



Become a Kinship Care Provider

To become a kinship care provider, you must be at least 18 years old.

Additional factors taken into consideration may include:

- 🌀 Family make-up
- 🌀 Criminal background check (including fingerprinting)
- 🌀 Employment history
- 🌀 Marital/personal relationship history
- 🌀 Financial history/current financial situation
- 🌀 Home environment (safety inspection)
- 🌀 Physical and/or mental health assessment
- 🌀 Drug/alcohol assessment
- 🌀 Review of juvenile court records for any minors residing in the home

Some kinship care providers elect to become licensed foster care providers. Since every kinship situation is unique, Franklin County Children Services can help you determine if this makes sense for your family.

For more information, please call
614-341-6161 or email
kinship@fccs.co.franklin.oh.us

Franklin County Children Services Mission:

Through collaboration with families and their communities, we advocate for the safety, permanency and well-being of each child we serve in a manner that honors family and culture.

Kinship Care
(614) 341-6161
kinship@fccs.co.franklin.oh.us

General Information
(614) 275-2571

Adoption
(614) 341-6060

Volunteers and Mentors
(614) 275-2690

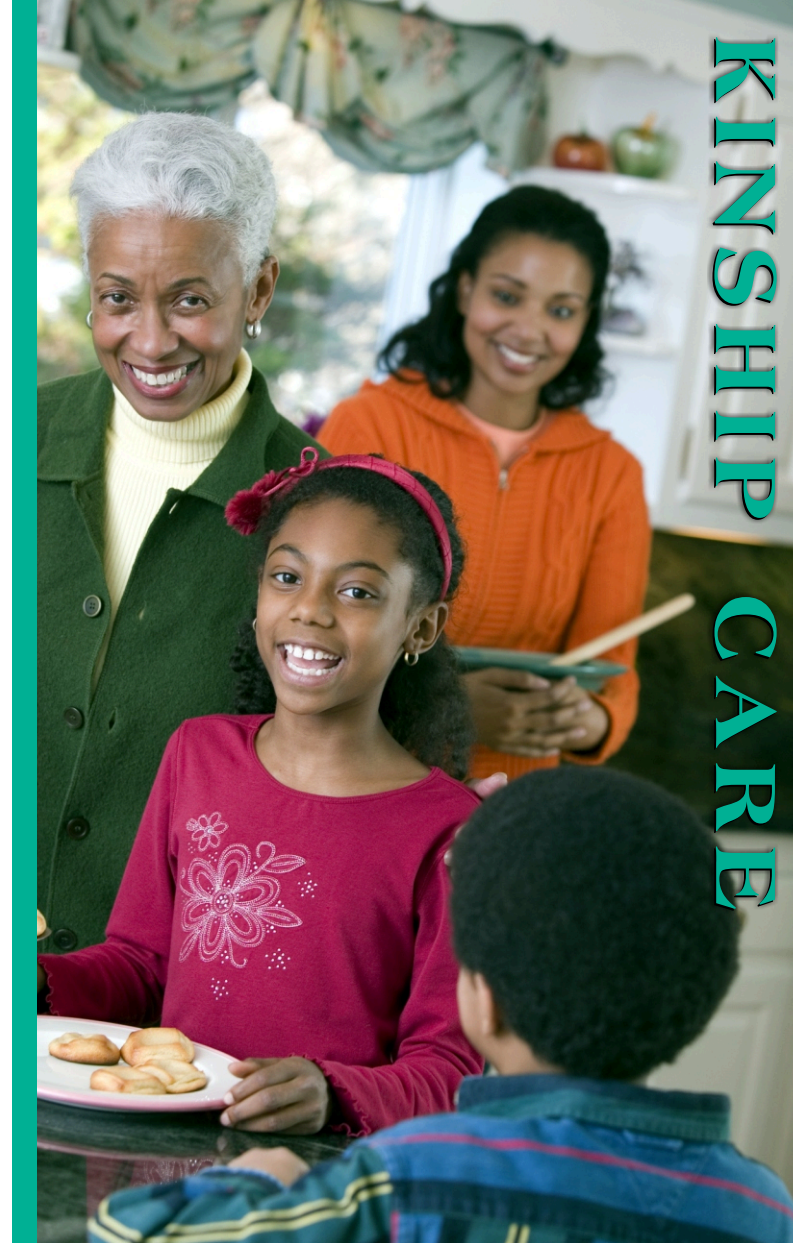
Client Rights
(614) 275-2621

**To Report Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect,
Call the Franklin County Children Services
24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline
(614) 229-7000**



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KINSHIP CARE

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Why Kinship Care?

When serious concerns arise, sometimes it isn't safe for children to remain with their birth family.

When this happens, out-of-home placement with a relative or close family friend, known as *kinship care*, can be the best option for children and their family during a stressful, challenging time.

What is Kinship Care and why is it important?

Kinship care is when family members or friends provide loving, stable homes for children who are temporarily or permanently unable to live with their birth families.

Kinship care is the most beneficial living arrangement for children who cannot live with their parents. It helps children preserve a sense of identity and belonging as well as maintain vital connections to culture and tradition. By minimizing disruptive life changes, kinship care ensures that children have consistency in their daily lives, such as the ability to stay in the same school.

When a kinship placement becomes a consideration, Franklin County Children Services works closely with birth families to identify anyone who may have a close, nurturing connection with the children, and who may be able and willing to provide kinship care.








The Kinship Care Program

Franklin County Children Services Kinship Care Program provides a range of support services to enhance a family's overall well-being during and after involvement with our agency.

Since involvement with the child welfare system can be stressful and frustrating for a family in crisis, FCCS partners with families to provide support and encouragement during this difficult time.

Kinship care services may include:




-  **Orientation program**
-  **Home visits to provide support & guidance**
-  **Linkage to community resources**
-  **Workshops & support groups**
-  **Possible material assistance, such as bedding, car seats, or a clothing stipend for the children**

Strengthening community ties and connecting families to resources in their neighborhoods is a fundamental aspect of kinship care. FCCS actively partners with community-based resources such as faith-based organizations, neighborhood settlement houses, and other area social service providers.

About Franklin County Children Services

The agency is mandated by law to provide protection, care and permanency for children who are abused, neglected or dependent.

Children Services believes in the importance of family and strives to keep the entire family involved in solving the problems that brought them to the agency. This is done through a wide variety of resources and services, including:

-  **Investigation of abuse and neglect reports that come into the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline: 614-229-7000.**
-  **Social workers and other professionals to help children and families.**
-  **Partnerships and Community Involvement** with local agencies and organizations to provide services and support.

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Questions?

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