

LEGAL FACT SHEET

Caregivers can get Help Paying for Summer Camp*

Summer camp is a great way to creatively focus that energy and give relative caregivers some respite. Relative caregivers who receive a “child only” grant for the children in their care are automatically eligible for camp fees of up to \$400 per year, not to exceed \$200 per week, so long as there are no other available community sources of funding for camp costs. Social Services Law §131-(a)(5)(d); 18 NYCRR 352.7(I);05 INF-24, p. 8; GIS 02 TA/DC010(4/10/02).

The definition of summer camp is discussed in 00 INF-15.(Q. 5), and includes both day camp for children under the age of 16, and overnight camps for children under the age of 18.

A child is only eligible for a summer camp grant if the child is in receipt of family assistance. This means that if a relative caregiver also cares for a child on Supplemental Security Income, that child will not be eligible for camp fees. 01- INF-11 (Q. 4).

Another source of funding for summer camp can be a childcare subsidy administered through the local social services day care unit. Children who are already receiving a subsidy for after school childcare are eligible for a childcare subsidy for the hours that the caretaker is employed. 00 OCFS INF -3; GIS 02 TA/DC010(4/10/02).

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