

DCF's Board and Care for Children – Foster Account

This Department of Children and Families (DCF) account funds monthly maintenance payments to foster families. It also funds subsidies for eligible foster children enrolled in post-secondary education or training programs full-time, court ordered evaluations, home or vehicle modifications to accommodate foster children with physical disabilities, psychiatric evaluations, and other costs as deemed necessary by the child’s caseworker in consultation with the foster parents (e.g. some children may need medical equipment). Foster parents willing to provide care for children with more complex needs are given specialized training and receive a higher monthly maintenance payment. Other items funded via this account include independent living programs (which helps youth making the transition from foster care to self-reliance), Quality Parenting Centers, reunification and therapeutic family time, caregiver support teams, daycare payments, behavioral health services, foster family support services, and services for post-majority individuals.

Expenditures (in millions)

Fiscal Year	Actual \$
FY 19	141.4
FY 20	136.7
FY 21	110.5
FY 22	112.5
FY 23	110.8

Placements (caseload)

Fiscal Year	Monthly Average	Difference - Previous FY	Difference - FY 19
FY 19	3,989	-	-
FY 20	3,774	(215)	(215)
FY 21	3,488	(286)	(501)
FY 22	2,941	(547)	(1,048)
FY 23	2,887	(54)	(1,102)

Board & Care for Children - Foster Account Expenditures (in millions)

