

County of Orange Social Services Agency

Family Self-Sufficiency/Foster Care

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PURPOSE The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for completing the annual Redetermination Recertification Review (RRR) for Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) cases.

OVERVIEW All AFDC-FC cases must be reviewed annually during the RRR process, in order to ensure ongoing eligibility to federal or state foster care funding. The RRR period is based on the beginning date of aid.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS Redetermination of AFDC deprivation is not required after the initial linkage determination has been made. During the RRR process, a review of the foster child’s circumstances which are subject to change and could impact eligibility or payment, must be completed. These circumstances include but are not limited to the following:

DOCUMENTATION

The documents below must be requested, received, reviewed and completed during the RRR process. All documents must be current and reflect correct information.

[SOC 158A](#)

[FC 2- Statement of Facts Supporting Eligibility for AFDC-Foster Care](#)

[FC 2NM – Extended Foster Care](#) (Non Minor Dependents Only)

[CW 51 – Child Support Good Cause Claim for Noncooperation](#)

Refer to [RRR Processing Guide](#) for the process of requesting and receiving these documents.

PAYMENT AMOUNT

Verify the Foster Care payment. Rates are based on the placement location, placement type, the child’s age and any special needs. Refer to [Policy 707 Foster Care Payment and Rates](#) and [Basic Rates for FC and KG/NRLG.](#)

AUTHORITY FOR PLACEMENT

Authority for placement is the legal basis under which a child is residing in Foster Care. The child must continue to meet one of the following criteria for placement in foster care:

A. Federal

- Removal by Court Order
- Removal by Voluntary Placement Agreement

For further court requirements refer to [Policy 706 Determination of Federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children](#).

B. State

- Relinquished for adoption
- Living with a non-related legal guardian (NRLG)- No Dependency
- Placed pursuant to Court Order
- Placed under a Voluntary Placement Agreement

ELIGIBLE FACILITY

The child must be placed in a facility that meets licensing/home approval requirements. Refer to [Policy 707 Foster Care Payment and Rates](#) and [Policy 701 Extended Foster Care](#).

AGE

The child must meet the age requirements for Foster Care or meet Extended Foster Care eligibility requirements. Refer to [Policy 701 Extended Foster Care](#).

PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE MODEL (POEM)

If federal eligibility determination was based on POEM at application, evaluate whether the determination was correct by running an Income and Earnings Verification System (IEVS) report on the parents at the first RRR. Refer to [Policy 706 Determination of Federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children](#).

ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES ACT (ASFA) – FEDERAL CASES ONLY

Hearing must be held and include the court finding that the county continues to make reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan for the child. This finding must be made within 12 months from the date the child is considered to have entered Foster Care, and thereafter, from the date of the prior finding and be noted in the court minute order. Copies of the minute orders must be imaged in the case record, notated on [ASFA Court Findings Worksheet](#) and [ASFA Ongoing Court Findings Worksheet](#), to document that these requirements are met. Refer to [Policy 706 Determination of Federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children](#).

**ADOPTION
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (AAP)
RRR**

RRR process for AAP cases refer to the following:

[Policy 708 Adoption Assistance Program \(AAP\)](#)

[Adoptions Assistance Program \(AAP\) Processing Guide](#)

**KINSHIP
GUARDIANSHIP
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (Kin-
GAP)**

RRR process for Kin-GAP cases refer to the following:

[Policy 702 Kin-GAP](#)

[Kin-GAP Processing Guide](#)

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REQUIRED FORMS

[SOC 158A](#)

[FC 2- Statement of Facts Supporting Eligibility for AFDC-Foster Care](#)

[FC 2NM – Extended Foster Care](#)

[CW 51 – Child Support Good Cause Claim for Noncooperation](#)

REFERENCES

[Policy 706 Determination of Federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children](#)

[Policy 707 Foster Care Payment and Rates](#)

[Policy 701 Extended Foster Care](#)

[Policy 702 Kin-GAP](#)

[Policy 708 Adoption Assistance Program \(AAP\)](#)

PROCEDURE

[RRR Processing Guide](#)

[Kin-GAP Processing Guide](#)

[Adoptions Assistance Program \(AAP\) Processing Guide](#)

ATTACHMENTS

[Basic Rates for FC and KG/NRLG](#)

[ASFA Court Findings Worksheet](#)

[ASFA Ongoing Court Findings Worksheet](#)