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Arizona	no state specific information	If your state does not have any specified information, we recommend reaching out to your case worker or local social security office
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California	Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16503.5 - States that if a county child welfare agency has a foster child's Social Security Number (SSN), they must share it with caregivers. However, there is no law that requires a county to have the SSN or to acquire it.	<a href="https://advokids.org/legal-tools/information-for-caregivers/claiming-a-foster-child/">https://advokids.org/legal-tools/information-for-caregivers/claiming-a-foster-child/</a>

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Colorado	No state specific information	if your state does not have any specified information, we recommend reaching out to your case worker or local social security office
Connecticut	If the Social Security number is available, it will be given to the foster-parent in a "Placement Portfolio". However, there is no information on how to get it, if it is not provided.	<a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/CTFosterAdopt/Manual/Chapter2">https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/CTFosterAdopt/Manual/Chapter2</a>
Delaware	no state specific information	If your state does not have any specified information, we recommend reaching out to your case worker or local social security office
Florida	no state specific information	If your state does not have any specified information, we recommend reaching out to your case worker or local social security office
Georgia	Foster parents will receive a "Foster Child Information Sheet" that will have the child's social security number on it, if it is available. However, there are no instructions on how to get the SSN, if it is not available.	<a href="https://fostergeorgia.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Georgia-Foster-Parent-Manual-September-2017.pdf">https://fostergeorgia.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Georgia-Foster-Parent-Manual-September-2017.pdf</a>
Hawaii	No state specific information	If your state does not have any specified information, we recommend reaching out to your case worker or local social security office
Idaho	no state specific information	If your state does not have any specified information, we recommend reaching out to your case worker or local social security office
Illinois	Form that allows foster parents to request access to social security for foster-child.	<a href="https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/notices/Documents/cfs_452-6_request_for_access_to_ss_of_foster_child_(fillable).pdf">https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/notices/Documents/cfs_452-6_request_for_access_to_ss_of_foster_child_(fillable).pdf</a>

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Indiana	A manual that describes the qualifications of releasing the social security number to foster parents for tax purposes.	<a href="https://www.in.gov/dcs/files/2.07-Confidentiality-of-Social-Security-Numbers.pdf">https://www.in.gov/dcs/files/2.07-Confidentiality-of-Social-Security-Numbers.pdf</a>
Iowa	A guide that shows qualifications for foster parents to obtain the child's social security number from case worker or from birth parents.	<a href="http://www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/weeklywordjan192016.pdf">http://www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/weeklywordjan192016.pdf</a>
Kansas	no state specific information	If your state does not have any specified information, we recommend reaching out to your case worker or local social security office
Kentucky	no state specific information	If your state does not have any specified information, we recommend reaching out to your case worker or local social security office
Louisiana	Handbook that assists foster parents to file taxes and receive benefits while having foster child. See Part. 11, page 67	<a href="http://www.dcs.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/searchable/OCS/fosterParenting/FosterParentHandbook0409.pdf">http://www.dcs.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/searchable/OCS/fosterParenting/FosterParentHandbook0409.pdf</a>
Maine	A state plan that describes the qualifications for eligibility of claiming a foster child.	<a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/documents/ocfs/ec/occhs/child-care/stplan_pdf_2019%203-15-20%20COVID%20Updates%20pdf.pdf">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/documents/ocfs/ec/occhs/child-care/stplan_pdf_2019%203-15-20%20COVID%20Updates%20pdf.pdf</a>
Maryland	Form and information on what to need when filing taxes, but indicated that a SSN is not explicitly needed as benefits are received through LDSS.	<a href="https://dhs.maryland.gov/documents/SSA%20Policy%20Directives/Child%20Welfare/SSA%2019-06%20CW%20Protecting%20Resources%20of%20Children%20in%20Custody.pdf">https://dhs.maryland.gov/documents/SSA%20Policy%20Directives/Child%20Welfare/SSA%2019-06%20CW%20Protecting%20Resources%20of%20Children%20in%20Custody.pdf</a>
Massachusetts	Form to apply for foster care.. not very helpful in obtaining SSN.	<a href="https://www.mass.gov/doc/dcf-foster-careadoption-application/download">https://www.mass.gov/doc/dcf-foster-careadoption-application/download</a>
Michigan	Guide to determine SSI eligibility and requirements to apply	<a href="https://dhhs.michigan.gov/OLMWEB/EX/FO/Public/FOM/902-12.pdf">https://dhhs.michigan.gov/OLMWEB/EX/FO/Public/FOM/902-12.pdf</a>

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Minnesota	Minnesota does not have a statutory requirement for legally responsible social service agencies to provide a child's social security number to foster parents.	<a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/assets/FAQs_Foster_Care_Stimulus_Payments_to_m1053-431259.pdf">https://mn.gov/dhs/assets/FAQs_Foster_Care_Stimulus_Payments_to_m1053-431259.pdf</a>
Mississippi	Guidelines for financial assistance for foster parents	<a href="https://www.mdcp.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/MDCPS-Policy-Section-E-Effective-06-23-16.pdf">https://www.mdcp.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/MDCPS-Policy-Section-E-Effective-06-23-16.pdf</a>
Missouri	Non-sufficient information	
Montana	State guidance for financial assistance	<a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/cfsd/guardianshipassistanceprogram-stateplan.pdf">https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/cfsd/guardianshipassistanceprogram-stateplan.pdf</a>
Nebraska	Directs to nearest SSA office in state	
Nevada	Refers to case worker for information	
New Hampshire	Directs to nearest SSA office in state	
New Jersey	Refers to case worker for information	
New Mexico	No state specific information	
New York	Form that allows foster parents to request access to social security for foster-child.	<a href="https://affcn.org/wp-content/uploads/OCFS-Form-4743.pdf">https://affcn.org/wp-content/uploads/OCFS-Form-4743.pdf</a>
North Carolina	No state specific information	
North Dakota	DJS is responsible for filing paperwork of social security documents in order to see if child is eligible for reimbursement	<a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/policymanuals/44710/44710.htm">http://www.nd.gov/dhs/policymanuals/44710/44710.htm</a>
Ohio	email <a href="mailto:legal@jfs.ohio.gov">legal@jfs.ohio.gov</a> to request	<a href="https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocomm_root/publicRecordsRequests.stm">https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocomm_root/publicRecordsRequests.stm</a>
Oklahoma	child welfare specialist fills out SS5 form and takes it to social security office with birth certificate, and some type of foster care documentation w/ child's name	<a href="https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/library/policy/current/oac-340/chapter-75/subchapter-13/parts-1/social-security-number.html">https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/library/policy/current/oac-340/chapter-75/subchapter-13/parts-1/social-security-number.html</a>

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Oregon	Apply for social security card for child	<a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/division_100.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/division_100.pdf</a>
Pennsylvania	foster care agency applies for child's social security information	<a href="http://philadelphiaofficeofhomelessservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/vital-documents-toolkit.pdf">http://philadelphiaofficeofhomelessservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/vital-documents-toolkit.pdf</a>
Rhode Island	the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is the designated single-state agency entitled to submit claims for Title IV-E reimbursement in Rhode Island.	<a href="https://datadcyf.ri.gov/policyregs/federal_benefits_for_children_in_dc_yf_care_print.htm">https://datadcyf.ri.gov/policyregs/federal_benefits_for_children_in_dc_yf_care_print.htm</a>
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Tennessee	no state specific information	If your state does not have any specified information, we recommend reaching out to your case worker or local social security office
Texas	case worker must fill out an application on behalf of the child to the state in order to access social security number.	<a href="https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/handbooks/cps/files/CPS_pg_1500.asp#CPS_1511">https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/handbooks/cps/files/CPS_pg_1500.asp#CPS_1511</a>
Utah	No state specific information	
Vermont	No state specific information	
Virginia	DSS provided form	<a href="https://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/dfs/fc/intro_page/forms/032-03-0635-03-eng.pdf">https://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/dfs/fc/intro_page/forms/032-03-0635-03-eng.pdf</a>
Washington	Request your foster child's social security number by contacting the child's assigned worker.	<a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/faq/how-do-we-get-our-foster-child%E2%80%99s-social-security-number-our-tax-filing">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/faq/how-do-we-get-our-foster-child%E2%80%99s-social-security-number-our-tax-filing</a>

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West Virginia	The child's social worker is responsible for documenting the child and family specific information necessary to make a title IV-E determination. The IV-E Specialist will contact the child's social worker to provide copies of additional information necessary for determination purposes, such as applications for emergency ratifications, emergency ratifications, petitions, court orders, and voluntary placement agreements.	<a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/policy/Documents/IV-E_Policy_%20Revised_10.25.2019.pdf">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/policy/Documents/IV-E_Policy_%20Revised_10.25.2019.pdf</a>
Wisconsin	Unknown	
Wyoming	Reimbursement for IV-E is determined based on entries in WYCAPS by the caseworker regarding facilities, placement types, certification dates, provider maintenance screens and approval by the benefit specialist that the child is eligible for IV-E and either reimbursable or not reimbursable	<a href="https://dfs.wyo.gov/about/policy-manuals/foster-care-and-adoption-iv-e-policy-2/">https://dfs.wyo.gov/about/policy-manuals/foster-care-and-adoption-iv-e-policy-2/</a>
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