

Monthly payment rates for kinship care providers

When do payments start?

You are eligible for monthly payments **starting from the date the child or youth begins living with you.** This is typically the same date you are authorized to start caring for the child or youth.

Because payments are issued on a set day each month, there may be a short wait before your first payment. Your first payment will include any amounts owed from the date the child or youth moved in.

Support is available for immediate or emergency expenses, such as food, clothing, transportation, or babysitting, if needed while you wait. Speak with your social worker if you have additional expenses not listed here.

Monthly payments rates

The following tables show the monthly payment rates for Kinship Care Providers, (effective January 2026). If the child or youth needs extra support beyond the regular rate, please talk to your social worker.

For more information about the supports available for kinship care providers, refer to the [Kinship care in New Brunswick guide](#).

Kinship services & support after kinship services		0-4 YEARS	5-10 YEARS	11+ YEARS
Lodging		\$150.00	\$151.00	\$154.00
Food		\$185.00	\$218.00	\$271.00
Clothing / personal care		\$98.00	\$117.00	\$157.00
Transportation		\$51.00	\$51.00	\$51.00
Babysitting		\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Diapers / wipes / formula		\$185.00	---	---
Daycare lunches / snacks		\$140.00	---	---
School lunches		---	\$140.00	\$140.00
Recreation / special occasions		\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Fee for service		\$439.00	\$439.00	\$439.00
TOTAL		\$1,348	\$1,216	\$1,312

Children and youth in the minister's care living with kin		0-4 YEARS	5-10 YEARS	11+ YEARS
Lodging		\$150.00	\$151.00	\$154.00
Food		\$185.00	\$218.00	\$271.00
Clothing / personal care		\$98.00	\$117.00	\$157.00
Transportation		\$51.00	\$51.00	\$51.00
Babysitting		\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
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Daycare lunches / snacks		\$140.00	---	---
School lunches		---	\$140.00	\$140.00
Recreation / special occasions		\$35.00	\$42.00	\$51.00
Fee for service		\$439.00	\$439.00	\$439.00
Canada Child Benefit		\$176.00	\$176.00	\$176.00
TOTAL		\$1,524	\$1,399	\$1,504

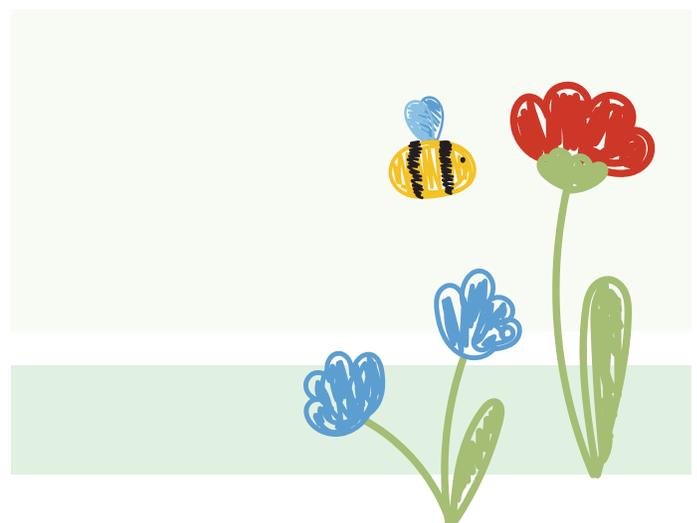
Kinship care seasonal allowances		0-4 YEARS	5-10 YEARS	11+ YEARS
Spring clothing		\$88.00	\$98.00	\$140.00
Fall clothing		\$71.00	\$96.00	\$130.00
Winter clothing		\$136.00	\$180.00	\$210.00
School supplies		\$0.00	\$161.00	\$211.00
Christmas		\$143.00	\$153.00	\$163.00
Birthday		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

When and how are payments made?

Monthly payments are made by direct deposit on the third Monday of every month. If that falls on a holiday, payments will be processed the following business day.

How much money will I receive?

You will receive a monthly amount based on the age of the child or youth. This support is meant to help with living expenses, such as food and clothing.



Additional financial supports

You, the child or youth's social worker, and the child/youth will work together to create a plan that meets their specific needs. This plan may include financial support for additional services or unique needs beyond the monthly amount.

Examples of additional expenses that may be covered include:

- **Essentials:** For example, bedroom furniture, clothing, or school supplies.
- **Childcare costs:** For example, babysitting, daycare, and after-school program fees.
- **Extracurricular activities:** For example, camps, sports teams, art classes, or music lessons.
- **Help during a crisis or challenging situation:** For example, family conflict mediation, parenting advice, or developmental support.
- **Services for the child or youth:** For example, counselling or developmental assessments.
- **Supports for caregivers and families:** For example, counselling or family therapy.
- **Medical needs:** For example, prescriptions or dental care. (For more details, see the "Health card" section below.)

Financial support for additional needs is assessed on a case-by-case basis. Talk to your social worker if you think there are other supports or services you may need.



Stories and experiences from our kinship community:

When asked, many kinship care providers in New Brunswick shared that they didn't know counselling services were available for them or the child or youth in their care. If you think **counselling or other professional services** could help, talk to your social worker to learn more about the options available to support your family.

"I had no idea counselling was something we could access-it would have helped sooner."

How do I get paid for additional expenses?

If you're approved for additional financial supports, your social worker will guide you through the process to claim approved expenses.

Here's how it works:

- All additional expenses must be approved by the child or youth's social worker in advance.
- You'll use a template invoice provided by your social worker to record each type of expense (for example, babysitting, transportation, etc.).
- Save and attach receipts for each expense.
- Submit the completed invoice by the end of the month for review and approval by your social worker.