



# Partners in Finance Worksheet

Use this worksheet by yourself or with your caseworker, a member of your legal team, or a mentor to help you prepare to have a conversation about financial decision-making with your foster parent or group home staff

## Answer the following questions to help you get clear on what matters most to you:

1. What do I want most when it comes to spending money for my child? (For example, I want to buy clothes for my child, I want a specific brand of diaper, or I want to have a say over what my child eats)
2. What am I willing to compromise on? (For example, I'm OK if my foster parents do the shopping, as long as they consult with me first)
3. What do I want to learn about money management? (For example, I want to understand how my foster parent budgets the stipend for my child so that I can eventually do it myself)

## You might also want to ask your foster parent or group home staff some questions to find out what matters most to them. You might ask:

1. Can you explain how you budget the money for my child?
2. What steps do you take to make sure the money covers all my child's needs?

## Once you have that information, try to answer the questions below:

1. What is most important to my foster parent or group home staff when it comes to budgeting money for my child?
2. How can I ask for what I want while also making clear to my foster parent or group home staff that I respect what's most important to them?

