

## WHAT ABOUT CHILD CARE?

Child care may be utilized when:

- the foster parent is working, or
- the foster parent is attending school, and
- the foster parent needs child care during those hours.

When child care is requested by the social worker or other professional based on the child's emotional, social or developmental needs (i.e. the foster parent is not working or attending school); the social worker must get prior approval from his/her supervisor.

You may choose a **licensed family child care provider**, a **licensed child care center** or a **legal, unlicensed child care provider**. However, if you choose a legal unlicensed child care provider, the provider must meet the following criteria:

- provider and other adults present during child care hours must pass a public background study,
- provider and other caregivers must complete sudden unexpected infant death syndrome training,
- provider and other caregivers must complete abusive head trauma training, and
- provider and other caregivers must complete child passenger restraint training if they will be transporting the child.

### **PAYMENT:**

The Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth (MAPCY) includes a foster parent share when foster parents are working and/or attending school and need child care during those hours. The foster parent will be responsible for paying the foster parent share directly to the child care provider. Olmsted County will issue payment to the child care provider for any remaining balance.

<b>Foster Parent Share for Children Age 0-6</b>			
<b>Hours</b>	<b>Foster Parent's Payment to Child Care Provider – Month 1 ONLY</b>	<b>Foster Parent's Payment to Child Care Provider – After Month 1</b>	<b>Olmsted County's Payment to the Child Care Provider – Month 1 and Beyond</b>
< 10 hours/week	\$0/month	\$0/month	Remaining child care balance
10-19 hours/week	\$0/month	\$100/month	Remaining child care balance
20-29 hours/week	\$0/month	\$200/month	Remaining child care balance
30-39 hours/week	\$0/month	\$300/month	Remaining child care balance
40 or more hours/week	\$0/month	\$400/month	Remaining child care balance
<b>Foster Parent Share for Children Age 7-12</b>			
<b>Hours</b>	<b>Foster Parent's Payment to Child Care Provider – Month 1 ONLY</b>	<b>Foster Parent's Payment to Child Care Provider – After Month 1</b>	<b>Olmsted County's Payment to the Child Care Provider – Month 1 and Beyond</b>
< 20 hours/week	\$0/month	\$0/month	Remaining child care balance
20-39 hours/week	\$0/month	\$100/month	Remaining child care balance
40 or more hours/week	\$0/month	\$200/month	Remaining child care balance

**Licensed Family Child Care Providers and Licensed Child Care Centers will be paid per contract, including holidays, vacations, and/or sick days.**

**Legal, Unlicensed Providers are paid \$30/day (full-time) or \$3/hour (part-time).**

**Note regarding early learning scholarships:** Some children may be eligible for an early learning scholarship. The Northstar Specialist will reach out to you if this is an option.

**EXPECTATIONS OF FOSTER PARENT:**

1. During the home study process, discuss child care needs. Update as needed (i.e. change in work or school hours).
2. Assist in the search for child care.
3. Assist the placing social worker in completing enrollment paperwork (i.e. emergency contact information, drop-off and pick-up times, etc).
4. Review the child care provider's policies.
5. Inform the child care provider if the child is ill or is absent for some other reason.
6. Inform the placing social worker if there is an incident at child care (i.e. injury, behavior) or if there is a concern about the child care.
7. Provide a termination notice (per the child care provider's policy).
8. Provide payment (foster parent share) to the child care provider each month as stated in the previous section.