

## **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE INFORMATION**

Children in foster care (licensed care) are eligible for three types of funding specifically designed to ensure the child's basic clothing needs are met. The following is an overview of these funding sources and the requirements and steps you as a caregiver need to take to obtain the funds:

### **1. Initial \$25 Gift Card** (Target or Wal-Mart)

When a child is removed from their home and placed in a licensed facility such as a foster home or shelter, they are automatically eligible for the \$25 gift card to purchase clothing. You can request the card through the child's assigned Child Advocate. Please note that this is a one time funding allowance, therefore; if your child was issued this gift card prior to their placement in your home, it will not be re-issued. An important requirement is that you obtain receipts for the child's clothing and provide the Child Advocate with these receipts so that ChildNet staff can complete the reimbursement requirements.

### **2. Adjudication Clothing Allowance**

When a child has been initially adjudicated into foster care by the court, the child is eligible for a one-time Clothing Allowance of \$50 for ages 0 to 11 and \$70 for ages 12 – 17. You will automatically receive this Clothing Allowance as an addition to the foster care reimbursement payment for the month following the child's adjudication. For example, if the child is adjudicated in September 2007, the October 2007 payment will include the Clothing Allowance. If you do not receive this allowance, please advise your Child Advocate so that they can follow-up on the problem. After adjudication, the Child Advocate must submit a copy of the Disposition Order to the Revenue Maximization Unit and email the ICWIS Supervisor in order to have the money released. You are not required to submit receipts for this Clothing Allowance.

### **3. Yearly Clothing Allowance**

A child who has been adjudicated into foster care and who resides in a licensed facility is eligible for the yearly Clothing Allowance of \$200 for 0-4 years old and \$300 for 5 years and older. These funds are distributed in July and have come to be known as the School Clothing Allowance. If you do not receive this allowance for a child in foster care who is placed in your home, please notify the Child Advocate. You are not required to submit receipts for this clothing allowance.

## **ADDITIONAL FUNDING RESOURCES**

### **Master Trust Accounts**

If the child placed in your home is receiving SSI funds due to a disability or SSA funds due to the death of a parent, they will have a Master Trust Account which can be used for the child's needs. The Child Advocate will know if these funds are available to your child.

### **Monthly Board Rate Reimbursement**

Your monthly board rate includes a stipend of up to \$60 per month to be utilized for a child's allowance and the replenishing of their wardrobe.