

## **BOARD PAYMENTS**

Extended Foster Care (EFC) board payments are administered in the same way as 'under 18' foster care. Board rates are paid to providers to cover living expenses which are those expenses reasonably necessary to meet the shelter, nutrition, clothing, education, transportation, and employment needs of the young adult. An additional allowance payment may be made directly to the young adult to provide him or her the opportunity to practice budgeting and financial management.

The allowance is not intended to provide necessities for the young adult – that is the purpose of the board payment. Rather, the allowance is designed to provide for discretionary expenses such as additional clothing, lunches eaten out when the young adult is at work or school, basic cell phone service, leisure transportation and activities, etc.

For more specific information about board payments for young adults in Extended Foster Care, click on the link below:

[IL / EFC Payment Matrix](#)