

Research and Examples on IFC Parent Rates of Pay

WISCONSIN:

FOUNDATIONS (TFC):

County paid the child's monthly payment directly to the provider and Foundations paid the PFP a "stipend" and then billed us for the costs. Attached is the additional breakdown in payments, the exceptional rate request and the foster parent extraordinary admin rate charged by Foundations. Let me know if you have any questions!

- PFP will receive a check in the mail for Foster Child's monthly stipend of \$2,000 from Oneida.
- PFP will also receive a monthly payment direct deposited from Foundations of \$5,883.33. This includes the \$5,000 salary and \$883.33 for health insurance.
- PFP is responsible for putting away funds from their monthly stipend for retirement, health insurance, federal and state taxes, and social security. Foundations is not deducting anything from the stipend.
- The funds PFP receives from Foundations is taxable income, the stipend from Oneida is not.
- Foundations will invoice Oneida for the amount we pay PFP each month in addition to our administrative fee.

WISCONSIN COMMUNITY SERVICES (TFC):

- licensed as a level 4
- \$2,900/month paid by WCS
- PFP also receive CANS Rate

COUNTY FEEDBACK:

- Oconto has a current foster home that serves as their receiving home. Monthly rate of \$300. They likely will not continue this once this home retires.
- Waupaca had previously had 3 receiving homes. They now supplement each emergency placement with \$150. They focus much more only placing when necessary and trying to plan for placements rather than have kids go into a temporary placement to have to move right away.
- Outagamie has receiving homes. They contract with their already licensed L2 homes for ER coverage. They require a full week rotation (Mon 8am-Mon 8am) and they must have at least 1 open bed in order to be in contract and on rotation. The request for placement is a minimum of 30 days, however it is prioritized to move children as soon as possible in order to keep the beds open. The homes are paid a stipend to be on call (\$66/day for regular days or \$88/day for holidays) whether they get a placement or not, and if they do receive placement, that foster care rate is set at \$1,200/month.
- Racine implemented a professional foster parent model in 2024 however it was ended due to the child's increased behavioral health needs that could not be met in the home.

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS:

Polk, Barron, St. Croix and Pierce Counties applied for the high acuity grant together. High Acuity foster parents are paid \$3000/month plus the foster care rate. Polk County intends to continue to have an intensive foster parent program as of 1/1/25 when the grant is complete and I believe they are going to pay their foster parents \$4500 plus the foster care rate.

TEXAS:

- Foster Parents were paid monthly stipend of approx. \$4,300. (\$137/day per foster child)
- They mostly contract with an outside agency- it is not through the county. (similar to our TFCs).
- They take kids age 10 and under who have been placed in psychiatric hospitals or residential, as a step down treatment option.

MINNESOTA:

They hire the PFP as an employee. (unknown on the wage) but the services are all paid then through Medicaid- funded disability waivers.

The Family Initiative:

[TFI | Foster Care & Child Welfare Services \(tfifamily.org\)](http://tfifamily.org)

- There is a program through TFI: The Family Initiative: that sounds like it is essentially contracting PFP and doing training and everything with foster parents.
- This program is in Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma. They're looking to expand.

CALIFORNIA:

Slightly skewed based on cost of living and service types. Their professional foster parents seem very similar set up to what our TFCs would be considered.

Their FFA (Foster Family Agency) Resource Family are paid the highlighted monthly rate when they have placement. Then if a child needs wraparound the monthly cost is \$8,573.