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<b>Definition</b>	<p><b>Guardianship</b> of a minor, and includes the obligation of care or control and authority to make major decisions, affecting the child's welfare, which the child cannot make on his own, including, but not limited to, consent determinations regarding marriage, enlistment in the armed forces and major medical, psychiatric or surgical treatment</p>		<p><b>Adoption means</b> the establishment by court order of the legal relationship between a parent and child</p>
<b>Legal Reference</b>	CGS Section 17a-126, 46b-129		CGS Section 17a-116 through 17a-120
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<p>The birth parents' rights are <b>not</b> severed  <b>Adoption is not possible</b></p>		<p>The birth parents' rights <b>are</b> severed by the court  <b>Legal grounds exist to end parental rights (TPR) and Adoption is possible</b>  <b>The child must be</b> consulted if age 12 or older</p>
	<p><b>STOG- The child must be</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placed <b>with the licensed</b> proposed guardian for <b>6 months</b></li> <li>• Consulted if age 14 or older</li> </ul>	<p><b>PTOG-The child must be</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placed <b>with the licensed</b> proposed guardian for one <b>year</b></li> <li>• Consulted if age 12 or older</li> <li>• <b>At least one TPR ground must exist</b></li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>The subsidized guardianship packet</b> must be approved <b>PRIOR</b> to STOG or PTOG finalization by Subsidy Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Successor Guardian</b> named (see <b>Successor Guardian</b> entry below)</li> </ul>		
			<p><b>The adoption</b> agreement must be signed and approved <b>PRIOR</b> to Adoption finalization by Subsidy Unit</p>
<b>Birth Parent Rights</b>	<p><b>STOG</b> -Birth Parents <b>CAN</b> petition the court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To regain custody and</li> <li>• To maintain visitation</li> </ul>	<p><b>PTOG</b>- Birth Parents <b>CANNOT</b> petition to regain guardianship They <b>CAN</b> petition to maintain visitation</p>	<p><b>Adoption</b> Birth Parents <b>CANNOT</b> petition the court to regain custody</p>
<b>Lifelong Connections</b>	<p>The guardian determines the scope of the relationship with extended family members unless there is a court order in place that does so. Sibling and relative visitation are generally recommended.</p>		<p><b>Siblings:</b> <i>Recommended</i>, but adoptive parent must agree</p> <p><b>Relatives:</b> <i>Recommended</i>, but adoptive parent must agree</p>

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<b>Decision Making</b>	Guardians have authority to make decisions on behalf of the minor		Adoptive parents have all the rights and responsibilities of a parent.
<b>Name Change</b>	Child's surname generally <b>remains the same</b> , though parties may petition the court for a name change.		Child's name <b>can change</b> . Once adoption is finalized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Juvenile Court sends the VS-51 to Vital Records</li> <li>• Vital Records updates and creates a new Birth Certificate</li> <li>• Adoptive parent submits a request to Vital Records for a new Birth Certificate</li> <li>• <i>At age 18, an individual can request, for a fee, their original birth certificate (noting their birth name and parents) from Vital Records</i></li> </ul>
<b>Successor Guardian</b>	Guardians <b>may identify</b> a successor guardian, a person who will assume the responsibility for the minor child in the event of guardian's death or incapacitated due to illness or severe disability (DCF must ask if the guardian wishes to identify a successor guardian for all TOGs)		Identifying a successor is not required for adoption.
<b>Monthly Subsidy Eligibility</b>	<p>Monthly subsidy until <b>child's 18<sup>th</sup></b> birthday if child is still living with and receiving support from the guardian (CGS 12a-126(f)(2))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardian submits the <b>annual subsidy agreement</b></li> <li>• Subsidy Unit approves <b>annual subsidy agreement</b></li> </ul> <p>Monthly subsidy until <b>child's 21<sup>th</sup></b> birthday if,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time student at an approved secondary education program</li> <li>• Enrolled in a technical or vocational training program</li> </ul> <p>Monthly subsidy for <b>medically complex children</b>, if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardian submits the <b>annual subsidy agreement</b></li> <li>• Primary Care Physician submits the "<i>Certification of a Child with Complex Medical Needs</i>" (DCF 2101S) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Subsidy is reduced for children who are no longer certified as medically complex</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subsidy Unit approves <b>annual subsidy agreement</b></li> </ul>		<p>For eligible children, Monthly subsidy until <b>child's 18<sup>th</sup></b> birthday if,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the condition which caused the child to be certified as special needs continues to exist, adoptive parents are still legally responsible for the support of the child and the child is receiving support from the adoptive parents. Adoptive Parent submits the <b>biennial subsidy agreement</b></li> <li>• Subsidy Unit approves <b>biennial subsidy agreement</b></li> </ul> <p>Monthly subsidy until <b>child's 21<sup>st</sup></b> birthday if,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child was <b>age 16 or older when adopted AND</b></li> <li>• Full-time student at an approved secondary education program</li> <li>• Enrolled full-time in a technical or vocational training program</li> <li>• Subsidy reviews are done annually from age 18-21</li> </ul>

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<b>Rate</b>	<p><b>Subsidy cannot exceed the current foster care board and care rate</b></p> <table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Age 0-5</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$ 25.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Age 6-11</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$ 26.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Age 12-17</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$ 28.52</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Medically Complex Rate based on the certification of the Primary Care Physician (PCP) who submits the "Certification of a Child with Complex Medical Needs" (DCF 2101S). <i>Subsidy is reduced for children who are no longer certified as medically complex</i></p> <table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Class #1: Potential Condition</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$ 30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Class #2: Medically at Risk</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$ 40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Class #3: Intensive Medical Need</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$ 55.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Class #4: Technical/Medically Dependent</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$ 82.00</td> </tr> </table>			Age 0-5	\$ 25.99	Age 6-11	\$ 26.29	Age 12-17	\$ 28.52	Class #1: Potential Condition	\$ 30.00	Class #2: Medically at Risk	\$ 40.00	Class #3: Intensive Medical Need	\$ 55.00	Class #4: Technical/Medically Dependent	\$ 82.00
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<b>Educational Needs</b>	The Board of Education (town of nexus) is generally responsible for special education costs																
<b>Mentoring</b>	Is <b>NOT</b> covered																
<b>Respite</b>	Is <b>NOT</b> covered																
<b>Dental</b>	Eligibility determined by Husky																
<b>Recreational</b> (i.e. Music Lessons)	Is <b>NOT</b> covered																

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Pre-School	Is <b>NOT</b> covered		
Childcare Center	Is <b>NOT</b> covered	Subject to an application process and approval, available for a limited time not exceeding 44 weeks (52, if no summer camp), based on eligibility, if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child is age 0-12</li> <li>• <b>Care4Kids</b> application is completed</li> <li>• Childcare center is a recognized provider by Care4Kids</li> <li>• Coverage is based on the Care4Kids weekly provider reimbursement rate</li> <li>• Parent works full-time</li> <li>• Existing Care4Kids arrangements, Care4Kids must be notified 10 days before/after finalization to continue coverage for up to one-year post-adoption</li> </ul>	
Before and After School Programs.	Is <b>NOT</b> covered	Subject to application and approval, available for a limited time, based on eligibility, if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child is age 5-12</li> <li>• <b>Care4Kids</b> application is completed</li> <li>• Coverage is based on the Care4Kids weekly provider reimbursement rate</li> </ul>	
Summer Camp	Is <b>NOT</b> covered	Subject to application and approval, available for a limited time, not to exceed 8 weeks, if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child is age 5-12</li> <li>• <b>Care4Kids</b> application is completed</li> <li>• Coverage is based on the Care4Kids weekly provider reimbursement rate</li> <li>• Coverage applies to one camp not multiple camps</li> </ul>	

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Subsidy Review	Annual	Biennial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please note the review for a child adopted at age 16 through 18, changes from a biennial to annual from ages 18 to 21</li> </ul>	
Medical Coverage	<b>Husky</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available until <b>child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday</b></li> <li>Children residing in Connecticut <b>ages 18-21 could be</b> eligible for assistance</li> <li>Children residing outside of Connecticut ages 18-21 eligibility is determined by their home state</li> <li>Since the medical coverage your child receives is provided as part of the subsidy agreement, DCF Subsidy office will remain listed in the Husky system as the authorized representative (AREP) and you should contact your subsidy worker if you have an address change or you are told that the medical benefits are not active.</li> <li>Eligibility is dependent on the home state location, please consult with staff to determine eligibility based on individual circumstances</li> </ul>		
Pre-Existing Child Support	Remains in effect unless modified by the court order	Same	
Social Security Benefits	Children who are eligible, the parent/guardian applies to become the payee and the Social Security Department determines eligibility and benefit amount.		
College Assistance	<b>No</b> college assistance through the Department <b>Note:</b> To determine if the child qualifies for federal funding answer <b>YES on FAFSA</b> application if applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?</li> <li>Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?</li> </ul>	Children adopted by 18 <sup>t</sup> birthday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Between <u>January 1, 2005 and June 30, 2020</u></b> are eligible for tuition assistance equivalent to the in-state UCONN tuition rate</li> <li><b>After <u>July 1, 2020</u></b> are eligible for tuition assistance equivalent to the in-state CCSU tuition rate</li> </ul>	
DCF Case Status	<b>Area Office case is closed</b> <b>Open Central Office Subsidy Unit case</b> with an assigned processing technician for financial and review purposes only		

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<b>Post-Adoption &amp; Guardian Services</b>	Support is available until Child's 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) at 860-679-4006</li> <li>• The Adoption Assistance Program provides post adoption support to families who are parenting through adoption or guardianship, and to adoptees or children parented through guardianship. There is no age limitation for this support.</li> <li>• Beacon Voluntary Care Management (VCM) at 877-381-4193</li> <li>• Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families (CAFAF) at 860-258-3400</li> <li>• DCF <b>Central Office Subsidy Unit</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Taxes</b>	Consult with a professional tax preparer to determine if there are any tax credits available		
<b>Inheritance</b>	Would not automatically inherit from a guardian only if named in a will		Can automatically inherit from their adopted parent