

## Board Rates for SCCS Family Foster Homes

### SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

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**POLICY:**

Summit County Children Services (SCCS) defines board rates paid to Agency family foster care providers.

**PROCEDURE:**

All SCCS licensed family foster homes are paid a daily board rate (per diem) for each child in the custody of SCCS who is placed in the home for foster care.

SCCS foster parents are reimbursed monthly for the number of placement days of each child in the home according to the above criteria.

**Base Board Rate:**

- \$26.05 per day for children ages 0-5
- \$28.05 per day for children ages 6-11
- \$35.20 per day for children ages 12-18, or 21 if applicable

**Sibling Board Rate:**

The sibling rate is a fixed rate applicable in situations when a SCCS foster home accepts three (3) or more children from a sibling group and the sibling group is placed in the same foster home. For each sibling placed in the same foster home after the second sibling (i.e. beginning with the third sibling), the foster home shall receive an increase of \$10 per day over the per diem that foster home would otherwise receive for the child.

### **Day Care Rates:**

SCCS foster parents who are employed may be eligible to receive an increased board rate to cover a portion of the cost of day care expenses for enrollment in Type A day care centers and Type B day care home arrangements. Foster parents must be employed 32 hours per week or more to receive the full time day care board rates. Foster parents must be employed 15-31 hours per week to receive the part-time day care board rate. In a two parent household, both parents must work to receive day care board rate. If one parent works full time and one parent works part time, the part time day care board rate will be paid. Foster parents are responsible to pay for day care arrangements utilizing board rate funds. If both parents work full-time but the children are enrolled part-time, the part-time rate will apply. Before and after school programs qualify for part-time reimbursement if they are in a licensed center.

If a foster parent is attending school full time (at least 12 credit hours) this will be considered the equivalent of working part-time for that parent. This must be verified through a class schedule and course completion grades.

At initial placement, SCCS foster parents reporting working full or part time will be given three (3) work days to provide proof of employment, proof of day care enrollment and documentation that the Type A day care center or Type B day care home is currently licensed or certified. If employment begins after the initial placement, the full or part time day care portion of board rate will become effective the date proof of employment and proof of enrollment are received by SCCS. Payment will not be backdated.

Employment and Daycare must be verified via the completion of the Employment and Daycare Verification forms.

The day care rate for foster parents will be paid daily starting on the first day the child begins day care and will remain in effect throughout the child's placement in the foster home or until the child is withdrawn from day care or the parents become ineligible for day care assistance.

Day care board rate will automatically be discontinued if proof of continued employment is not received by SCCS upon request.

Foster parents are required to notify SCCS within 24 hours of any change in enrollment or employment. Failure to notify SCCS of a change in enrollment or employment will require repayment of the day care portion of board rate and may be withheld from future board rate payments.

### **Full Time Day Care Board Rate:**

\$45.65 per day for children ages 0-35 months  
\$42.35 per day for children ages 3-5  
\$39.30 per day for children ages 6-11  
\$43.65 per day for children ages 12-18, or 21 if applicable

### **Part Time Day Care Board Rate:**

\$39.05 per day for children ages 0-35 months  
\$35.70 per day for children ages 3-5  
\$34.95 per day for children ages 6-11  
\$40.30 per day for children ages 12-18, or 21 if applicable

**Non-Custody Baby Rate:**

An additional board rate per day is paid for the non-custody child of a teen mom based on the age of the child, as listed above.

Day care board rates are paid for the non-custody child(ren) of a teen mom who is in SCCS custody and enrolled in school.