

Basic Maintenance Rate

2% increase to basic maintenance per diem rates for all age groups effective April 1, 2026.

Basic Maintenance per diem rates apply to foster care, kinship care and supports for permanency.

Age Breakdown	Rate
0-1	\$26.00
2-5	\$26.43
6-8	\$28.99
9-11	\$30.63
12-15	\$34.69
16-17	\$39.66

Babysitting/Relief Per Diem

2% increase to babysitting/relief per diem rates effective April 1, 2026.

In addition to Basic Maintenance, all foster homes and kinship homes will receive **\$2.82** per day per child for babysitting/relief. This amount is not intended to pay for child specific or foster home specific respite that may be required and would be negotiated as part of a support plan.

Skill Fee Per Diem

2% increase to skill fee per diem rates effective April 1, 2026.

Foster caregivers classified as specialized will continue to be reimbursed through special rates.

Classification	Rate
Level 1	\$16.26
Level 2	\$29.81

Annual Recreation Allowances (Sports, Arts & Recreation)

The funds are allocated per fiscal year.

Exceeding this limit cannot be authorized without prior written approval from the Supervisor.

Age Breakdown	Rate
0-11	\$675.00
12-17	\$775.00

Camp Fees & Vacation Allowance

\$500.00 per fiscal year.

The funds can be used for vacation and/or camp fees to the maximum amount.

Travel and Subsistence

Effective June 1, 2025

\$0.570 per kilometer (as per government standards).

Meal	Rate
Breakfast	\$13.00
Lunch	\$18.00
Dinner	\$28.00

Babysitting

Babysitting for the caregivers' children and the children placed in the home.

Description	Rate
Hourly rate / child	\$6.50
Daily rate / child	\$65.00
Daily rate / home	\$195.00

Infant Care Initial Expenses

Maximum of **\$500.00** for reimbursement of purchased baby equipment (e.g., crib, car seat) when an infant is placed in a foster home.

Infant equipment is provided to kinship caregivers through the [Kinship Care Support Plan \(FC11918\)](#).

Infant Care Costs

\$150.00 per month to reimburse foster caregivers caring for infants 0–36 months of age for the costs of formula, diapers, and basic baby care supplies.

Infant care costs are provided to kinship caregivers through the [Kinship Care Support Plan \(FC 11918\)](#).

Automatic Relief/Respite

All foster caregivers and kinship caregivers will be reimbursed for two days a month of relief or respite for each child placed in their home at **\$65.00** a day per child. Prior approval is not required, and the caseworker must be informed of the provider. Foster caregivers and kinship caregivers can bank up to 6 days of relief/respite to be used at one time.

This automatic relief/respite will be available to all caregivers not receiving relief or respite supports through a [Foster Care Support Plan \(FC3605\)](#) or [Kinship Care Support Plan \(FC11918\)](#).

Kinship Initial Placement Allowance (KIPA)

KIPA provides assistance for the unexpected financial demands and subsequent stressors on new kinship caregivers.

KIPA includes **up to \$900.00** per new placement of a child or youth in a kinship home. Funds **over \$900.00** per child or youth must be approved by a delegated expenditure officer.

KIPA supports are provided to kinship caregivers through the [Kinship Care Support Plan \(FC11918\)](#).

For more information on financial compensation and support planning for caregivers, please see the Enhancement Policy Manual at <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/3607542>