



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS DIVISION
CENTER FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN & THE COURTS

Federally Funded Dependency Representation Program (FFDRP)

Eligible Activities for Attorneys¹

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The following chart outlines attorney activities that can and cannot be reimbursed under the Federal Funded Dependency Representation Program (FFDRP). This chart will be updated as the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and Judicial Council refine eligible activities.

	Activity	Reimbursable	Not Reimbursable
1.	Attorney as GAL for child in civil or criminal proceeding		✓
2.	Attorney as GAL for parent		✓ ²
3.	Case Preparations for Dependency Foster Care Proceedings	✓	
4.	CFT/TDM/ and other multidisciplinary team meetings	✓	
5.	Dependency Foster Care Court Hearings	✓	
6.	Dual Status/Dual Jurisdiction Court Appearances ³	✓	
7.	In state client visit/meeting	✓	
8.	Out-of-state client visit/meeting	✓ ⁴	
9.	Housing Application		✓ ⁵
10.	Immigration Hearings		✓
11.	Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) - Enrollment in a Tribe		✓ ⁶
12.	Individualized Education Planning (IEP) Meeting		✓

¹ Eligible activities for FFDRP are governed under 45 CFR 1356.60 (c)(2) and further clarified in the Child Welfare Policy Manual 8.1. The information in this document is based on laws in effect at the time of publication (June 2020). Federal and state laws may change at any time.

² Underlying CAC funds cannot be used for GALs. This is a cost that is paid from the local court's general fund.

³ For dependency foster care proceedings only, time spent on delinquency matters is not eligible.

⁴ Out of state travel expenses are ineligible for reimbursement. Time spent on IV-E eligible activities during out of state travel is eligible.

⁵ CDSS will not reimburse this activity as this is a county social worker activity that is not covered by underlying CAC funds; it is not a legal activity that can be reimbursed for attorneys or social workers working with attorneys.

⁶ CDSS will not reimburse many ICWA issues; Attorneys can raise ICWA issues, but notice, inquiry, and investigation are duties of the county social worker. Attorneys cannot claim costs for helping enroll a child or parent in a tribe.

	Activity	Reimbursable	Not Reimbursable
13.	Legislative/Policy work		✓
14.	Parking at the court for attorneys if court outside walking distance	✓	
15.	Parking at the office for clients	✓	
16.	School Discipline Hearing		✓
17.	Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) Findings		✓
18.	FFDRP Eligible Trainings	✓	
19.	Travel to court	✓ ⁷	
20.	Travel to FFDRP eligible trainings	✓	
21.	Travel to meet with client	✓	
22.	Writs	✓	
23.	Consult with Supervisor – non case specific	✓ ⁸	
24.	Staff Meeting		✓ ⁹
25.	Consult with Supervisor – case specific	✓	

Supervisory and Administrative Activities:

Supervisory and Administrative activities for oversight of an attorney’s FFDRP eligible legal work or program are reimbursable under FFDRP. Supervision that is case specific is eligible provided that the organization is documenting that activity by case in its files. Other FFDRP eligible supervisory activities, that are not case specific, are billable at the overhead rate.

Activities that are NOT reimbursable:

- Federal or State Advocacy work
- Federal, State, or Local Legislative/Policy work
- Travel for any advocacy, legislative, or policy work
- Out of state travel for training and client visits
- Any activities not covered by the underlying Court Appointed Counsel work including administrative activities for any grants or other contracts.

⁷ Travel to Court includes mileage and time.

⁸ Can only be billed at the overhead rate.

⁹ See FAQ E-12 on staff meetings.