

Kinship Caregiver Resources



A child's extended family network can play an important role if there is a placement need outside their natural family home. The following programs serve statewide and support kinship caregivers.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Kansas Family Advisory Network (KFAN)

Providing families with a variety of services from advocacy, resources, networks, support groups, training and more. KFAN's compassionate staff may have lived experience or experience in a variety of areas around kinship care. KFAN serves statewide, however service specifics may vary with office to office with locations in Wichita, Topeka, Dodge City, and Coffeyville.

Kinship Navigator Program

Provided by Kansas Family Advisory Network (KFAN)

The Kinship Navigator program uses the *Ohio Model* to assist families with education, classes, budget planning, court advocacy, applying and connecting to a variety of services such as mental health, medical, substance use disorder services, child development, housing assistance, and so much more.

Kansas Caregivers Support Network

Provided by FosterAdopt Connect

The Caregivers Support Network provides advocacy, peer to peer support, training, educational opportunities, and connections to the Caregivers Speakers Bureau, which provide real testimonials from caregivers. Families are connected to advocates who walk alongside them to locate resources, navigate the system, and understand the trauma and how it impacts children and families. Available statewide.

Kinship *Origins* and Kinship *Path*

Provided by Children's Alliance

Two online training courses for kin caregivers. Together, both courses are approved as the 30 hours training requirement for Kin and NRKIN parents. *Path* is a hybrid course involving live support classes with online "right time" trainings.

- *Origins* is designed to answer the immediate questions right after a child is placed with kin caregivers. Approved for 4 hours of the training licensing requirement.
- *Path* builds the skills needed to be successful as a kin parent. Approved for 26 hours of the training licensing credit.

CONTACT

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Web: <https://www.childally.org/kinship>
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More resources below, some may have catchment areas or criteria eligibility to be aware of.*

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Kinship Navigator*

Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL)

Kinship Navigator assists grandparents, relatives or family friends raising children with navigating the system. KCSL provides a dedicated case manager who connects caregivers to services and assistance. *Available primarily in Sedgwick county or surrounding counties. Children can't be in the custody of the Secretary.

Web: <https://www.kcsl.org/KinshipNavigator.aspx>

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Family First KINSHIP Program * KIDS2KIN Provided by Kansas Legal Services

Program to eliminate legal barriers around permanency for kinship families. Serving families with children 0-17. *For a Family First program, a report must be made to the Kansas Protection Report Center in order for a DCF assessment to occur before a referral can be made.

Web: <https://www.kansaslegalservices.org/node/2282/kids2kin-legal-kinship-navigator-kansas-families>

or

Web: <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/>

OTHER RESOURCES

1-800-Children Parent Helpline

Powered by Kansas Children's Service League

1-800-CHILDREN staff are in your corner providing anonymous, judgement-free support. Families can easily connect with the information, local resources, and support they need 24/7, even if what they need is just a listening ear. Available in English, Spanish and 200 additional languages.

Statewide Web resource database:

<https://1800childrenks.org/>

Or download the free mobile app: 1800ChildrenKS

Phone: 1-800-Children (1-800-332-6378)

Email: 1800CHILDREN@kcsl.org

ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP RESOURCES

Kansas Post-Adoption Resource Center (K-PARC)

Resources, events, and support for families who adopted (private, public, or foster system) or obtained guardianship.

Visit <https://www.adoptkiskids.org/> to find resources, information for families and more. Contact through the website.

