

Special Needs – Recreational Allowance



DID YOU KNOW?.....

A monthly allowance for the purchase of recreational items is provided for all children in care over the age of 1 year! (Also described in the Basic Maintenance Rate section)

If foster parents are requesting recreational items above the monthly allowance, there must be an explanation on the child's file as to how the monthly allowance has been spent.

Please Note: The child's parents should, whenever possible, be involved in the selection of items to ensure that purchases are consistent with their lifestyle and preferences.

Additional Recreation Allowance:



Purchases include, but are not limited to –

- toys
- sports equipment
- bicycles
- camping equipment
- purchase or rental of musical instruments
- radios
- stereos
- tapes
- cameras
- hobby supplies

Points to know:

Adolescent wards are expected to contribute to purchases in accordance with their earning capacity

Foster parents are responsible for controlling the allowance provided to the foster child

An itemized account is not required however foster parents are expected to generally account for the money issued

Have you made expenditures on behalf of a child?:

If expenditures have been made before sufficient allowance has accumulated to cover the cost of a purchase AND THE CHILD MOVES FROM THE HOME, the foster parent may submit a bill for reimbursement.

Music lessons or a musical instrument:

Is considered an exceptional, high cost item(s)

If the child's interest and ability have been demonstrated, the item(s) may be purchased at actual cost, in addition to the monthly recreation allowance

Note: Discuss and confirm payment reimbursement with the appropriate worker prior to proceeding with the purchase or registration for lessons.



For further information see: Section 7.7 of the Children's Services Policies and Procedures Manual