



State of Florida  
Department of Children and Families

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**DATE:** February 5, 2016

**TO:** Community-Based Care CEOs  
Regional Managing Directors

**THROUGH:** David Fairbanks, Deputy Secretary

**FROM:** Vicki Abrams, Assistant Secretary for Operations  
Janice Thomas, Assistant Secretary for Child Welfare

**SUBJECT:** Foster Parent Cost of Living Allowance (January 2016)

**PURPOSE:** This memo is to provide guidance pursuant to s. 409.145(4)(b), F.S., regarding the annual cost of living increase for foster parents.

**BACKGROUND:** Effective January 1, 2014, s. 409.145(4)(b), F.S., requires the Department each January to calculate the rate of a foster parent room and board increase equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers, not seasonally adjusted for the preceding December (2015) compared to the prior December (2014). Based on the released CPI for December 2015 (- 0.3), a decline from last December, there is not a required increase to the foster parent room and board rates for calendar year 2016.

Room and board rates for foster parents will remain unadjusted as follows:

Age Range	Room and Board Rate Effective January 1, 2016
Zero to Five (0 – 5)	\$439.30
Six to Twelve (6 – 12)	\$450.56
Thirteen to Twenty-one (13 – 21)	\$527.36

**ACTION NEEDED:** Please share this information with your local foster parent associations.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** For additional information, please contact Xiomara Turner, Statewide Foster Care Licensing Specialist at Xiomara.Turner@myflfamilies.com or (850) 717-4659.

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