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GRAND Kinship Navigator Program

What is a Kinship Navigator?

Kinship Navigator Services provide linkage and support for kinship families and the children they care for. Services may include: Legal Assistance, Financial Assistance, Medical Coverage, Educational Services, Day Care Assistance, Referrals to Community Agencies, Advocacy, and Support

Kinship caregivers have made a courageous and life changing decision that exemplifies their commitment and devotion to the children in their care. With that in mind, GRAND Kinship Navigator Services strives to maintain children with their caregivers, to promote stability and sense of belonging, maintain extended family relationships and continue to benefit from inclusion in family traditions and cultural beliefs.

Who is a Kinship Family?

Relatives and Non-Relatives providing substitute care who have a longstanding relationship with a child through: Temporary or Permanent Custody, Guardianship, Kinship Adoption, Relative Foster Care, Informal Placements and Substitute Care, Emergency and Crisis Situations

GRAND Support Group

G.R.A.N.D. Support Group Mission Statement:

We are a kinship group (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) providing a safe, caring, confidential, and supportive environment. A place to: make friends, find resources, educate self, and have fun.

G.R.A.N.D. Kinship Support Group was established by community kinship families seeking to support and empower others.

When we meet:

The G.R.A.N.D. group meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We meet at Family & Community Services, Inc. at 705 Oakwood St. Suite 122 Ravenna, OH.

All family members welcome.

Daycare provided.



KPI "provides financial support for minor children in the legal and physical custody of ...kinship caregivers..."

Ohio's Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (commonly referred to as KPI)

Ohio's Biennial Budget (HB 66) established the Kinship Permanency Incentive Program. The new program was implemented January 1, 2006.

This program will provide **financial support** for minor children in the legal and physical custody of grandparents, relatives, or other "kinship caregivers" (defined in Ohio as any relative or non-relative adult who has a long-standing relationship or bond with the child and/or family).

Eligible kin caregivers must have received judicial custody on or after July 1, 2005.

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Size of family unit	300 Percent of Poverty – Annual Income
2	\$43,710
3	\$54,912
4	\$66,150
5	\$77,370
6	\$88,590
7	\$99,810

Eligibility requirements for Ohio's Kinship Permanency Incentive Program include:

- Child must be adjudicated by the juvenile court as being abused, neglected, dependent, or unruly
- Court must have awarded legal custody or legal guardianship of the child to the grandparent, relative or other kinship caregiver on or after July 1, 2005, based on the best interest of the child.
- Child must be considered "special needs" (same criteria as for adoption subsidies).
- A Public Children Services agency must have completed the Relative or Non-Relative Substitute Placement Approval Process (OAC 5101: 2-42-18), inclusive of a criminal background check, as well as completion of an application form.
- The gross income of the caregiver's family, including the child, may not exceed 300% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Other Program Specifics:

- Eligible families will receive an initial payment of 525 per child, followed by \$300 per child every six months thereafter for a total of 36 months.
- Funding will come from Ohio's TANF funds in the amount of \$10 million per year.
- This program does NOT preclude these families from receiving Child Only TANF benefits, it is in addition to such benefits.
- This program does NOT require the PCSA to have ever held custody of child.
- Initially, this will be a reimbursement based program, utilizing a new web-based tool that will allow a 3-4 week turnaround from the time a PCSA reports payment to ODJFS, to the receipt of funds back to the PCSA. Eventually, SACWIS will be modified to allow a direct pay to families.
- The Kinship Permanency Incentive Program rule was finalized by JCARR on Oct. 24, 2005, OAC 5101:2-40-04.

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." – Angela Schwindt

Summer Camps – Plan Now

General Interest Camps:

- Twinsburg Youth Summer Camp – 330-963-8722 or www.mytwinsburg.com
- Life Center Plus – Laura 330-655-2377 ext. 145
- Leap Into Literature, Macedonia, Twinsburg - 330-468-0488 or macedoniaOH@goddardschools.com or twinsburgOH@goddardschools.com
- Tallmadge Summer Camp – 330-634-2349
- Youth Explorers Aurora and Youth Explorers Western Reserve in Streetsboro – Kathy 330-562-5588
- Summer Happenings 2010 and Summer Blast 2010– Stephanie 330-650-0424 or amp@hudsonmontessori.org
- HCER 2010 Camps – 330-653-1210 or www.hudson.edu/hcer
- KinderCare 2010 Summer Programs – 330-656-2737
- CYO Camp Christopher Summer Camps – John 330-762-2961 ext. 229 or www.akroncyo.org
- Summer Day Camps at Sacred Heart – 440-232-6909
- Aurora Summer Camps 2010 – 330-562-4333 or
- Zoo Camps – 330-375-2550 or www.akronzoo.org
- Summer Camp in Cuyahoga Valley National Park – 800-642-3297 or www.cvnpa.org
- Camp Asbury – 330-569-3171 or www.campasbury.org
- S'Camp- 330-666-1118 x 469 or oldtrail.org/summercamp.htm
- Young Explorers Summer Camp – 330-626-3835 or www.youngexplorersmontessori.com
- Ravenna Christian School Day Camp – 330-297-9310 or ravennachristian@ravennaag.org
- Goddard School Summer Camp – www.goddardschool.com
- Horse Riding Day Camp at Equestrian Center – 330-807-1829
- A Beautiful Child's Preschool and Daycare Summer Camp- 330-798-1100
- King's Kida School-Age Child Care Center – 330-633-4908
- Summer of Discovery Creative Early Learning Center – 330-487-5437 or www.creativelearning.com
- Creative Playrooms Stow Child Care – 330-928-1444 or www.creativeplayrooms.com
- Ravenna Preschool and Child Care – 330-297-4139
- Ravenna Parks and Rec – 330-296-2864 or www.ci.ravenna.oh.us/Parks/parks_main.html
- Community Action Council Summer Day Camp – 330-296-8535 or info@caportage.net
- Horseback Riding Camp at Larry's Stable – 330-592-2948
- TLC Child Development Center Camp – 330-655-2797 or www.TLCHudson.com
- Kent Parks and Rec - www.kentparksandrec.com

Arts & Theatre Camps:

- Twinsburg Arts, Theatre, or Magic Camp – 330-963-8722 or www.mytwinsburg.com
- Summit Choral Society's Summer Camp – 330-434-1446 or www.summitchoralsociety.org
- Art for Kids at PAA - 330-657-2248 or www.penninsulaartacademy.com
- Broadway Summer Camp – 330-348-7909 or www.playhousesquare.org/community
- Illusion Factory Summer Theatre Camp- 330-836-1353 or email barbaraballance.org
- Western Reserve Playhouse Summer Theatre Classes – 330-620-7314
- Cuyahoga Falls Magic Camp – 330-971-8425

- Wildfire Dance Camp – 330-971-8425
- Weathervane Summer Camp – 330-836-2626 or www.weathervaneplayhouse.com
- Marquette Summer Camp – 330-655-2991 or www.marquettetdance.com
- Aurora Summer Theatre, Magic or Wildfire Dance Camp – 330-562-4333 or <http://parks.auroraoh.com>
- Woody's Summer Music Program – 330-673-1525 or www.woodsyst.com
- YAS Summer Camp – 330-653-8525 or www.youngactorsstudio.net
- AC Dance Company – 330-524-5888 or www.auroraconservatory.dance.com

Sports & Fitness Camps

- Fit, Fun and Float – 330-971-8080 or www.cityofcf.com/natatorium
- HCER 2010 Sports Camp – 330-653-1210 or www.hudson.edu/hcer
- Sports Impact Summer Camp – www.hudson-chapel.org
- Ambassadors in Sports Soccer Camp – 330-650-9533 or email summercamps@hudsonchapel.org
- Fun Fitness Camp – 330-562-0939
- Aurora Summer Sports Camp – 330-562-4333 <http://parks.auroraoh.com>
- CVCA Summer Sports Camp – Jason 330-929-4151 or www.cvcaroyals.org
- Kent State Summer Athletic Camp – 330-672-2421 or www.kentstatecamps.com
- Summer Tennis Western Reserve – 330-653-3101 or www.wrrfclub.com

Science and Technology Camp

- Summer Science Camp – 216-621-2400 www.great-science.com
- Camp Invention – 800-968-4332 or www.campinvention.org

Special Needs Camp

- HCER 2010 Camps for Special Needs – 330-653-1210 or www.hudson.edu/hcer
- CYO Camp Christopher – John 330-762-2961 x 229 or www.akroncyo.org
- Camp Endeavor – 330-297-6667 x 323
- Frontier Day Camp – Gary Polster at 440-646-8156 or <http://frontierdaycamps.wens.com>
- Camp Connect – Karen 330-274-2272 x 3102 or www.hattielarlham.org
- ADHD Summer Treatment Program – 216-444-0075 or ClevelandClinicPeds@ccf.org
- Akron Rotary Camp – gotcamp.org



HOW DO YOU CHOOSE A SUMMER CAMP?

Think about the following items and discuss them with your child:

- How much can you afford to spend on summer camp?
- How far away is the camp from your home? This might incur additional costs.
- Do you want a large or small camp?
- How many weeks does your child want to spend at camp?
- Do you want a coed or single-sex camp?
- What kind of activities will your child enjoy?
- There are camps that offer a variety of activities. Some camps concentrate on one.

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About Our Organization and the Grant

About Family & Community Services, Inc. -

For more than 60 years, people in Northeast Ohio have turned to **Family & Community Services, Inc.** As one of the largest, non-profit social service agencies in Northeast Ohio, we can respond quickly and compassionately. Individuals and families who encounter adversity or have difficulty coping with the basics of living can contact us for help. We have the ability and program diversity to help meet emergency situations, as well as work directly with clients to develop long-term independence and self-reliance.

Our belief in individual dignity and our strong sense of community determine our focus direct our policies and drive our efforts. Our programs and community centers could not operate efficiently operate without our dedicated 3,000+ volunteers. In fact, our volunteers help us to provide the wide array of community-based programs and services we offer throughout Northeast Ohio. Our volunteers cook and serve meals, tutor school children, distribute clothing, assist senior citizens and work as advocates for the homeless and abused.

About the Grant-

As part of implementing the Fostering Connections to Success Act, Public Children Services Association of Ohio, in collaboration with seven Ohio counties and the Human Services Research Institute received a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services to demonstrate the effectiveness of Kinship Navigator Programs in high need areas. Each of the seven county agencies involved including Portage Children Services , will provide enhanced Kinship Navigator services to a broad population of kinship caregivers, regardless of their involvement with the child welfare system.

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