

*An Outreach Ministry
With A Heart To
Help Restore Families*



KFAN specializes in serving birth families who find themselves involved in the Child Welfare System and are looking for help through Support, Education, Advocacy and Training. KFAN's Family Special Parent Advocates will walk alongside birth families throughout the length of their case.

KFAN also has a statewide Kansas Kinship Navigator Program that is designed to support Kansas grandparents and other relative caregivers as they care for and raise the next generation of children. KFAN's Kinship Special Parent Advocates assist caregivers by connecting to needed resources.

*"Because There Is
No Perfect Family!"*



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Birth Family Support Program

Because there is no perfect family, and no two families will share the same exact life experiences, things will happen and children are sometimes removed. It does not make them a bad parent, but it does mean they now find themselves involved with a very complex and scary child welfare system. Often wondering who is there to help them through it. KFAN is here to help.

KFAN has two ways we can assist birth families - Resources Only or Case Management Services.

With Resources Only families, KFAN's Family Special Parent Advocates will help connect families to the community resources their family may need.

With Case Management Services, KFAN's Family Special Parent Advocates will provide Support, Education, Advocacy and Trainings families may need to navigate case plans and courts requirements as well as know what their parental rights are.

MISSION

Kansas Family Advisory Network mission is to promote the restoration of families through Support, Education, Advocacy and Trainings.

VISION

Kansas Family Advisory Network vision is to be a statewide network of family advocates and members who partner and engage with families across state systems.

PURPOSE

Kansas Family Advisory Network purpose is to initiate positive change in the lives of families, community partners and stakeholders through efforts based upon understanding, compassion & love.

OUR BELIEFS

Kansas Family Advisory Network believes every family deserves the chance to be empowered with the knowledge & tools they need to advocate for their family. We believe that birth & kinship families have rights & should have the ability to advocate & exercise their rights.



Kansas Kinship Navigator Program

Raising grandchildren or another relatives child in your home is beautiful and yet demanding. No one ever expects to have to, but many family members do make themselves available when and if the need arises. However, raising another family members child brings its own unique set of challenges.

The purpose of the Kansas Kinship Navigator Program is to ensure that kinship caregivers have the support they need to meet the child's physical, emotional, financial and basic needs by using a holistic approach.

With the combined support from the Kansas Kinship Navigator Program staff - Program Manager/Ombudsman, Kinship Family Therapist, Kinship Family Engagement Supervisors and the Kinship Special Parent Advocates, kinship caregivers will have the wrap around, in-home family support they may need for the safety, stability and care of the child through case management services.



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Family Financial Request Form

Date: _____

Photo ID provided Yes _____ No _____

What is the Family Financial Fund?

The Family Financial Fund is a limited financial fund, made available by application to anyone struggling financially due to unforeseen circumstances. The money is granted as a gift, and repayment is not expected. However, if you are blessed in the future and would like to help someone else, you may repay the gift. It will be used to help someone else in need.

Your request will be reviewed, and you will be contacted if more information is needed. A failure to provide the requested information will forfeit your eligibility for financial assistance. Upon making a decision you will be notified by telephone. If your request is approved, it may take up to two weeks to receive funding. You are only eligible to receive assistance once a year or as funding is available. The decision will be made by KFAN Leadership.

What kind of help is available?

Our concern for you is not limited to your financial situation. We care about your emotional, spiritual, and relational health, as well as your general well-being. Would you like the Minister to follow up with you about these types of concerns? (**Note:** your response to this has no bearing on the decision about your financial request).

No, Thank You _____ Yes. Contact me at (____) _____ - _____

Our response to your request may include:

- Referral for spiritual, financial, and/or general counselling
- Limited financial support
- Food Bank Referrals
- Other Social Service Referrals
- Other Assistance, explain: _____

Begin your application here:

A. Personal Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Marital Status: Single: ____ Married: ____ Separated: ____ Divorced: ____ Widowed: ____

Name and Location of church you belong: _____

If you do not belong to a church, briefly explain why: _____

B. Household Information:

List all individuals sharing your household:

Full Name	Age	Relationship	Employer	Monthly Income
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$

C. Please list your specific requests:

Amount	Description of Need	By Date

D. Briefly, what events led to your needing assistance?

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E. Applicant Employment History:

Present/Most Recent Employer: _____

Position: _____ Salary/Hourly Rate: \$ _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Employer's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Employment Dates: From: ____/____/____ To: ____/____/____

If unemployed, please provide a reason: _____

If unemployed, for how long: _____ Are you currently seeking employment: _____

What steps are you taking to seek active employment? _____

F. Housing/Automobile:

How long at present address: _____ Own _____ Rent _____
Landlord/Mortgage Company: _____ Phone: _____
Utility Company: Heat (Gas/Propane) _____ Phone: _____
Electric _____ Phone: _____
Do you have access to a car? Yes _____ No _____
Do you owe monthly car payment? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how much? \$ _____

G. Additional Information:

Have you contacted anyone else for assistance within the last six months: Yes _____ No _____
Please specify: Family _____ Friends _____ Churches _____ Agencies _____
Are any of the above assisting with your need? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, Amount: \$ _____
If no, why not? _____
Are you receiving financial aid from a government agency? Yes _____ No _____ Amount: \$ _____
Please specify: Unemployment Insurance _____ Social Security _____
Workers Compensation _____ Disability _____ Other: _____
Do you have and use a budget? Yes _____ No _____
What steps are you taking to improve your present situation? _____

Have you requested or received financial assistance from KFAN before? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, when did you make the request? ____/____/____ Amount received? \$ _____

H. Authorization

By signing below, you are giving permission to have the appropriate KFAN personnel validate and of the above information.

Printed Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Signature: _____

Your Financial Goal.....

"To become free from the stress of finances so I can turn the attention of my life to loving others and God with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind, and all my strength."

To begin the steps to change the path of your life, KFAN offers the 8 Dimensions of Wellness Training to give you the tools to start the process that will lead to positive changes for you and your family.

How to Get Out of Debt

1. **Pray**
Ask for the Lord's help and guidance in your journey toward a debt freedom day. The Lord can multiply your efforts
2. **Establish a written BUDGET**
Devise a plan on how you will spend and save. We will be happy to help you with this.
3. **List your ASSETS – everything you OWN**
Determine if you should sell any assets and use that money toward debt reduction. Focus only on how much the sale will offset debt.
4. **List your LIABILITIES – everything you OWE**
List on your budget everything you owe, including interest rate charges.
5. **Establish a debt REPAYMENT schedule**
List your debts from smallest to largest within each of the following categories: consumer debt, then car payments, then student loans, and finally, home mortgages. Focus on paying off the smallest debt first. Pay the minimum on all debts except the first one and pay the entire "extra" on the first debt. You will be encouraged as the debts are eliminated, and this will free more cash to apply against other debts. After you payoff the first debt, apply its full payment toward the next debt you wish to retire. After the second debt is paid off, apply what you were paying on the first and second debts toward the next debt you wish to eliminate and so forth.
6. **Consider earning additional INCOME**
Use the income (after giving, investing, and taxes) to pay off debts.
Earn the additional income without harming your relationship with the Lord or your family.
7. **Accumulate no NEW debt**
Pay for everything with cash or check
Carry zero credit cards. Cut up the rest and close the accounts.
8. **Be CONTENT with what you have**
9. **Consider a radical change in your LIFESTYLE**
Temporarily lower your cost of living until you get out of debt.
10. **DO NOT GIVE UP!**
Getting out of debt is hard work, but the freedom is worth the struggle.

Spiritual Financial Truths

1. Give, save, and live on the rest.
2. Our budget (where our money goes) is a theological statement on whom, or what we worship. Our checkbooks may tell us more about our priorities than anything else does.
3. One cannot be a fully devoted follower of Christ and be lost financially.
4. God owns all our possessions, including money. He just gives us some to manage - to be a good steward.
5. When we recognize God's ownership, every spending decision becomes a spiritual decision.
6. God uses money to refine our character. If we are handling our possessions as faithful stewards, our character is being built. If we are unfaithful, our character is being torn down.
7. Be rich toward God first. (Tithe)
8. The harvest we reap in the future will reflect what we are sowing now (good or bad). Financial success is being a faithful steward.
9. Saving is the opposite of being in debt.
10. Saving is making *provision* for tomorrow, while debt is *presumption upon* tomorrow.
11. Our actions speak louder than our words. Parents need to be models of how to handle money faithfully. We can teach what we believe, but we only reproduce who we are.
12. A budget tells our dollars where to go, instead of asking where they went.
13. Never borrow money to pay for something that depreciates.
14. Debt creates slavery, financial pressure, anxiety, and stress. This leads to tension in relationships (spiritual and marital).
15. Money is morally neutral. It makes good people better and the evil worse.
16. Financially, men tend to desire significance (success is when men add value to them self, significance is when men add value to others).
17. Financially, women tend to be concerned with security. Debt threatens financial security.
18. Our self worth tends to be in proportion to our net worth.

Supporting Scriptures

1 Timothy 6:6-10 "But Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people eager for money have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

Hebrews 13:5 "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Proverbs 21:20 "The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets."

Proverbs 10:4 "Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth."

Proverbs 14:23 "All hard work brings a profit but mere talk leads only to poverty."

Psalms 37:21 "The wicked borrows and does not pay back, but the righteous is gracious and gives."

Proverbs 23:18 "There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."

Proverbs 12: 11 "He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment."

Luke 16:11 "If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of worldly wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?"

James 2:26 "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead."

Proverbs 3:9 "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops."

Proverbs 13:22 "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children."

1 Timothy 5:8 "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."