

For Kinship Caregivers

The Kinship Permanency
Incentive Program



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Did a court award you legal custody or guardianship of a child on or after July 1, 2005?

If so, your family may be eligible for financial support through your county public children services agency through the Kinship Permanency Incentive Program.

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The Kinship Permanency Incentive Program: Support for relative and nonrelative “kin” and their children

The Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI) program provides cash payments to children in the legal custody of kin.

Some kinship families will not be eligible for this program. However, it is important to find out what resources are available to your family. Contact your county public children services agency or county department of job and family services to find out more.



The KPI Program

KPI was created to support children in the homes of family or friends who have committed to caring for them when birth parents cannot.

Eligibility is available only for children you assumed custody or guardianship of on or after July 1, 2005.



KPI Requirements

A judge must have awarded legal custody or guardianship of the child to you on or after July 1, 2005.

Your income must not be higher than 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

To receive the cash payments, eligible families must apply through their county public children services agency and complete a family home assessment.



Other Supports

The Ohio Kinship and Adoption Navigator Program (OhioKAN) is a statewide, flexible and responsive kinship and adoption navigator program designed to assist children, caregivers, and families. OhioKAN works with families where they are to provide them with the resources they need to thrive. Visit OhioKAN at <https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov> or contact the program at 1-844-OHIO-KAN (644-6526.)

The child in your care also may be eligible for Ohio Works First cash assistance; ask for a “child only” application. You also may be eligible for publicly funded child care. Contact your county public children services agency to find out more about KPI and other resources that may be available to you.

Look up your public children services agency in the county government pages of your phone book, call 411 to locate the correct number or visit jfs.ohio.gov/county.