

CHILDREN PLACED OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Children who are placed by Los Angeles County Court but residing with a relative caregiver outside of LA County are eligible to participate in the ARC program provided they meet all the ARC eligibility requirements.

The CalWORKs for children in the other County will be transferred to LA County DCFS for the issuance of the ARC payment.



Providing a helping hand to caregivers

For help or questions, call the Children Social Worker assigned to the child or the Foster Care/Adoption Assistance Payments/Kin-GAP/ARC Hotline at:

**1-(800) 697-4444
anytime between
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

You may visit the ARC Program web page for additional information at <http://dcfs.lacounty.gov/ARCWeb/index.html>.



Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Program



ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILY SERVICES
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHAT IS THE ARC PROGRAM?

The Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) program is a new program for relative caregivers with a foster child that is not eligible to receive federally funded foster care benefits. Under this program an approved relative caregiver will be able to receive a payment equal to the basic foster care rate.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The child must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a dependent or ward of the California Juvenile Court, or be placed under a voluntary placement agreement;
- Reside in California and be placed with an approved relative caregiver; and
- Be ineligible for federally funded foster care benefits.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

You must complete the Approved Relative Caregiver Application (ARC 1) mailed to you for each foster child that is not receiving foster care payments. Mail the completed application(s) to:

DCFS
Revenue Enhancement Division
725 South Grand Avenue
Glendora, CA 91740
Attention: ARC Unit

If you need help or have questions completing the application, call the child's Children Social Worker (CSW) or the Foster Care/Adoption Assistance Payments/Kin-GAP/ARC Hotline at:

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WHAT IS THE ARC PAYMENT AMOUNT?

(Maximum foster care rate amount including any CalWORKs payments)

(As of January 2015)

- Birth to 4 years of age: \$671
- 5 to 8 years of age: \$726
- 9 to 11 years of age: \$764
- 12 to 14 years of age: \$800
- 15 to 20 years of age: \$838

WHAT HAPPENS TO MEDI-CAL?

Children are eligible for Medi-Cal under the ARC program. If you are currently receiving services through the Medi-Cal Program, they will not be interrupted when ARC payments are approved.