

# *Level 1 Program*

## *for Kin Caregivers*

- Effective 1/1/24, as a Level 1 Kin home, you will receive a board rate of:
  - \$570.36 for ages 0-5
  - \$584.98 for ages 6-12
  - \$684.70 for ages 13-17\*\*
    - \*\*In addition, the Level I licensed foster homes are now eligible for the 10% Supplemental Room & Board Rates, pursuant to s. 409.145, F.S., which calculates to an additional amount of \$68.47 being made to those Level I licensed foster homes where children, ages 13-17, are placed.
  
- Level 1 Kin Caregivers will receive additional financial supports:
  - Effective 7/1/22 :
    - \$200 childcare stipend per month per child ages 0-5 (or school entry)
    - Annual back to school clothing allowance per child
      - \$200 (ages 0-4)
      - \$300 (ages 5-17)
  - Effective 10/1/22:
    - \$30 per month diaper stipend per child ages 0-3
    - Mileage reimbursement (\$0.445 per mile)
  
- Level 1 Kin Caregivers will remain the legal custodian of the child in their care.

- Children in Level 1 homes who close Permanent Guardianship (after 6 consecutive months of board payments) would be eligible to receive Guardianship Assistance Payments (GAP), in the amount of \$333/child, regardless of location (even outside state of Florida) through the child(ren)'s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  
- Children in the GAP program will be eligible for College Tuition and Fee Waivers.
  
- Children in the GAP program will remain eligible for Medicaid after case closure.
  
- Level 1 Kin Caregivers will receive additional supports such as:
  - Kinship Specialist assigned to their home
  - Linkage to community resources
  - Educational Supports

