

Initial Costs for Foster and Adoptive Homes

Foster and Adoptive families should expect to pay the following approximate amounts for expenses related to becoming licensed:

FBI Fingerprinting	\$39 - \$42 per person over age 14
CPR and First Aid	\$30 per person through CPR Resources
Health Inspection	\$0- \$60 (varies by county)
Fire Inspection	\$0 - \$150 (varies by county)
Adoption Attorney	\$1200 (for cases that don't qualify for adoption assistance)

Parents should also expect to pay for whatever modifications are needed to be made to their home in order to meet the minimum standards set by the State of Texas. These costs are incurred by the family and are not reimbursable by The Settlement Home for Children.

Financial assistance towards the cost of home licensure is available for kinship families.

Ongoing Foster and Adoptive Home Costs

The following are costs that may be initially incurred by the foster family, but that the monthly Foster Care Reimbursement is meant to alleviate:

- Shelter, Clothing, Food
- Hygiene and supplies, hair care
- Transportation for children in care
- Non-prescription/over-the-counter medications
- Allowance for chores, academic achievement, etc.
- Recreation, entertainment, and family trips
- Dances and dates
- Daycare costs (until state-covered daycare is approved and during lapses in coverage)
- School expenses, including:
 - Field trips
 - Participation in sports
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Band, choir, pep squad, etc.
 - Gym clothes
 - School supplies as needed
 - School pictures
 - Yearbook
 - After school care (ages 6 and up)
 - Graduation costs (if CPS does not reimburse)