

Level 1 Program

for Kin Caregivers

➤ Effective 1/1/25, as a Level 1 Kin home, you will receive a board rate of:

- \$586.90 for ages 0-5
- \$601.94 for ages 6-12
- \$704.56 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 \$70.46 being made to those Level I licensed foster homes where children, ages 13-17, are placed.

*****Important Note: Level 1 funding is effective from the date of licensure, not the date of placement in your home. Unfortunately, there is no back pay for Level 1 caregivers*****

➤ 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), starting at \$333/child, regardless of location (even outside state of Florida) through the child(ren)'s 18th 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

