

**Foster Care, Adoption Assistance, and Guardianship—
CBO’s Baseline as of March 6, 2020**

Foster care and permanency programs are open-ended entitlement programs that provide partial reimbursements to states for the cost of providing foster care, adoption assistance, and kinship guardian assistance to children who meet certain federal eligibility criteria. Each state is reimbursed for direct financial assistance according to a formula—based on the state’s federal medical assistance percentage rate—which can range from 50 percent to 83 percent of the state’s cost per child. Administrative and training costs associated with foster care and permanency programs are reimbursed at 50 percent and 75 percent, respectively, for all states. About 60 percent of the amount in federal payments to states is for spending associated with support for foster care.

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Outlays in Millions of Dollars, by Fiscal Year

March 19, 2020

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Foster Care											
Maintenance Payments	1,694	1,712	1,730	1,746	1,762	1,777	1,785	1,801	1,816	1,832	1,873
Administration	2,760	2,792	2,825	2,856	2,885	2,914	2,931	2,959	2,988	3,018	3,085
Training	281	287	292	298	303	308	311	316	321	326	333
Information Technology	78	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100
Demonstrations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prevention Services and Technical	11	21	151	181	211	251	281	351	351	351	351
Kinship Navigator Program	2	7	10	14	14	15	15	16	16	17	17
Child Welfare Transition Assistance	<u>226</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Subtotal	5,052	4,979	5,092	5,181	5,263	5,354	5,415	5,537	5,589	5,642	5,759
Adoption Assistance											
Maintenance Payments	2,374	2,493	2,599	2,702	2,800	2,891	2,979	3,064	3,171	3,277	3,350
Administration	457	479	500	521	541	559	577	593	613	633	648
Training	<u>42</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>60</u>
Subtotal	2,872	3,016	3,146	3,272	3,391	3,502	3,609	3,711	3,841	3,969	4,058
Guardianship											
Maintenance Payments	206	223	238	252	265	277	285	292	301	310	318
Administration	20	22	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Training	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Post-Demonstration Expenses	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Subtotal	228	246	263	279	293	306	315	323	333	343	352
Independent Living	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143
Tribal Technical Assistance	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Sequestration	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	0
Total	8,297	8,385	8,645	8,875	9,091	9,306	9,483	9,716	9,907	10,098	10,315
Memorandum:											
Average Monthly Caseload (Thousands of											
Foster Care	163	162	161	160	159	158	157	156	155	154	152
Adoption Assistance	526	539	550	558	566	571	575	578	585	591	595
Guardianship	39	42	45	48	50	52	53	54	55	57	58

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