



# Stretch-A-Family

## 2017-18 Foster Care Allowance

AGE	0-4	5-13	14-15	16-17*
<b>General Foster Care (GFC)</b>	<b>\$300/week (\$42.86 /day)</b>	<b>\$300/week (\$42.86 /day)</b>	<b>\$366.50/week (\$52.36/day)</b>	<b>\$300/week (\$42.86/ day)</b>
20% retainer	\$8.50/ day	\$8.50/ day	\$10.47 / day	\$8.50/ day
respite carer	\$55/ night	\$55/ night	\$55/ night	\$55/ night
<b>General Foster Care + 2 (GFC+2)</b>	<b>\$364/ week (\$52/ day)</b>	<b>\$409.50/ week (\$58.50/ day)</b>	<b>\$548.50/ week (\$78.36/ day)</b>	<b>\$426.50/ week (\$60.93/ day)</b>
20% retainer	\$10.40/ day	\$11.70/ day	\$15.67/ day	\$12.19/ day
respite carer	\$55/ night	\$55/ night	\$55/ night	\$55/ night
<b>Intensive Foster Care (IFC)</b>	<b>\$481/ week (\$68.71/ day)</b>	<b>\$539/ week (\$77/ day)</b>	<b>\$723.50/ week (\$103.35/ day)</b>	<b>\$603/ week (\$86.14/ day)</b>
20% retainer **	\$13.75/ day	\$15.40/ day	\$20.67/ day	\$17.23/ day
respite carer	\$55/ night	\$55/ night	\$80/ night	\$65/ night
Respite Residential Care	N/A	\$539/ week	\$723.50/ week	\$603/ wk
Respite Intensive Res Care	N/A	\$600/ week	\$800/ wk	\$700/ wk

### RESPITE

- When a child/ young person is in respite the regular caregiver does not receive the full weekly allowance, they receive a 20% holding fee (retainer) for the nights not in care.

**Example -** GFC Young person is in respite 2 nights of the week. The regular foster carer will receive:

$\$300 / 7 = \$42.86 \text{ per night} \times 5 = \$214.29 + 2 \times \$42.86 \times 20\% = \mathbf{\$231.43}$

The respite carer will receive  $\$55 \times 2 = \mathbf{\$110}$

TOTAL SAF will pay for week = **\$341.43**

- Note – all respite needs to be part of a considered care plan as respite has to meet both the needs of the child and the fostering family. Respite can only occur if part of an approved care plan and needs to be reviewed three monthly by a manager. \*\* For Intensive Foster Care placements, full weekly allowance may be paid during periods of respite, this is dependent upon the frequency of the respite and other additional respite costs occurred.
- When a placement is under review, IFC carer will receive the 20% retainer. This is different to an IFC on respite, as it's a placement review.
- If a YP is on a holiday or family contact and this is unfunded by SAF then the carer receives the full allowance, subject to CEO approval and change.