

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR KINSHIP FAMILIES

KINSHIP PERMANENCY INCENTIVE

- The Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI) program is a state initiative that provides kinship families who meet all eligibility requirements and who also have legal custody or guardianship of a kinship youth with time-limited incentive payments.
- Must have court ordered legal custody or guardianship.
- Must live in Portage County.
- Must complete a Portage County Job & Family Services home assessment and placement of child must be approved.
- Must complete background check.
- Families gross income cannot exceed 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Please contact Denise at (330)297-3770 or email Denise.Fazenbaker@jfs.ohio.gov to request a Kinship Permanency application.

FOSTER PARENT LICENSURE AVAILABLE TO KINSHIP PROVIDERS

- Attend a Foster Parent Information Session to learn more about fostering opportunities.
- If interested in this opportunity, please contact Melissa at (330)389-7510 or Melissa.Boyd@jfs.ohio.gov.

KINSHIP PREVENTION, RETENTION, AND CONTINGENCY (PRC) OPPORTUNITIES

- Kinship Childcare Program: Childcare assistance for Kinship families of Portage County who need relief of childcare functions so that they can provide and maintain a home for a child in place of a child's parents.
- Kinship Stabilization (Supportive) Services: Assistance for kinship families of Portage County who need services that are essential to secure or maintain employment, ensure the health and safety of children, prevent the removal of children from the household, are needed to maintain a permanent placement or will assist in the reunification of children with their family or relatives.
- Kinship Support Program: Time-limited support payments for Kinship families of Portage County, even if residing in another county, of \$350 per month per kinship child for 4 months out of rolling 12 months.
- Application for PRC can be found at www.portagecounty-oh.gov/jfs Completed applications can be sent to Portage_PRC@jfs.ohio.gov. Questions? Please contact Kristi at 330-297-3777.

KINSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM

- The Kinship Support Program (KSP) is a state program that provides short-term financial payments to eligible kinship caregivers who are not certified as foster caregivers for the placement of kinship youth in their homes.
- Kinship caregivers do not need to apply for this program. Eligible kinship caregivers will be identified and paid based on the information entered into the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS). There is no application for this program. Payments will be sent directly to kinship caregivers on the 10th of every month.
- For more information regarding the Kinship Support Program please contact Melissa at (330)389-7510 or Melissa.Boyd@jfs.ohio.gov.