

Foster Care and Adoption Assistance—CBO’s April 2018 Baseline

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 by Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Foster Care											
Maintenance	790	695	1,685	1,710	1,697	1,733	1,750	1,777	1,793	1,810	1,827
Administration	1,424	1,404	2,804	2,869	2,906	2,972	3,003	3,034	3,063	3,094	3,124
Training	247	243	249	260	266	278	284	289	294	300	305
Information Technology	148	162	170	179	184	188	193	197	202	207	211
Demonstrations	2,621	2,752	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prevention Services and Technical Assistance	1	1	21	31	151	181	211	251	281	351	351
Kinship Navigator Program	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>
Subtotal	5,232	5,264	4,939	5,063	5,219	5,368	5,456	5,564	5,650	5,779	5,836
Adoption Assistance											
Maintenance	2,276	2,348	2,413	2,475	2,528	2,581	2,630	2,682	2,737	2,792	2,847
Administration	458	473	486	498	509	520	530	540	551	562	573
Training	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>42</u>
Subtotal	2,769	2,855	2,935	3,010	3,075	3,138	3,198	3,261	3,329	3,396	3,462
Guardianship											
Maintenance	139	150	161	171	180	189	198	207	216	225	234
Administration	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	20	21	22
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Post-Demonstration Expenses	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Subtotal	155	167	179	190	201	210	220	230	240	251	261
Independent Living	140	140	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	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8,297	8,428	8,199	8,409	8,641	8,863	9,021	9,202	9,365	9,572	9,706
Memorandum:											
Average Monthly Caseload (Thousands)											
Foster Care	161	161	160	160	159	159	158	158	157	156	156
Adoption Assistance	479	493	505	517	527	536	545	555	565	575	584
Guardianship	29	32	34	36	37	39	41	42	44	45	47