

Budgeting my Maintenance Amount? MONTH_____

Budget GUIDELINE	Estimates only				
Basic Family Care Costs (per month)	Ages 0-11 years	Ages 12-19 years	Amount spent this month	Over or under	NOTES
Food	133.34	183.05			
Housing	149.89	182.18			
Transportation	126.70	137.84			
Clothing	81.50	91.97			
Recreation	78.98	88.86			
Education	27.21	32.65			
Personal Spending	40.64	52.30			
Gifts/ Activities	62.81	61.95			
Babysitting/ other	86.93	58.35			
Personal Needs	15.82	19.80			
Other?					
			Total spent	Amount carried over	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE (per month)	803.81	909.95		xxx	

- The amounts in each category are **estimates only** of what may be required for most children.
- Actual costs will vary between categories, with some caregivers spending more in some categories but less in others.
- MCFD expects that the total maintenance amounts should be sufficient to cover the actual costs for most children each month
- Talk to the child's worker **BEFORE** purchasing anything you want reimbursed.
- Medical, prescriptions, glasses and dental are usually paid by a medical services plan or extended medical plan – but not always. Check with the child’s worker.
- Keep receipts- accordion files or envelopes work well
- **Mileage log** available at- http://www.okfosterparents.ca/pdf/Mileage_Log.pdf