

**Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstrations**  
**Key Features of Assisted Guardianship Waiver Demonstrations**  
**As of June 2008**

State Name and Start Date	Program Features and Services	Payment Amount	Eligibility Requirements				
			Length of Time with Prospective Guardian	Child Age	Caregiver Relationship	Child's IV-E Eligibility	Caregiver Licensing Status
<b>Delaware (7/1/96)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family and child were eligible to receive case management, child health care, mental health care, and "post-adoption" services.</li> </ul>	Equal to monthly foster care payment	1 year	12+	Relatives or kin <sup>1</sup> and non-relatives	IV-E only	Licensed foster care providers only
<b>Illinois (Phase 1: 5/1/97)</b>  <b>(Phase 2: 6/30/05)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary screenings and counseling; payment of one-time court costs and legal fees; periodic casework assistance; emergency stabilization; and other special services (e.g., physical therapy).</li> <li>Youth enrolled in "enhanced program" eligible for independent living and transitional services funded through CFCIP.</li> </ul>	Equal to monthly adoption assistance payment	Originally 2 years; changed to 1 year in 7/01	All ages if placed with relatives or kin; 12+ if placed with non-relative  "Enhanced" program targets youth 14+	Relatives or kin and non-relatives	IV-E and non-IV-E	Licensed (non-relatives) and unlicensed (relatives only)
<b>Iowa (2/1/07)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-time payment for costs and legal fees associated with establishing the guardianship.</li> <li>Children 16+ eligible for education and training vouchers funded through CFCIP.</li> </ul>	Equal to monthly foster care maintenance payment	6 months	All ages if placed with a relative; 12+ if placed with non-relative	Relatives and non-relatives	IV-E and non-IV-E	Licensed (non-relatives) and unlicensed (relatives only)
<b>Maryland (3/1/98)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guardians given priority for receiving support services, including individual and family counseling, parent training, medical support, and mental health assessments.</li> </ul>	\$300 monthly subsidy	6 months	All ages	Relatives or kin only	IV-E and non-IV-E	Licensed and unlicensed
<b>Minnesota (11/16/05)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State established a Single Benefit Program that offers an identical financial subsidy for caregivers who adopt or assume permanent legal custody (i.e., guardianship) of a child in their care.</li> </ul>	Equal to child's existing monthly foster care payment	6 months	All ages	Relatives or kin and non-relatives	IV-E only	Licensed foster care providers only

<sup>1</sup> "Kin" may include other persons related to a child by blood, marriage, or adoption, or a non-related individual who is an important family friend or with whom the child has resided or has had significant contact.

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<b>Montana (6/21/01)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Targets children in both State and Tribal custody.</li> <li>▪ Families may access social and mental health services typically available to adoptive families.</li> </ul>	\$10 less than monthly foster care payment	6 months	Originally 12+; age requirement eliminated in year 3.	Relatives or kin and non-relatives	IV-E only	Licensed foster care providers only
<b>New Mexico (7/1/00)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two separate components: (1) Native American children in Tribal custody; and (2) children in State custody.</li> </ul>	Equal to monthly adoption assistance payment	No minimum	All ages	Relatives or kin and non-relatives	IV-E only	Licensed foster care providers only
<b>North Carolina (Phase 1: 7/1/97) (Phase 2: 1/1/05)<sup>2</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No additional services specified.</li> </ul>	Originally less than monthly foster care payment; increased 10/02 to equal foster care payment	6 months	All ages	Relatives and non-relatives	IV-E and non-IV-E	Licensed (non-relatives) and unlicensed (relatives only)
<b>Oregon (Phase 1: 7/1/97) (Phase 2: 4/1/04)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One-time payment for costs and legal fees associated with establishing guardianship.</li> <li>▪ Access to same post-permanency services as adoptive families.</li> </ul>	Equal to basic monthly foster care rate	6 months	All ages if placed with relative; 12+ if placed with non-relative	Relatives or kin and non-relatives	IV-E only	Licensed (non-relatives) and unlicensed (relatives only)
<b>Tennessee (12/1/06)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pre- and post-permanency services, including information and referral; family advocacy; children's activity groups, respite care; and recreational activities.</li> <li>▪ Up to \$1,000 to cover legal fees and other non-recurring costs to finalize guardianship.</li> <li>▪ Children ages 15+ eligible for education and training vouchers funded through CFCIP.</li> </ul>	Equal to the State's base monthly foster care subsidy	6 months	All ages	Relatives and non-relatives	IV-E and non-IV-E	Licensed foster care providers only

<sup>2</sup> State terminated its waiver demonstration early in February 2008.

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<b>Virginia<sup>3</sup></b> <b>(Approved 3/31/06)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One-time payment to cover costs and legal fees associated with establishing relative custody.</li> <li>▪ Intensive short-term counseling; information and referral; crisis intervention; payment for special services (counseling, tutoring, or physical therapy).</li> <li>▪ Children ages 16+ eligible for education and training vouchers funded through CFCIP.</li> </ul>	Equal to the child's monthly foster care maintenance payment	6 months	All ages	Relatives only	IV-E and non-IV-E	Licensed and unlicensed
<b>Wisconsin</b> <b>(10/14/05)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assistance in applying for subsidies, referrals to community services, and access to post-guardianship resource centers.</li> <li>▪ Children 15+ eligible for education and training vouchers, "room and board," and other transitional services funded through CFCIP.</li> </ul>	Equal to the child's monthly foster care maintenance payment	12 months	All ages	Relatives and non-relatives	IV-E and non-IV-E	Licensed foster care providers only

<sup>3</sup> Waiver demonstration was approved, but was terminated by the State in September 2007 without being implemented.