

Clothing Allowance

If a child is entering out-of-home placement for the very first time, it is the placing social worker's discretion whether or not to issue a clothing allowance. The placing social worker will determine a reasonable dollar amount for an approved clothing allowance. Often, placing social workers will discuss clothing allowance approval with their unit supervisor.

Foster parents should purchase items up to the dollar amount pre-approved by the placing social worker. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement. Receipts should be provided to the placing social worker to process financial reimbursement.

Items purchased before a clothing allowance is approved may not be reimbursed.

Once a child has an adequate supply of clothing, it is the foster parent's responsibility to maintain their wardrobe with use of the foster care reimbursement they receive.

Children may only receive a clothing allowance the *first time* they enter out-of-home placement.

Clothing allowances are not available for subsequent placements.