



Foster care money  
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**Alita Mueller** <alitamuel04@gmail.com> Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 12:24 PM  
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I have not received the larger check yet. I was also not given any information on exactly when it was supposed to arrive or who I should contact to find out about its status. All I am seeking is information on the check's status, I need to know when I am supposed to receive it, since I was told by Krisina Dunkin, Sarah Hughes, as well as all of my other caseworkers, that the larger check was coming from DSS. If that is not the case and I was given the incorrect information, then I was misinformed by everyone I spoke to about this topic at DSS. Now, I need to be given the information on the exact status of the check, and if DSS is not who is responsible for this check, I need to know who exactly I am supposed to contact and where I am to contact them. Please get back to me as soon as possible so I know what to do moving forward. Thank you for your assistance.

**Sarah Hughes -DHS- Washington County** <sarah.hughes@maryland.gov> Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 1:06 PM  
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Alita- As we have chatted about previously the larger check comes from the Social Security office. When you exit from foster care that money is sent back to the social security office as that's where it originated from. They do their own audit of the money then send you a check.  
The Dept of Social Services has no control over this part of the process. You will need to contact the social security office 1-800-772-1213 or go into your local office to inquire about the money. <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp> As we weve talked about previously this process can take several month and i've seen it take as much as a year. We have no ability to help you with this process due to your age and no longer having access to the money.  
I'm sorry that this has not been clear up until this point.

Sarah

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Mon, Apr 21, 2025 at 9:00 PM

No, I was no talked about any of that. Do not gaslight me on what you or your department told me. You never informed me how to find out anything about this before I aged out. Your department has dropped the ball so many times. And you did too. The only. good worker I had at your was Ashly. And she left. I now see why.

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Tue, Apr 22, 2025 at 12:55 PM

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