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Child	1	Age Limit - Is there an age limit for child care? Can a teenage kid go to a license day care? What are our options?	<p>Exceptions can be made to provide child care benefits through the EBT card for children ages 13-18, if the child is physically or mentally incapable of caring for her or himself and documentation from the case manager, a therapist, etc.</p> <p>See Q&A #11 for details about daytime respite.</p>
Child Care Provider	2	FFH as Child Care Provider - Can current Foster Care home apply for an exception to be a daycare provider? What if the foster home brought in other children to watch also?	<p>Kansas law allows only one license (either a day care license or a foster home license) be issued for a specific location. See guidelines "Foster Home Exceptions on a Day Care Home License - Guidance Material for Child Placing Agencies" (website: http://www.dcf.ks.gov/Agency/GC/FCRFL/Documents/FCL_forms/FFH_EX_Guidance_Material_for_CPAs.pdf) The document explains, "The ability to successfully meet the needs of their own family, children in day care and children in foster care requires an exceptional family. A request for an individual to be approved to provide both types of care should only be submitted in exceptional circumstances; not on a routine basis. The expectation is for exception requests to be submitted only then other feasible alternatives have been explored." If an exception was granted, a FC-Child Care application for their own foster children to be served by their own child care service would be denied.</p>
Child Care Provider	3	In-Home Child Care Providers - Does using the EBT card apply for an in-home provider? The person that comes in to the home to provide care?	<p>No. If a vetted person did come into the foster caregiver's home to provide child care, the foster caregiver would be acting as the person's employer which would cause the foster caregiver to pay minimum wage and taxes and comply with the IRS Household Employer's requirements. To avoid those complications we do not recommend using the EBT card benefits for this situation. You can use in-home providers for daytime respite. See Q&A #11 for details</p>

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Child Care Provider	4	No Child Care Provider - What if there is not a child care provider available?	If no enrolled child care provider is available after contacting Child Care Aware at 877-678-2548 to check, you have two options: 1. Use a qualified relative of the child in foster care; or, 2. Use daytime respite (see Q&A #11).
Child Care Provider	5	Relative of Child in Foster Care - If I recently signed an adoption placement agreement, do my relatives now become the child's and I could use one of them as my child care provider?	No, your family would not be considered the foster child's 'qualifying relatives' until the adoption is finalized. When the adoption finalizes, the child would not be considered in foster care so the FC-Child Care program would not apply. You could apply for regular DCF Income eligible or TANF Child Care Subsidy.
Child Care Provider	6	Relative of Child in Foster Care - What about utilizing relatives, do they need to be licensed to provide daycare?	A qualifying relative (grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, or adult sibling) to the child in foster care does not need to become a licensed child care provider; they only need to be approved/enrolled by EES.
Child Care Provider	7	Relative of Child in Foster Care - In a scenario where you have three children from same family, but relative willing to provide child care is only related to one child. Can the relative take all three children?	No, if other children are not related they would need to go to alternate child care provider.
Financial	8	\$109.50 Resource - Regarding the \$109.50/month for child care the foster caregiver can use to cover costs above the amount paid through the EBT card, what if the child leaves the placement early?	EBT card benefits are issued on the first of the month, for the month. If the child left your home mid-month, it is anticipated the EBT card benefit would cover your costs in full and you would not need to use your \$109.50 resource.
Financial	9	EBT Card Coverage - What are allowable costs paid through EBT? How will foster parents know the amount?	Child Care subsidy can pay for the cost of regular child care and enrollment fees. It does not cover fees to hold a spot in the future, transportation fees, membership fees, activity fees, or other miscellaneous costs. The foster caregiver will receive a copy of the family plan, which will specify the benefit amount calculated for each individual child with their individual providers.

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Respite	10	Daytime Respite - What is the difference between what DCF is considering 'day respite' and baby-sitting? How will foster parents know what will be covered under this new respite definition vs what would be considered baby-sitting?	It depends on how you define 'baby sitter.' Any care not provided by the foster parent needs to be provided by a qualified provider: an EES approved child care provider or an approved respite provider.
Respite	11	Daytime Respite - What qualifies as day time respite?	Day time respite is any substitute care for the child in foster care that occurs without an overnight stay of the child or the respite provider. The provider of this care can be a licensed foster home (must adhere to licensing part-time respite rules), a person who has passed applicable background checks, or an agency who's staff providing services have passed applicable background checks.
Financial	12	EBT Card - Will there be a new EBT card issued with each placement?	No, the foster caregiver will be issued the card and child care benefits will be added/deducted on the same card as children enter and leave their home.
Provider	13	Who can I tell my provider to contact if they are a licensed day care but they aren't enrolled with EES yet?	If you know of a licensed child care provider who wants to become an EES enrolled provider so they can provide child care to a child in foster care, have them contact 1-888-369-4777 or visit http://ksqualitynetwork.org/ .

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