

## Eligible Attorney Activities for Reimbursement<sup>1</sup>

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
Attorney as GAL for child in civil or criminal proceeding		✓
Attorney as GAL for parent		✓ <sup>2</sup>
Case Preparations	✓	
CFT/TDM/ and other multidisciplinary team meetings	✓	
Court Hearings	✓	
Dual Status/Dual Jurisdiction Court Appearances	✓	
In state client visit/meeting	✓	
Out-of-state client visit/meeting		✓ <sup>3</sup>
Housing Application		✓ <sup>4</sup>
Immigration Hearings		✓
Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) - Enrollment in a Tribe		✓ <sup>5</sup>
Individualized Education Planning (IEP) Meeting	✓	
Legislative/Policy work		✓
Parking at the court for attorneys		✓ <sup>6</sup>
Parking at the office for clients	✓	
School Discipline Hearing		✓
Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) Findings	✓	
Trainings		✓
Travel to court	✓ <sup>7</sup>	
Travel to trainings		✓
Travel to meet with client	✓	
Writs	✓	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> CDSS will not reimburse for out of state travel because it would require all travel through CalTravelStore. JCC is trying to determine whether time for Out of State travel can be reimbursed.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> CDSS will not reimburse many ICWA issues; Attorneys can raise ICWA issues, but notice, inquiry, and investigation are duties of the county social worker duty. Attorneys cannot claim costs for helping enroll a child or parent in a tribe.

<sup>6</sup> Parking at court has been deemed supplanting and is not eligible for reimbursement.

<sup>7</sup> Travel to Court includes mileage and time.

Consult with Supervisor – non case specific	✓	
Staff Meeting	✓	
Consult with Supervisor – case specific	✓	

Supervisory and Administrative Activities:

Supervisory and Administrative activities for oversight of an attorney’s legal work or program are reimbursable under FFDRP, this includes time spent on FFDRP billing and approving activity and data logs. Supervisory activities of eligible social worker activities are eligible for reimbursement.

Activities that are NOT reimbursable:

- Training
- Federal or State Advocacy work
- Federal, State, or Local Legislative/Policy work
- Travel for any advocacy, legislative, or policy work
- Any activities not covered by the underlying Court Appointed Counsel work including administrative activities for any grants or other contracts.