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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for issuing payments to Foster Care (FC) providers using different funding streams such as Federal, State, or County Funds to meet placement costs.

FEDERAL AFDC-FC

Federal FC payment is available to an eligible child or Non-Minor Dependent (NMD) in a placement with any of the following providers or facilities:

- Resource Family Approved (RFA) Home
- A licensed foster home
- An Emergency Shelter Home (ESH)
- A licensed, private, nonprofit group home
- Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)
- A licensed nonprofit Foster Family Agency (FFA)
- Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC)
- A relative whose home has been approved
- A Non Relative Extended Family Member (NREFM) whose home has been approved
- A regional center home approved by Regional Center
- Any out-of-state placement which meets the licensing requirements of that state and approved by Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)
- Supervised Living Placements (SILP)
- Legal Guardian with Dependency

NOTE: After termination of parents rights (TPR) or relinquishment, a relative FC provider is no longer considered a relative to the child for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) purposes.

STATE AFDC-FC

State FC payment is available to an eligible child or NMD in a placement with one of the following providers or facilities:

- Resource Family Approved (RFA) Home
- A licensed foster home
- An ESH
- A licensed, private, nonprofit group home
- STRTP
- A licensed nonprofit FFA
- ISFC

- A NREFM whose home has been approved
- A regional center home approved by Regional Center
- Any out-of-state placement which meets the licensing requirements of that state and approved by ICPC
- SILP
- Non-related Legal Guardian with or without dependency (NRLG)
- Probate Guardianship

NOTE: Relatives are not entitled to receive State FC payment and are referred to CalWORKs/Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) program.

Refer to [ARC Program Policy 705](#) for more eligibility information.

COUNTY FUNDS

County funded FC payments is available to any placement that is not eligible for Federal or State FC payment. A [County Funds Request \(CFR\) \(F063-25-415\)](#) must be signed at the appropriate level.

- Senior Social Services Supervisor (SSSS)
- Program Manager (PM)
- Deputy Director
- Director (\$10,000 and above per month)

To ensure Children Family Services (CFS) staff have all the necessary information to complete the [CFR](#) eligibility staff must follow the instructions provided in the [County Funds Processing Guide \(PG\)](#). FC Eligibility staff should not complete the [CFR](#) on behalf of CFS.

FC Eligibility only processes county funds identified as a Placement Need or Special Placement Need. Some examples for Placement Needs include but are not limited to:

- For-profit group homes
- Omitted or untimely court findings
- Issuing supplemental payment for out of county/state placement
- Court ordered to pay for placement
- Payment that is not covered by Temporary Absence Rules
- Pending RFA (CFS manager and Deputy Director must approve CF for homes pending RFA)
- Court-ordered clothing allowance

Special Placement Needs example:

- Funeral Expense (Refer to [Funeral Related Expense WT 37](#))

Refer to [County Funds Request Guidelines for Placement Needs WT 04](#)

NOTE: Staff should not complete a CFR for non-placement needs. CFRs for non-placement must be processed by the Social Services Agency Accounting Department. Some examples for non-placement needs include but are not limited to:

- Mental Health Services

- Medi-Cal or Dental Services
- Expenses (Travel, Tutoring, Unplanned Expenses)

BEGINNING DATE OF AID

If a child is determined to be eligible to receive Federal, State or county funded FC payments, the beginning date of aid is the date of placement when the child meets all eligibility requirements. Examples of eligibility requirements include but are not limited to:

Child meets all linking and non-linking eligibility factors, including deprivation, age, citizenship or alienage status, residence, property and income requirements. Refer to [Determination of Federal AFDC-FC Policy 706](#).

NOTE: Federal/State funds cannot be used to make a payment prior to the detention hearing.

LAST DATE OF AID

The last date of Federal or State FC payments is the date preceding the date the child or NMD is removed or absent from an eligible placement, or turns 21 years of age. Refer to [Extended Foster Care Policy 701](#). For example, if a child or NMD is removed on the 15th of the month, the previous placement is paid through the 14th of the month.

NOTE: FC payments can be issued to a provider when a child is temporarily absent from an eligible placement. However, the CFS Social Worker must submit a bed hold request. Refer to [Temporary Absence](#) section below.

BUDGETING METHODS

FC payments are rounded down to the nearest dollar. The FC payment is based on California's basic FC rate plus any supplemental payment, if applicable. This amount must be pro-rated if the child was not in placement for the entire month. Refer to [Proration Worksheet \(F063-31-12\)](#).

RATES

FC payment rates are adjusted annually by the State according to the changes in the California Necessities Index (CNI).

Exception: County-specific programs do not receive the CNI rate change such as:

- Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP) and
- Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP-Plus).

All FC payments are issued in arrears and shall be issued by the 15th of the following month after care has been provided. This includes any pro-rated payment amounts.

For the following placement types, the payment rate is the Home Based Foster Care (HBFC) basic flat rate. For HBFC rate refer to [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#).

- A licensed foster home
- Resource Families
- An ESH
- Relatives
- NREFMs
- Legal Guardian

NOTE: The rates for Non-Dependent Non-Related Legal Guardian (NRLG) are based on when guardianship was established. Refer to [Basic Rates for KG/NRLG WT 02](#).

Out-of-State

For out-of-state placements, FC payments are based on the rates and licensing requirements of the state in which the child resides. Refer to [Out of State Policy 45-202.518](#).

Group Home (GH)

A GH is a non-profit facility that provides the most restrictive out-of-home placement for FC children. To be eligible for Federal or State FC payments, a GH must be licensed by the State of California. GHs are classified according to the level of care and services provided. Currently, there are 14 different Rate Classification Levels (RCL). The rates associated to RCLs are adjusted each year by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) according to the changes in the CNI. Prior to authorizing payments, a copy of the GH license must be obtained, reviewed, and imaged in the case record.

Out-of-state GHs are required to be certified by CDSS to be eligible to receive Federal or State FC payments. These out-of-state facilities are required to comply with the same licensure standards as the GHs in California and must be recertified annually. Eligibility staff must ensure the certification remains valid and has not expired. If certification has expired, eligibility staff must verify if an extension has been granted to allow time for completion of the annual recertification review process. The rates for these facilities are different from the California's GH rates; therefore a rate letter must be obtained for the GH prior to authorizing payment. Refer to [California Certified Out-of-State Facilities](#) for rates.

For NMDs placed in a GH, refer to [Extended Foster Care Policy 701](#)

NOTE: The rates for for-profit GHs are the same as those for non-profit GHs but are paid with **county funds** only.

Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)

STRTP is a residential facility that provides integrated program of specialized and intensive care and supervision, services and support, treatment, and short-term 24-hour care and supervision to children and youth. Children/youth placed in STRTP placements are expected to transition to a home placement within 12 months. For STRTP placement that continue up to 12 months, Eligibility staff must follow up with CFS at the end of 12 months to determine if the child/youth is going to transition to a different placement.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2017, GH's must either transition to a STRTP or receive an approved extension request from the County and California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The extension will allow the GH to continue to be paid at their current RCL rate. Once the GH converts to a STRTP they will receive the STRTP rate. For STRTP rate refer to [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#).

Prior to authorizing the payment to a STRTP, a copy of the License 203A stating "STRTP" facility is required.

Foster Family Agencies (FFAs)

FFA's are licensed private, non-profit agencies that recruit and certify foster homes for the purposes of placement of FC children who require more intensive treatment than what a licensed foster home can provide. Also, they serve as an alternative placement option for GHs and STRTP placements.

There are two FFA rate structures:

- Treatment Rate Structure is aged based and only to be used for FFA placements prior to 3/1/2018.
- Level of Care (LOC) Rate Structure is only to be used for FFA placements on or after 3/1/2018. Staff must ensure the [Level of Care \(LOC\) Digital Scoring Form \(F063-25-816\)](#) or [Level of Care \(LOC\) Manual Scoring Form \(F063-25-817\)](#) is received from CFS.

Prior to authorizing payments, a copy of the FFA license (LIC 203) and valid Certificate of Approval ([LIC 229](#)) for the foster home must be obtained. The Certificate of Approval is valid only for one year and must be renewed after it is expired.

For FFA certified homes converting to RFA, the RFA Approval Certificate must be obtained. For FFA rates refer to [Foster Family Agency Rate List](#).

When a child is placed in a FFA certified home, with a relative or NREFM the county is to pay the FFA rate regardless if the case is federal or non-federal.

NOTE: All FFA certified homes will need to convert to RF by 12/31/2019.

Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC)

ISFC is intended to serve children/youth that require intensive treatment and behavioral support, as well as children/youth with specialized health care needs.

An eligible child for ISFC is a child or non-minor dependent in FC that requires a higher level of care of supervision as determined by the LOC rate determination Protocol, which is completed by CFS SSW. The goal of the ISFC program is to ensure that youth in FC receive the services they need in a home-based family setting or to avoid or exit a STRTP or GH placement.

Eligible ISFC facilities include, Resource families, including those certified by a FFA, are eligible to receive ISFC payment. Prior to authorizing FC payment, the following documents are required.

- ISFC approval rate letter/provisional rate letter
- FFA License
- LOC Scoring Sheet identifying placement as ISFC

Static Criteria placement for ISFC

A static placement is a short term 60-day period that the child/youth may be placed in an ISFC placement pending a LOC rate determination.

If the child/youth meets static criteria, ISFC rate may be paid up to 60 days pending completion of a LOC rate determination. The initial 60 day placements may be extended an additional 60 days upon CFS approval. For static placement, rate letter is not required. The documents listed above, with the exception of the rate letter are required for static placements.

For ISFC rate refer to [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#). Refer to ISFC PG for processing payment (Pending)

Licensed Foster Family Homes (FFH)

A licensed Foster Family Home (FFH) is a home where the caregiver is licensed to provide care and supervision to FC children. The rates for FFH are the HBFC basic rate that is set and annually adjusted by the State according to the changes in the CNI. FFHs include provider categories such as a licensed foster family home, relative, NREFM, and legal guardian (for legal guardian placements refer to [Legal Guardian Policy 703](#)).

For a FFH, the FC payment is issued when a copy of the licensed (LIC 203) is obtained. If the FFH has a pending license or foster parent moves to a new address, there is no eligibility to Federal or State AFDC-FC until the home is licensed.

For relatives to be eligible to receive Federal AFDC-FC and NREFM's eligible to receive Federal or State AFDC-FC, either [Approval of Family Caregiver Home \(SOC 815\)](#) or Resource Family Approval Certificate ([Certificate of Approval - F063-25-774](#)) must be received.

If the home was approved with [SOC 815](#), the home must be reassessed every 24 months to determine if it continues to meet state health and safety standards and eligible to Federal or State Funding.

If the home was approved through the RFA process, the approval of the Resource Family ([F063-25-774](#)) is reassessed every 12 months. Resource Family approval will remain in full force and effect unless it is rescinded or revoked. Payment will not discontinue pending the completion of the reassessment. Payment only stops when a RFA has been suspended or terminated. If there is any changes to the approval of the Resource Family, such as address or capacity change, CFS will submit an updated RFA certificate with the original "Effective Approval Date" along with an "Updated Date".

For Relative or NREFMs placements pending RFA, the worker must evaluate for the Emergency Caregiver Funding. For eligibility requirements refer to the [Emergency Caregiver Funding Process WT 45](#).

NOTE: All Relative and NREFM homes will need to convert to RF by 12/31/2019.

Regional Centers

Regional Centers are private, non-profit organizations contracted by the State to coordinate, plan, and monitor services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities. They help to determine and recommend the appropriate type of facility and payment rate to meet the child's needs.

A facility type commonly used for placing FC children through a Regional Center is a residential Community Care Facility (CCF) which is licensed by the State and administered by a Regional Center. The rates for these facilities are set by the State. The rate paid to a CCF is based on the number of beds per facility, the child's level of care and non-medical service level. For Regional Center rates refer to [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#).

Dual Agency

A dual agency care rate is for children who are served by both California regional Centers and California Welfare and Probation Agencies. A dual agency child is in a FC home, a child in an adoptive placement or adopted from the FC system, who receives AFDC-FC or Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) benefits and who is concurrently a consumer of California Regional Center services due to a developmental disability, as defined by the Lanterman Act, and/or a child receiving services under the California

Early Start Intervention Services Act. In addition to the Dual Agency rate, children three years of age and older are eligible to receive a supplemental to the rate. The supplemental rate has four levels and is based on the assessed severity of a dual agency child's condition. For Dual Agency and supplemental rate refer to the [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#), FC providers who are eligible to receive dual agency rates include:

- The approved home of a relative
- The licensed family home of a non-relative
- The approved home of a non-relative extended family member
- The home of a non-related legal guardian or former non-related guardian when the guardianship of a child otherwise eligible for AFDC-FC has been dismissed due to a child attaining 18 years of age. (W&IC Sections 11402, 11461, and 362.7).

Refer to [Dual Agency Payment Checklist WT 23](#) for required documents.

Treatment Foster Care Oregon-Orange County(TFCO-OC)

TFCO-OC formerly known as Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) provides short term placement for youths ages 12 to 18 years old who have behavioral and/or emotional problems. This placement allows only one foster child at a time to be placed in a TFCO-OC. For TFCO-OC rate refer to [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#).

Emergency Shelter Home (ESH)

An ESH is a home of a licensed FC parent who signs a contract with the County of Orange to provide short-term foster care until a long term placement is located. ESH is an alternative to having a child placed in Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC).

- Placement duration is a maximum of 30 days, unless there are circumstances that permit the ESH placement beyond 30 days.
- ESH is necessary to meet the continuing protective needs of the child, and there is no other placement option available.
- The child has special needs which render placement extremely difficult, and there is no other placement option available to meet the child's special needs.
- ESH rates are based on per diem or monthly rate. These rates are set by a contract that is established between ESH parents and the County of Orange.
- The payee is Social Services Agency (SSA). CalWIN will issue a warrant to SSA monthly.

When a child is placed in a home that is initially believed to be an ESH home but later determined to be a foster home with an approved Special Care Increment (SCI), the payment must be issued directly to the foster

parent, not to SSA. For ESH processing instructions refer to [Emergency Shelter Home Information Sheet WT 15](#).

SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

Clothing Allowance

All clothing allowances for County of Orange are currently suspended except when there is a court order. County funds are needed for court-ordered clothing allowances.

Funeral Expense

The cost of the funeral expense up to \$5000 is available for all placement types for a child receiving FC payments at the time of his/her death. Upon request by CFS, payment shall be made directly to the funeral home. If County funds are authorized to pay for the funeral expense, the funds are issued as "Placement Needs" or "Special Needs". To determine which source of funding to use for funeral expense refer to [Funeral Related Expense WT 37](#).

Infant Supplement (IS)

Infant Supplemental (IS) payment is an additional amount paid to a provider for the supervision and care of an infant/child (non-dependent) living in the same placement facility with his/her dependent minor or non-minor parent. If the infant/child is a dependent to be eligible to infant supplemental, the following criteria must be met:

- The dependent minor is not receiving AFDC-FC payment
- The dependent minor resides with the NMD and
- The dependent minor's case plan is Family Maintenance (FM)

NOTE: If the dependent infant/child is removed from the NMD and placed in a separate eligible facility, the infant supplemental payment would terminate as the dependent minor would receive his/her own AFDC/FC payment.

Eligibility to IS is based on the infant's parent AFDC-FC eligibility. Additionally, the infant is eligible to full-scope, no share-of-cost Medi-Cal.

Eligible placements that may receive IS include:

- Foster Homes
- Resource Family Home
- SILPs
- THP-NMD
- Non-Related Legal Guardian
- Foster Family Agencies (FFA)
- Group Homes (GH)
- Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)

The CFS Social Worker must submit a request for the IS by sending a [Placement Information Change](#) (PIC) and [Foster Care Data Record and](#)

[AFDC-FC Certification](#) (SOC158A) to the ET for processing. The infant is added to the parent's FC case. The FC provider is the payee for the IS with the exception of SILP NMD as they may choose to be their own payee. The CFS Social Worker will determine the payment start date which is either on the infant's date of birth or the date the infant starts to live with the parent. For IS rate refer to [Basic Rate for Foster Care WT 03](#).

NOTE: In addition to the IS a NMD residing in a SILP is also eligible to Parenting Support Allowance. Refer to [Extended Foster Care Policy 701](#).

Educational Travel Reimbursement (ETR)

A FC or Probation youth may remain in the school of origin, at the time of and for the duration of placement, if it is determined that it's in the best interest of the child. The cost of travel to a child's school of origin shall be reimbursed simultaneously with the child's FC maintenance payment provided all other eligibility requirements are met. Temporary absence rules apply. CFS Social Worker will submit the [Request for Reimbursement School of Origin Transportation Expense form \(F063-25-687\)](#) to Eligibility.

Placement types/facilities eligible for the ETR:

- Approved Relative
- Resource Family Home
- Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)
- Licensed Foster Home
- Foster Family Agency (FFA)
- Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC)
- Lower level regional center homes
- NMDs in a SILP placement attending high school at their school of origin and meeting all other requirements

NOTE: ETR for NMDs in a SILP placement will be paid directly to the NMD.

Facilities not eligible for the ETR:

- Group homes
- Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)
- Community treatment facilities
- THP-NMD providers

There are 2 rate types for ETR payments:

- **Mileage Rate** (Private Automobile)
- **Flat Rate** (Public Transportation)

NOTE: Reimbursement is per child and is on a monthly basis and includes periods where the child is on summer break or off-track at a year-round school.

Mileage rate is based on the number of miles (one-way) from the child's current residence to the school of origin. Partial miles are rounded up if it is 0.5 and above or rounded down if less than 0.5.

Flat rate is used when the child is taking public transportation to their school of origin. If the cost of purchasing the public transportation passes falls between two flat rates, the reimbursement to the provider will be at the higher rate.

For mileage and flat rates refer to [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#).

Upon receipt of the [Reimbursement School of Origin Transportation Expense form \(F063-25-687\)](#), eligibility will review form for completeness, verify rates and calculate mileage by using MapQuest. Worker will sign the request form and issue ETR. For processing instructions on how to issue ETR via CalWIN refer to [Educational Travel Reimbursement WT 27](#). If a child is placed less than the full month in a foster home and the FC monthly maintenance payment is prorated, the ETR should be prorated as well. For processing instructions on how to issue prorated ETR via CalWIN refer to [Prorated Educational Travel Reimbursement WT 34](#).

NOTE: Overpayment may be assessed for a provider who is no longer transporting a child to their school of origin, but continues to receive the ETR rate.

Special Care Increment (SCI)

A Specialized Care Increment (SCI) is a supplemental payment above the basic FC rate paid to cover the cost of additional care and supervision provided by the FC parent to meet the child's daily care needs. The FC basic rate + SCI = the specialized care rate. Children receiving SCI payments have some type of health and/or behavioral problems. With the exception of a few counties, many are participating in and have established their own SCI program. If the host county has no SCI rate, Orange County SCI rate is paid. If the CFS Social Worker determines the host county rate is not sufficient to meet the child's needs, an additional rate can be paid, but must be paid using county funds. The CFS Social Worker must submit the SCI request by completing the [Specialized Foster Care request \(F063-28-164\)](#) and sending it to the assigned ET. The ET will verify if the host county rate is correct and authorize the SCI payment in CalWIN.

Ineligible Facilities include:

- Group home (GH)
- Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)
- Foster Family Agency (FFA)
- SILP
- THPP and THP-NMD

NOTE: SCI rates are valid for a six-month period. At the end of the six month period, a new [Specialized Foster Care Request \(F063-28-164\)](#) form is required.

For SCI rates refer to [Basic rates for Foster Care WT 03](#)

Personal and Incidental (P&I)

Personal and Incidental Needs (P&I) is an allowance for FC children who are placed in a public hospital or rehabilitation center, and to ensure Medi-Cal coverage for children who have not received public funding during the month of medical needs.

The CFS Social Worker determines whether the need exists for P&I allowance. If the need exists, the CFS Social Worker must notify eligibility staff by submitting a request by indicating the P&I allowance on either the [Foster Care Application \(FCAPP\)](#) or [Placement Information Change \(PIC\)](#). The payee for P&I is the hospital in which the child is placed. P&I is paid with county funds only and is not prorated. For P&I rates refer to [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#).

For Supplemental Security Income (SSI) children, a SSI referral must be made to the CFS SSI liaison requesting SSA to become the payee of the child's SSI in order to recoup the P&I payment. The excess amount will go into a Conserved Fund Account for the child.

In the event the hospital declines to receive a P&I payment, the payment will be made payable to Orange County Social Services Agency and must be deposited into the child's Conserved Fund Account. Any returned warrants are to be forwarded to SSA Accounting for cancellation.

For P&I rate for Regional Center (RCOC) clients who receive SSI benefits refer to [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#).

TEMPORARY ABSENCE

When an AFDC-FC eligible child is temporarily absent from an eligible facility for school, work, a training program, hospitalization, visiting, vacationing, emergency circumstances, runaway/absent without official leave (AWOL), or detention in Juvenile Hall, an AFDC-FC payment can be made for a brief absence that does not exceed 14 calendar days in a month AND as long as the child returns to the same placement. If payment is issued and the child does not return to the same placement, this will result in an overpayment.

At the discretion of the CFS Social Worker, if the child does not return to the same placement but payment is requested county funds will need to be authorized to pay for placement.

NOTE: Temporary absence does not apply when the child is absent from placement for more than 14 consecutive days in a calendar month. For more specific details refer to [Bed Hold-Temporary Absence WT 22](#)

Respite Care

Respite care can be used to preserve a placement for a caregiver who may need a temporary break from a child's or non-minor dependent's significant behavioral, developmental, emotional and/or medical needs. At times, caregivers experience parental stress, short-term crisis, and/or an emergency situation and may require respite care, which may be provided in these situations to preserve the placement of the child, and may be provided for up to 14 calendar days in any one month.

For instructions to process Respite Care please refer to [Respite Care WT 44](#).

OTHER PLACEMENT OPTIONS FOR YOUTH

Minor Dependents Ages 16 to 17 Years Old Placed in A Dormitory Or Other Designated Post-Secondary Educational Institution Housing

Effective January 1, 2018 a new non-federal AFDC-FC placement option is available for minors who are ages 16-17 and pursuing a post-secondary education. This placement option allows for dependent minors to reside in a dormitory or other post-secondary educational institution housing, when the living arrangement is made as part of the youth's Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). These youths are allowed to receive FC payment directly provided they meet all of the following requirements.

- The minor dependent is enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution, and
- The minor dependent is living independently in a dormitory or other designated housing of the post-secondary educational institution, and
- The placement is made following a supervised placement agreement and TILP.

This is a non-federal placement option. However, if the case is a federal case and the SW wishes to place the minor in this placement option, the Eligibility worker must convert the funding to non-federal until the minor turns age 18. At age 18, the Eligibility worker must convert the funding back to federal.

To process payment, refer to "16-17" Minor entered as FH in CalWIN WT 49 (Pending).

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM OPTIONS

Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP)

The THPP is a FC Program offered by a licensed transitional housing placement provider to provide a safe living for 16 and 17-year old minor wards or dependent, and opportunity for minors to develop skills needed to live independently upon exiting the FC system. In addition to the supervised transitional housing, the program provides supportive services

based on minor's TILP and the Needs and Services plan as developed by provider.

Transitional Housing Program Plus-NMD (THP-NMD)

The THP-NMD program formerly known as THP+FC is a FC placement option for NMDs age 18 and up to age 21. The THP-NMD is a program offered by a licensed transitional housing placement provider to provide safe housing for NMDs and assistance in developing the skills needed for transitioning to independent living. The program provides supportive services based on the NMD's TILP and Needs and Services plan as developed by the provider.

Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP-Plus)

The THP-Plus is an optional, county certified, provider based transitional housing placement option for former foster youth, including those formerly supervised by probation, ages 18 to 24 who exited FC at or after age 18. Former foster youth in this program are not eligible for AFDC-FC funds. The program's goal is to provide a safe living environment, for up to 24 months, while assisting the youth in developing the life skills necessary to be successful living independently. The program provides supervised transitional living housing and supportive services based on a TILP, which is developed by the young adult the county Aftercare ILLP coordinator or delegate, and other supportive persons.

For the Transitional Housing Placement Program rates refer to [Basic Rates for Foster Care WT 03](#).

ATTACHMENTS

[Foster Care Application \(FCAPP\) \(F063-28-307\)](#)
[Placement Information Change \(PIC\) Notice \(F063-28-301\)](#)
[Proration Worksheet \(F063-31-12\)](#)
[County Funds Request \(F063-25-415\)](#)
[Specialized Foster Care Request \(F063-28-164\)](#)
[Emergency Placement Approval-Relative Assessment \(SOC 815B\) \(F063-04-815B\)](#)
[Emergency Assistance Application \(EA\) \(F063-25-367\)](#)
[Foster Care Data Record and AFDC-FC Certification \(SOC158A\)](#)
[Reimbursement School of Origin Transportation Expense \(F063-25-687\)](#)
[Resource Family Approval Certificate \(F063-25-774\)](#)
[Resource Family Approval Certificate \(RFA 05A\)](#)
[Certificate of Approval \(LIC 229\)](#)
[Request for Reimbursement School of Origin Transportation Expense \(F063-25-687\)](#)
[Approval of Family Caregiver Home \(SOC 815\)](#)

WORKER TOOLS/ PROCESSING

[County Funds Processing Guide](#)
[Basic Rates for KG/NRLG \(WT 02\)](#)
[Basic Rates for Foster Care \(WT 03\)](#)

GUIDE

[County Funds Request Guidelines for Placement Needs \(WT 04\)](#)
[Emergency Shelter Home Information Sheet \(WT 15\)](#)
[Bed Hold Temp Absence Guide \(WT 22\)](#)
[Dual Agency Payment Checklist \(WT 23\)](#)
[Educational Travel Reimbursement \(WT 27\)](#)
[Prorated Educational Travel Reimbursement \(WT 34\)](#)
[Funeral Related Expense \(WT 37\)](#)
[Respite Care \(WT 44\)](#)
[Emergency Caregiver Funding Processing \(WT 45\)](#)

REFERENCES

EAS Manual 45-101, 45-202, 45-203, 45-300, 45-302,
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89, 18-135,

[Extended Foster Care Policy 701](#)
[Legal Guardians Policy 703](#)
[ARC Program Policy 705](#)
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