

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 5 / 25 / 16

2. General Information:

Session: Open Executive - See instructions for the applicable laws, then choose one:

Agenda Header:

Accept as Information only

Action - please describe:

3. Supporting Materials

Report Resolution Contract

Other:

1. 3.

2. 4.

Business Committee signature required

4. Budget Information

Budgeted - Tribal Contribution Budgeted - Grant Funded Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison:

Primary Requestor/Submitter: Dale Powless, Chair/Child Protective Board
Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor: Submitted by: Jeanette Ninham, Secretary/Child Protective Board
Name, Title / Dept.

Additional Requestor: _____
Name, Title / Dept.

Oneida Child Protective Board Quarterly Report
For Oneida Business Committee
Period: January, February, and March 2016
Second Quarter report due: May 17, 2016

ONEIDA CHILD PROTECTIVE BOARD

Dale Powless, Chairman
Lois Strong, Vice Chair
Jeanette Ninham, Secretary
Beverly Anderson, Member

Wesley Martin, Member
Carol Silva, Member
Vacant, Member
Lisa Summers, OBC Liaison

Michelle Mays, Attorney

Pat Garvey, Attorney

MISSION: To secure a stable environment that includes the physical, mental, cultural and financial well-being of Oneida children.

PURPOSE: In accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901, etseq. , the purpose of the Board is to protect the best interest of Oneida children and to promote the stability and security of Oneida families. When placements of such children in foster or adoptive homes or facilities are necessary, these homes must reflect the unique values of Indian culture. For this purpose, the Board may intervene in federal, state, and county courts concerning the following proceedings: foster care placement, termination of parental rights, pre-adoptive placement, adoptions and out of home placements.

MEETING REQUIREMENTS

Oneida Child Protective Board meets weekly and by special requests from family members, counties departments, or community members.

MINUTES

Due to confidentiality nature of minors, all minutes are kept in locked fireproof file cabinet, in a locked room within the building.

FINANCIALS

The OCPB is on schedule with meeting our financial goals. The board is on budget at this time.

- Opiates Webinar on February 24, 2016 @ Ridgeview Plaza Suite #4 in Oneida, WI.
- Adoption Services presentation by Lutheran Social Services on February 24, 2016 @ Ridgeview Plaza Suite#4 in Oneida, WI.

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- Dialectical Behavior Therapy on March 9, 2016 @ Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI.
- Methamphetamine Webinar on March 11, 2016 @ Ridgeview Plaza Suite#4 in Oneida, WI.
- Attended a screening of Paper Tigers on March 31, 2016 @ UWGB in Green Bay, WI.
- Attended the NICWA Conference on April 2-6, 2016 in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Attended Suicide/ Homicide Seminar on April 13, 2016 in Appleton, WI.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate appropriate training opportunities for OCPB members for certificate/report of completion per OCPB Bylaws.
- Develop working relationship and improve judicial relationships through meetings with tribal, state, and county personnel.
- Work in accordance with the Oneida Law Office and Tribal Social services to enforce the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

COMMENTS

- The OCPB has attended state court hearings in support of placement of Oneida children and their families.
- The OCPB actively heard, discussed and recommended the best solution for cases that came before us. The following chart demonstrates the approximate number of cases for the quarter:
- The OCPB has been working on gather information on “Adoption Assistance information” to give to families that are adopting. We have also requested for the ICW staff to provide a brochure to have available to families. This information should be provided by the Adoption agency but is not always provided. So we feel it is imperative they have knowledge since there is a timeline for applying for these funds. Please see the attachments to view the 2015 Foster Care rates and the pre-Adoption brochure from the Lutheran Social Services.

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January	
<i>On-Going Cases</i>	25
<i>New Cases</i>	0
<i>Relative Placement</i>	22
<i>Future Adoptive Placement</i>	1
<i>Treatment Facility Placement</i>	1
<i>Shelter Care Placement</i>	1
<i>Foster Care Placement</i>	1
<i>Parent Placement</i>	1
<i>Kinship</i>	2
<i>Guardianship</i>	6
<i>Total Cases Discussed:</i>	60

February	
<i>On-Going Cases</i>	17
<i>New Cases</i>	2
<i>Relative Placement</i>	9
<i>Future Adoptive Placement</i>	1
<i>Treatment Facility Placement</i>	0
<i>Shelter Care Placement</i>	0
<i>Foster Care Placement</i>	9
<i>Parent Placement</i>	0
<i>Kinship</i>	0
<i>Guardianship</i>	2
<i>Total Cases Discussed:</i>	40

March	
<i>On-Going Cases</i>	18
<i>New Cases</i>	5
<i>Relative Placement</i>	17
<i>Future Adoptive Placement</i>	0
<i>Treatment Facility Placement</i>	2
<i>Shelter Care Placement</i>	0
<i>Foster Care Placement</i>	3
<i>Parent Placement</i>	5
<i>Kinship</i>	0
<i>Guardianship</i>	3
<i>Total Cases Discussed:</i>	53

What if a child comes to my home with few or no clothes?

You may be provided an INITIAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE (see table below) if:

- it is your foster child's first placement; or
- it has been at least four months since the child was last in out-of-home care.

Age Group	Initial Clothing Allowance
0 – 4	up to \$225.00
5 – 11	up to \$263.00
12 – 14	up to \$300.00
15 – 18	up to \$300.00

Periodic clothing allowances, such as for seasonal clothing, are not allowed. An amount is included in the Basic Maintenance Rate for this purpose each month.

What if I don't agree with the rate?

You may request that the rate be redetermined. You may discuss your concerns with the rate setter and the agency director. If you still disagree with the rate, you should consider appealing through the fair hearing process. Your agency director or Foster Care Coordinator will tell you how to request a fair hearing.

Is there liability insurance for foster parents?

A statewide fund provides some protection when your own insurance policies do not. The state fund covers some property damage and personal injury caused by the foster child. The extent of coverage and exclusions is subject to change. The agency that licensed your foster home can give you up-to-date information.

More questions?

Contact your case worker or Foster Care Coordinator for further explanations. You can also visit our Foster Care website at <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/foster>

If you have general questions about foster care or adoption in Wisconsin, you can also contact the Foster Care and Adoption Resource Center at www.wifostercareandadoption.org or 1-800-947-8074.

DCF is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need to access this information in an alternate format, or need it translated to another language, contact (608) 266-8787 (General) or (888) 692-1401 (TTY). For civil rights questions call (608) 266-5335 or (866) 864-4585 TTY (Toll Free).

MY FOSTER CHILDREN'S RECORDS

LAST REVIEW RATE	MONTHLY RATE	EXCEPTIO NAL RATE	SUPPLEMEN TAL RATE	BASIC MAINTENA NCE RATE	PLACEMENT DATE	CHILD'S NAME

UNDERSTANDING THE UNIFORM FOSTER CARE RATE

Effective January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2015



Division of Safety and Permanence

What is the Uniform Foster Care Rate?

The Uniform Foster Care Rate (UFCR) is a standard scale of monthly payments to foster parents for the cost of caring for a foster child. Because the rate is based on the needs of each child, it may also include extra payments (called Supplemental and Exceptional Rate payments) in addition to a BASIC MAINTENANCE RATE.

What does the Basic Maintenance Rate include?

The Basic Maintenance Rate is intended to cover food, clothing, housing, basic transportation, personal care, and other expenses on a monthly basis.

Certified Level One

The Basic Maintenance Rate provided for a child of any age by a foster home that is certified to provide level one care is:

	<u>Jan. 2014</u>	<u>Jan. 2015</u>
Level One	\$226	\$232

Certified Above Level One

The current age-related Basic Maintenance Rate for a foster home that is certified to provide care at a level of care that is higher than Level One care. The rate for each child is listed below by age group.

<u>Age of Child</u>	<u>Jan. 2014</u>	<u>Jan. 2015</u>
0 – 4	\$375.00	\$384.00
5 – 11	\$410.00	\$420.00
12 – 14	\$466.00	\$478.00
15 – 18	\$487.00	\$499.00

When a foster child in your care turns 5, 12, or 15 years of age, you will receive the next highest rate effective the date of on which the birthday occurs.

You will receive payment for your foster child for the day the child enters your home but not for the day the child leaves your home.

On the next page is a breakdown of the percentages typically spent on the basic necessities for children at various ages. This is intended as a guide. It is understood that your family will use the monthly Uniform Foster Care Rates in the manner which best meets your foster child's needs.

Guidelines for use of the Basic Rate

These specific breakdowns by food, clothing, housing, and personal care and other expenses are based on the cost of raising a child as calculated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Because the cost of raising a child is more than the amount provided through the Basic Maintenance Rate, these percentages provide only a guide for foster parents. The figures presented are percentages of the Basic Maintenance Rate received for a child in the designated age group.

FOOD

Age 0 to 4:	17 to 30%
Age 5 to 11:	26 to 33%
Age 12 to 14:	Approx. 33%
Age 15+	Approx. 33%

CLOTHING

Age 0 to 4:	Approx. 6%
Age 5 to 11:	Approx. 8%
Age 12 to 14:	Approx. 11%
Age 15+	Approx. 13%

HOUSING

Age 0 to 4:	48 to 58%
Age 5 to 11:	Approx. 43%
Age 12 to 14:	Approx. 39%
Age 15+	Approx. 36%

PERSONAL CARE AND OTHER EXPENSES*

Age 0 to 4:	Approx. 18%
Age 5 to 11:	Approx. 19%
Age 12 to 14:	Approx. 17%
Age 15+	Approx. 17%

* Other expenses include but are not limited to haircuts, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and school supplies.

Is there an additional payment for children who have special needs?

Yes, for a foster home that is certified to provide care at a level of care that is higher than Level One care. If your foster child has emotional, behavioral, or medical needs, you may request an additional monthly payment to cover the costs of caring for the child's special needs. When approved, this payment is called a SUPPLEMENTAL RATE.

How is the Supplemental Rate determined?

Within the first 30 days after a foster child is placed in your home, you and your case worker will discuss whether the child may qualify for a

Supplemental Rate payment. If your foster child has needs that require special care or supervision, the case worker will submit a description of the child's problems or characteristics.

Evaluations from doctors, psychiatrists, therapists, or other specialists may be included with the case worker's report.

Using a point scale and all of the information regarding the child's emotional, behavioral, and medical needs, the placing agency determines the level of care the child requires and identifies special needs of the child.

The level of care and the identified special needs of the child establishes the Supplemental Rate.

Can Supplemental Rates be changed?

You and your case worker will review your foster child's progress at least every six months. At those reviews, the Supplemental Rate may be changed if the child's condition is changed. Inform your case worker of significant changes when they occur.

What if a child needs constant care or supervision?

If a child has extraordinary needs, you may receive an additional payment called an EXCEPTIONAL RATE. This payment may be provided if the child's placement in your home allows the child to be released from a more restrictive setting or prevents the child's placement in such a setting. Only providers certified above a Level One can receive exceptional rates.

You may receive an Exceptional Rate if, for example:

- the child requires 24-hour medical care supervised by a doctor or nurse.
- the child has severe behavior problems.
- the child is diagnosed as having a severe mental illness such as schizophrenia, severe cognitive disability, brain damage, or autism.
- the child chronically abuses alcohol or other drugs and needs close supervision.
- you are transporting the child to the school they attended prior to removal and this is in a district other than the district you live in.

No monthly payment for the combined Basic Maintenance, Supplemental, and Exceptional Rates may exceed \$2,000.

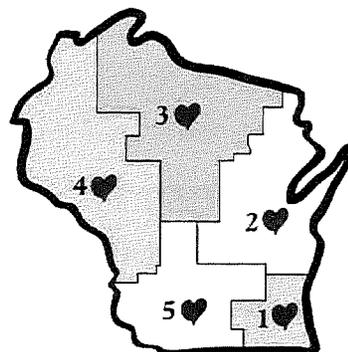
Adoption begins, not ends, at the time of placement. The experience of adoption extends into the future of family life and affects not only the adopted child or children, but also the marriage and other children in the family. Not all issues can be resolved prior to adoption or at the time of placement. Many adoptive families and adopted children need ongoing community support and services in order to sustain the adoption and maintain healthy individual and family functioning.



The Post-Adoption Resource Center of Family Services (PARC) understands that there are issues unique to adoptive families, birth parents and adoptees. Questions and concerns regarding these issues may be misunderstood by other people in your life. PARC is a resource that helps these families, individuals and professionals find more information and receive support and guidance. We are knowledgeable in post-adoption issues and will provide referrals, support and education. PARC is the place to call when you need some professional guidance on any adoption issue.

Services Provided:

- ◆ Toll-free access to information, resources and crisis intervention services.
- ◆ Referrals for families, individuals and professionals to connect with community support services.
- ◆ Support groups focusing on the issues of adoption.
- ◆ Educational opportunities for adoptive parents to better understand and receive encouragement while dealing with school issues, developmental stages, mental health needs, etc.
- ◆ Family celebrations to encourage support between adoptive families and to celebrate adoption!
- ◆ Distribution of a quarterly newsletter for adoptive parents.
- ◆ A free lending library with books, magazines, websites and videos that discuss adoption issues.

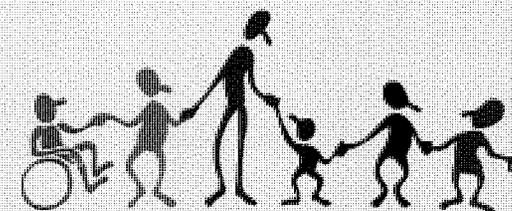


Wisconsin Post Adoption Resource Centers

(For locations of additional PARCs, please visit www.wiadopt.org)

The Post-Adoption Resource Center of Family Services offers assistance for individuals and families dealing with adoption issues. Services are available in the following counties:

- Brown
- Calumet
- Door
- Fond du Lac
- Green Lake
- Kewaunee
- Manitowoc
- Marinette
- Marquette
- Menominee
- Oconto
- Outagamie
- Shawano
- Sheboygan
- Waupaca
- Waushara
- Winnebago



To contact the Post-Adoption Resource Center of Family Services:

Telephone:

920-436-4360 ext. 1264 or 800-998-9609

Website:

www.familyservicesnew.org/parc

Mail:

Post-Adoption Resource Center
Family Services
P.O. Box 22308
Green Bay, WI 54305-2308

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