



## PARENT'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MONTHLY PARENTAL FEE

Parents of children under the age of 18 who receive 24-hour out-of-home services provided by the State or purchased with State funds through a regional center are required to pay a fee depending on their ability to pay. Ability to pay is determined by use of a *Parental Fee Schedule*, established by the Director of the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and by application of provisions in Subchapter 2, Title 17, of the California Administrative Code (CAC).

Statutory authority for financial responsibility is in Sections 4677, 4782, and 4784, of Division 4.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), otherwise known and cited as the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

WIC, Section 4677, establishes the Developmental Disabilities Program Developmental Fund, called the Program Development Fund (PDF). All parental fees collected are remitted to the State Treasury for deposit into the PDF. The purpose of the PDF is to provide resources needed to initiate new programs which are consistent with the State Plan. Any excess parental fees may be used for other lawful purposes only when specifically appropriated for such other purposes.

WIC, Section 4782, provides specific authority for parental financial responsibility, stating in part that "Parents of children under the age of 18 who are receiving 24-hour out-of-home care services through a regional center or who are residents in a state hospital . . . shall be required to pay a fee depending on their ability to pay, but not to exceed (1) the cost of caring for a normal child at home, as determined by the Director of DDS, or (2) the cost of services provided, whichever is less. DDS shall determine, assess, and collect all parental fees..."

WIC, Section 4784, provides that the Director of DDS establish, annually review, and adjust as needed, a schedule for parental fees; that such schedule is exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act; and that in determining the amount parents will pay, the Director gives consideration to the following factors:

1. prior medical expenses;
2. whether the child is living at home;
3. parental payments for medical expenses (current), clothing, incidentals, and other items considered necessary to the normal rearing of a child; and,
4. transportation expenses incurred in visiting a child

The Parental Financial Responsibility Program is in Subchapter 2, Sections 50201 through 50241, Title 17 of the CAC. Among others, these regulations provide that parental fees shall be effective as of the first day of the month following the month that a client is placed in a 24-hour out-of-home facility; allow deductions from gross family income for specific client-related expenditures, major unusual expenditures; travel expenses to visit the client; and, set down program responsibilities for DDS and the regional centers.

### **The Department of Developmental Services shall:**

1. determine, assess, bill, and collect all parental fees;
2. inform parents, in writing, of the parental fee determination results;
3. inform parents of their right to appeal the ability to pay determination and/or the amount of the fee;
4. handle all requests for parental fee appeals, notifying the appellant and the appropriate regional center of the appeal results; and,
5. remit all parental fee payments received from parents or a regional center to the State Treasury for deposit into the PDF.

### **Regional Centers shall:**

1. inform parents that the parental fee determination is required by law; that parents having the ability will be required to pay; and that the *Parental Fee Schedule* is established by the Director of DDS;
2. provide parents with a package containing an Informational Letter, a Family Financial Statement (FFS), and a preaddressed, postage-paid envelope for their convenience in returning the completed FFS; and,
3. inform parents that their failure or refusal to complete and return the completed FFS within 30 days of the date on the Informational Letter will result in the Department's assessing a parental fee at the full cost of services or the maximum fee, whichever is less.

This Parental Fee Schedule enables parents to estimate the amount of their monthly parental fee. The actual amount may be different from below depending on allowable deductions to annual income or family size changes .

1. Find your family size (the number of persons in household per tax filing status).
2. Find the age of your child receiving services.
3. Follow that row across the chart to your gross family income to get monthly fee amount.

# PARENTAL FEE SCHEDULE

Effective JULY 1, 2009



Family Size	Child Age	\$ 0 thru \$15,000*	\$15,001 thru \$20,000	\$20,001 thru \$25,000	\$25,001 thru \$30,000	\$30,001 thru \$35,000	\$35,001 thru \$40,000	\$40,001 thru \$45,000	\$45,001 thru \$50,000	\$50,001 thru \$55,000	\$55,001 thru \$60,000	\$60,001 thru \$65,000	\$65,001 thru \$70,000	\$70,001 thru \$75,000	\$75,001 thru \$80,000	\$80,001 thru \$85,000	\$85,001 thru \$90,000	\$90,001 thru \$95,000
2 - 3	0-6	\$0	\$45	\$90	\$180	\$269	\$359	\$449	\$539	\$628	\$718	\$808	\$898	\$987	\$1,077	\$1,167	\$1,257	\$1,346
	7-12	\$0	\$44	\$88	\$177	\$265	\$354	\$442	\$531	\$619	\$708	\$796	\$885	\$973	\$1,062	\$1,150	\$1,239	\$1,327
	13-18	\$0	\$47	\$94	\$188	\$282	\$375	\$469	\$563	\$657	\$751	\$845	\$938	\$1,032	\$1,126	\$1,220	\$1,314	\$1,408
4	0-6	\$0	\$0	\$72	\$145	\$217	\$290	\$362	\$434	\$507	\$579	\$651	\$724	\$796	\$869	\$941	\$1,013	\$1,086
	7-12	\$0	\$0	\$71	\$143	\$214	\$285	\$357	\$428	\$500	\$571	\$642	\$714	\$785	\$856	\$928	\$999	\$1,070
	13-18	\$0	\$0	\$76	\$151	\$227	\$303	\$378	\$454	\$530	\$605	\$681	\$757	\$832	\$908	\$984	\$1,060	\$1,135
5	0-6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$111	\$167	\$223	\$279	\$334	\$390	\$446	\$502	\$557	\$613	\$669	\$725	\$780	\$836
	7-12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110	\$165	\$220	\$275	\$330	\$385	\$440	\$495	\$549	\$604	\$659	\$714	\$769	\$824
	13-18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$117	\$175	\$233	\$291	\$350	\$408	\$466	\$524	\$583	\$641	\$699	\$758	\$816	\$874
6	0-6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128	\$171	\$214	\$256	\$299	\$342	\$384	\$427	\$470	\$512	\$555	\$598	\$641
	7-12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$126	\$168	\$211	\$253	\$295	\$337	\$379	\$421	\$463	\$505	\$547	\$589	\$632
	13-18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$134	\$179	\$223	\$268	\$313	\$357	\$402	\$447	\$491	\$536	\$580	\$625	\$670
7 or more	0-6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$133	\$166	\$200	\$233	\$266	\$300	\$333	\$366	\$400	\$433	\$466	\$499
	7-12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$131	\$164	\$197	\$230	\$263	\$295	\$328	\$361	\$394	\$427	\$460	\$492
	13-18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$139	\$174	\$209	\$244	\$279	\$313	\$348	\$383	\$418	\$453	\$487	\$522

\* Parental Fee begins at 100% of the Federal Poverty Level based on family size and income

Family Size	Child Age	\$95,001 thru \$100,000	\$100,001 thru \$105,000	\$105,001 thru \$110,000	\$110,001 thru \$115,000	\$115,001 thru \$120,000	\$120,001 thru \$125,000	\$125,001 thru \$130,000	\$130,001 thru \$135,000	\$135,001 thru \$140,000	\$140,001 thru \$145,000	\$145,001 thru \$150,000	\$150,001 thru \$155,000	\$155,001 thru \$160,000	\$160,001 thru \$165,000	\$165,001 thru \$170,000	\$170,001 thru \$175,000	Over \$175,000*	
2 - 3	0-6	\$1,436	\$1,526	\$1,616	\$1,705	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	
	7-12	\$1,416	\$1,504	\$1,593	\$1,681	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	
	13-18	\$1,501	\$1,595	\$1,689	\$1,783	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	
4	0-6	\$1,158	\$1,231	\$1,303	\$1,375	\$1,448	\$1,520	\$1,592	\$1,665	\$1,737	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795	\$1,795
	7-12	\$1,142	\$1,213	\$1,285	\$1,356	\$1,427	\$1,499	\$1,570	\$1,641	\$1,713	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$1,770
	13-18	\$1,211	\$1,287	\$1,362	\$1,438	\$1,514	\$1,589	\$1,665	\$1,741	\$1,816	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$1,877
5	0-6	\$892	\$948	\$1,003	\$1,059	\$1,115	\$1,170	\$1,226	\$1,282	\$1,338	\$1,393	\$1,449	\$1,505	\$1,561	\$1,616	\$1,672	\$1,728	\$1,784	
	7-12	\$879	\$934	\$989	\$1,044	\$1,099	\$1,154	\$1,209	\$1,264	\$1,319	\$1,374	\$1,429	\$1,484	\$1,539	\$1,594	\$1,648	\$1,703	\$1,758	
	13-18	\$932	\$991	\$1,049	\$1,107	\$1,165	\$1,224	\$1,282	\$1,340	\$1,399	\$1,457	\$1,515	\$1,573	\$1,632	\$1,690	\$1,748	\$1,806	\$1,865	
6	0-6	\$683	\$726	\$769	\$811	\$854	\$897	\$940	\$982	\$1,025	\$1,068	\$1,110	\$1,153	\$1,196	\$1,239	\$1,281	\$1,324	\$1,367	
	7-12	\$674	\$716	\$758	\$800	\$842	\$884	\$926	\$968	\$1,010	\$1,053	\$1,095	\$1,137	\$1,179	\$1,221	\$1,263	\$1,305	\$1,347	
	13-18	\$714	\$759	\$804	\$848	\$893	\$938	\$982	\$1,027	\$1,072	\$1,116	\$1,161	\$1,206	\$1,250	\$1,295	\$1,340	\$1,384	\$1,429	
7 or more	0-6	\$533	\$566	\$599	\$633	\$666	\$699	\$733	\$766	\$799	\$832	\$866	\$899	\$932	\$966	\$999	\$1,032	\$1,066	
	7-12	\$525	\$558	\$591	\$624	\$657	\$689	\$722	\$755	\$788	\$821	\$854	\$886	\$919	\$952	\$985	\$1,018	\$1,050	
	13-18	\$557	\$592	\$627	\$661	\$696	\$731	\$766	\$801	\$836	\$870	\$905	\$940	\$975	\$1,010	\$1,044	\$1,079	\$1,114	

\* For family sizes of 5 or more with incomes over \$175,000, the parental fee is determined via the same method as the fees shown on this page.

## APPEAL PROCESS

Parent(s) dissatisfied with the determination of ability to pay results or the amount of the parental fee may, within 30 days from the date on the Fee Notification Letter, request an appeal. Such request must be in writing and addressed to:

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**  
**Client Financial Services Section**  
**1600 Ninth Street, Room 205, MS 2-3**  
**Sacramento, CA 94244-2020**