



The Story of Two Foster Children



Naomi

- Aspires to be a chef.
- Removed from home at 12 due to severe abuse and neglect.
- Now age 15 and **placed with a family friend who is not a relative.**
- Family Friend meets all state approval/licensing standards for a foster placement



Rachel

- Aspires to be a chef.
- Removed from home at 12 due to severe abuse and neglect.
- Now age 15 and **placed with her grandmother**
- Grandmother meets all state approval/licensing standards for a foster placement

WHAT BENEFITS WILL NAOMI AND RACHEL RECEIVE TO SUPPORT THEIR DAILY CARE?

If they are [federally eligible](#), then Naomi and Rachel receive the same level of support:

Naomi: placed with a Non-Relative	\$820 (federal foster care)
Rachel: placed with Grandma	\$820 (federal foster care)

But, if Naomi and Rachel are [NOT federally eligible](#), the caregivers receive a different level of support depending on if they are related to the child:

Naomi: placed with a Non-Relative	\$820 (state-only AFDC-FC)
Rachel: placed with Grandma	\$351 (CalWORKs)

If Naomi and Rachel [have siblings who are also NOT federally eligible](#), the inequities are even greater:

Naomi and Rachel: placed with a Non-Relative	\$1,640 (state-only AFDC-FC)
Naomi and Rachel: placed with Grandma	\$577 (CalWORKs)

If Naomi and Rachel have [special needs and are NOT federally eligible](#), the inequities are the most extreme:

	Naomi (placed with non-relative)	Rachel (placed with grandma)
Child with severe emotional disturbance and qualifies for Specialized Care Increment	\$1,382 (LA County rate)	\$351
Child with autism who is a regional center consumer	\$2,162 - \$3,162	\$351
Youth who is parenting	\$1,210	\$577