



April 6, 2020

Dear Resource Parent,

During this incredibly difficult time, our thoughts have continually returned to the families we serve, including our wonderful resource families, and how we can best support you as you care for Oklahoma's children. We know that schools being closed and children returning home full-time have dramatically impacted your lives and resources due to unexpected costs. For this reason and in a desire to offer supports that positively impact placement stability, Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) is excited to provide **\$250 per month, per child in OKDHS custody as emergency relief** to your family for these unexpected expenses.

To be eligible for the emergency relief payment, the child in OKDHS custody must have been in the home the entire calendar month. For example, if a child was placed into your home on March 15, the family would not be able to receive a payment for the month of March. But, the family would receive the April payment if the child was in your home for the entirety of April. Most family placement settings would be eligible for these payments.

Payments will be made via paper check through the mail and will be paid in arrears with March payments arriving mid-April. These emergency relief payments will continue for all full-month placements during the COVID-19 emergency declaration period through May 2020 (payment issued mid-June).

To ensure timely payments, please make sure your worker has your correct address and other contact information.

Thank you for your service to kids and families. Please continue to let us know how we can support you.

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