

An **adoption subsidy** is paid to the adoptive parent(s) of a special needs child adopted through SCDSS or a private adoption. The subsidy amount is negotiated between SCDSS and the adopting parent(s) and can range from \$0 to whatever amount the child's last foster parent received for foster care board payment. Monthly payments begin on the date specified in the Adoption Subsidy Agreement (which cannot be earlier than the date foster parent board payments end) and end when the child reaches age 18 (or age 21 if the extension of adoption subsidy criteria is met and submitted to SCDSS) or when the parent(s) stop supporting the child, whichever comes first. **SFY** (State Fiscal Year) runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

