourage our Teaching Parents to recruit other families that they can recommend for this work. A special BONUS of **\$500** is available to any family that recruits a prospective Teaching Parent couple or single Teaching Parent who satisfactorily completes our Pre-Service Parenting Skills training program.