

TN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES RELATIVE CAREGIVER STIPEND PROGRAM

January 2024 – December 2024

1. The total amount of payments made Jan 2024 – Dec 2024

- ✓ The Department has paid out a total of **\$18,561,595** in stipend payments directly to caregivers of relative children. These are caregivers who hold a final order of the court, meet financial limit criteria, and meet all other requirements of engaging with the Relative Caregiver Program (RCP). Some of these criteria changed, taking effect October 10, 2024.

2. The total number of children for whom a relative caregiver received a payment

- ✓ The total number of children who qualified and received a check during January 2024 – December 2024 is **2,825 children**.

3. The total number of children who have entered state custody after being in the custody of a relative caregiver who received a payment from January 2024- December 2024

- ✓ The total number of children who entered state's custody while enrolled in the Relative Caregiver Stipend Program is **49 children**. These children are no longer receiving payments or services from RCP.

4. The total number of children who remain in the custody of a relative caregiver who received a payment during 2024-2025

- ✓ The total number of children who qualified and received a check, and remained in the care of the relative caregiver during January 2024 – December 2024 is **2,776 children**.