

Planning for Permanency

Providing permanent, safe and stable homes for children in the care of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services



OKLAHOMA
Human Services

PERMANENCY BENEFITS COMPARISON

ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS	PAID FOSTER CARE	ADOPTION ASSISTANCE	SUPPORTED PERMANENCY TANF FUNDED GUARDIANSHIP	TITLE IV-E FUNDED GUARDIANSHIP	STATE FUNDED GUARDIANSHIP
Eligibility and Resource Family Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Child is in the custody of Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS).The foster family completed all requirements to be an approved OKDHS Resource Family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parental rights were terminated.Child(ren) meets at least one of the eligibility requirements, which will be discussed by the assigned adoption specialist.The adoptive family completed all requirements to be an approved OKDHS Resource Family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oldest child must be at least 12 years of age, or approved by Child Welfare Services (CWS) Programs Deputy Director.Reunification and Adoption were ruled out.Family completed all requirements to be an approved OKDHS Resource FamilyChild(ren) resided in placement 4 of last 6 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oldest child must be at least 12 years of age, or approved by CWS Programs Deputy Director.Reunification and Adoption were ruled out.Family completed all requirements to be an approved OKDHS Resource Family.Family received a Title IV-E payment for the child(ren) in placement for 6 consecutive months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Requires CWS Programs Deputy Director Approval.Reunification and Adoption were ruled out.Family completed all requirements to be an approved OKDHS Resource Family.Must show 6 consecutive months of placement stability.
Difficulty of Care Supplement	Child must meet eligibility requirements	Same as foster care	None	Same as foster care	Same as foster care
Tax Credit	Contact certified public accountant (CPA) for requirements	Contact certified public accountant (CPA) for requirements.	Contact CPA for requirements	Contact CPA for requirements	Contact CPA for requirements
Relationship to Child	Not required	Not required	A relative as defined by TANF regulations (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)	A relative to the 5th degree	Not required
Residence Requirement	None	None	Must Reside in Oklahoma	None	None
Monthly Payment	Based on current foster care rates.	Adoption assistance rates are negotiated between the adoption specialist and the family based on the needs of the child(ren) not to exceed foster care rates .	Based on current foster care rates.	Based on current foster care rates.	Based on current foster care rates.
Oversight	OKDHS & Court	State Law requires annual reviews.	Annual periodic eligibility review; yearly court review, if applicable	Annual periodic eligibility review; yearly court review, if applicable	Annual periodic eligibility review; yearly court review, if applicable
Medical Coverage	Medicaid	Medicaid	Medicaid	Medicaid	Medicaid
Child Care	Must meet guidelines set in Foster Care policy ; No family share co-payment	Age 0-5 years; Must meet guidelines set forth in Post-Adoption Policy.	Applied for through TANF services (Annual periodic eligibility review.)	Applied for through Family Support Services in local county office . Guardian identified as legally, not financially, responsible in order for income not to be included in application.	Applied for through Family Support Services in local county office . Guardian identified as legally, not financially, responsible in order for income not to be included in application.
Child's Social Security Payment	Paid to foster parent, when appropriate, if eligible by SSA	Paid to adoptive parent if eligible by SSA. Payment is considered in post adoption assistance negotiations .	Paid to guardian, amount deducted from Funded Guardianship payment. If over payment, not eligible for funded guardianship.	Same as Supported Permanency (TANF)	Same as Supported Permanency (TANF)

Oklahoma Successful Adulthood (OKSA) Program

OKSA Resources	College Tuition Waivers	Educational Training Vouchers
All youth that enters adoption or approved funded guardianship at 16 years of and older are eligible. Youth can receive all services except Housing Youth Development Funds or Medicaid for ages 18-26	All youth in OKDHS custody at least 9 months between the ages of 16 and 18 are eligible.	All youth in OKDHS custody at age 16 or after and are adopted, placed in guardianship, or age out in foster care on or after their 18th birthday are eligible.

- ***For individual information surrounding OKSA resources
Please contact OKSA Technical at 1-800-397-2945***

These charts are provided for caretakers with information about benefits. They provide a comparison between paid foster care, adoption assistance and supported guardianships.

