

Subsidized Guardianship Program

Description:

The Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) administers the Subsidized Guardianship Program, which provides a monthly subsidy and continued medical coverage for children who are in DCF foster care and are living with a licensed relative caregiver who is to become the child's guardian. The program helps to provide permanent placement for children who have been placed by DCF with a relative caregiver and who do not expect to return home due to a parent's death or inability to provide a home in the foreseeable future. If it is determined that the guardian requires DCF's help in order to provide ongoing, stable care to the child, the guardian can receive a monthly board and care subsidy that is generally equal to the Department's current foster care rate for a child of similar age and need, minus any income the child may have. This subsidy also provides for a one-time, exceptional expense payment to cover costs the relative incurs in assuming guardianship. There are no additional payments, however, for daycare, clothing or other services that may have been paid while the child was in foster care. The Subsidized Guardianship Program also allows children to continue receiving benefits from the CT HUSKY HMO program, as they did while they were in DCF custody. Benefits are paid until age 18 but can be paid to the guardian until age 21, if the youth remains in school full time, and still lives with the specified relative.

A "relative" or "related" caregiver refers to an adult who is related to the child by either blood, marriage or adoption, descended from a common ancestor not more than three generations removed from the child. After DCF files a Motion to Revoke/Transfer Custody to the proposed relative guardian, the disposition of this transfer may be reopened in the future by the parent requesting a return of custody, by another relative requesting custody or by the Department.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- A child must have been in foster care for at least 6 months and must have lived with the relative for at least 6 months; the 6 months do not necessarily need to be consecutive.
- Children must be under age 18 and in the custody of DCF.
- The relative must be licensed or approved to provide foster care by DCF or a licensed child placing agency.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:
October 1 – September 30

Contact Information:

For general program information, contact the DCF Subsidy Unit at 860-550-6392, 860-550-6406 or 860-550-6676.

To report suspected child abuse or neglect:
Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline: 800-842-2288
TDD: 800-624-5518

For information related to a specific child and eligibility, contact that child's DCF social worker in the appropriate regional office.

Department of Children and Families' Offices:

Department of Children and Families
Central Office
Office of Foster and Adoptive Services
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Telephone: 860-550-6474
Website: www.state.ct.us/dcf

Regional Offices:

100 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Telephone: 203-384-5300
Fax: 203-365-6398

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Related Information:

N/A