

SUPPORT FOR KINSHIP CAREGIVERS

5 THINGS TO KNOW

Better Outcomes for Kids

Being with Kinship Caregivers reduces trauma and stress, maintains sibling connections, and promotes stability, well-being, and better functioning.

Strengthen Family Ties

Caring for a relative strengthens familial relationships and demonstrates the importance of family support, having lasting positive effects.

Preserving Culture

Kinship care maintains children's cultural identity, strengthens family bonds, and promotes a strong sense of belonging.

Benefits for Caregivers

Caregivers increase their sense of purpose through meaningful relationships with their expanded family network.

Family Connections

Even if you cannot be the primary caregiver, you can still support by babysitting, providing transportation, mentoring, facilitating family visits, or sharing information about other potential relatives.



When you become a kinship caregiver or support a youth, you're not just helping—you're changing lives forever.

Kinnect 
to **Family**

Every child has family.

Finding them changes everything.

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5 BIG IMPACTS OF KINSHIP CARE

Support Plans

It truly takes a village! Extended family and friends can be engaged to create a network of natural supports for kinship caregivers and the children in their care. These connections foster stability and a sense of belonging.

Community Care

Your community offers many local resources to assist you on your kinship caregiving journey. From food assistance to educational support, help is closer than you think.

Supports for Caregivers

Financial, social, legal, and behavioral support services are available to help kinship caregivers maintain their child in their home. This includes access to kin support groups, kinship support payments, and more.

Supports for Children

Professional services such as counseling, educational programs, and wellness initiatives are available to support the unique needs of the child in your care. These resources are designed to ensure children thrive in their new environment.

Kinship Navigation Program

Looking for guidance on your kinship caregiving journey? OhioKAN is here to support you every step of the way. Don't navigate this path alone—reach out today at ohiokan.ohio.gov to unlock the resources, care, and connections you and your family deserve!



Every child deserves the opportunity to stay connected to their culture, community, and kin—their roots are their strength. Kinship caregivers play a vital role in preserving these connections, offering love, stability, and a sense of belonging that every child needs to thrive. Learn more about how we're making this possible at kinnect.org