



September 21, 2023  
3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

ODJFS – Office of Families and Children: Children Services Training and Development Team

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Please take a minute to  
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Answers are  
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# Agenda

- Resources
- All the Ks
- KGAP/ Certifying Kin
- More Resources



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Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)  
Programs Supporting Kinship Caregivers

**JFS 08072**

Caregiver Permanency Options

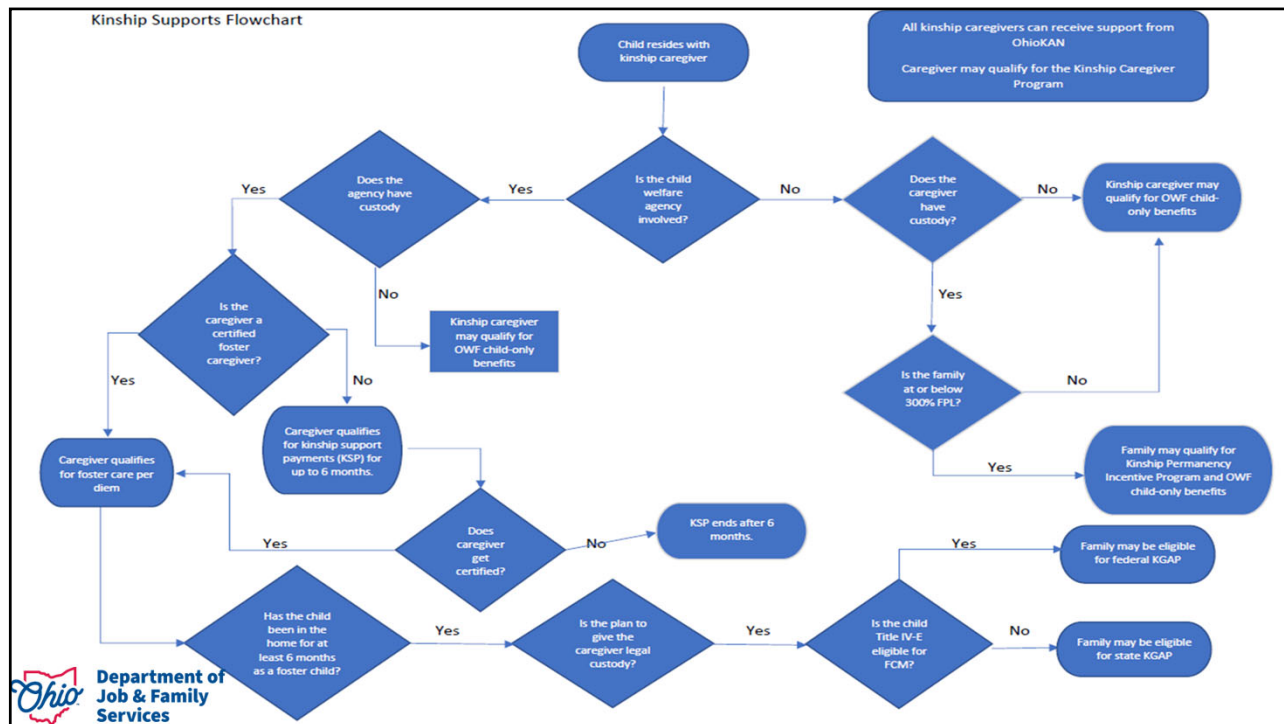
**JFS 08073**

Ohio Adoption and Legal Custody/Guardianship  
Supports Comparison Chart

**JFS 08145**

All are available  
on Forms Central  
[www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/](http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/)

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## Ohio Works First (OWF) Child-Only Assistance

- Cash Assistance for kids in their care
- Not based on caregiver's income
- Must be related or have legal custody
- Monthly payment of \$11.74/day 1st child/sliding
- Apply at local CDJFS or [benefits.ohio.gov](https://benefits.ohio.gov)

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## Kinship Support Program (KSP)

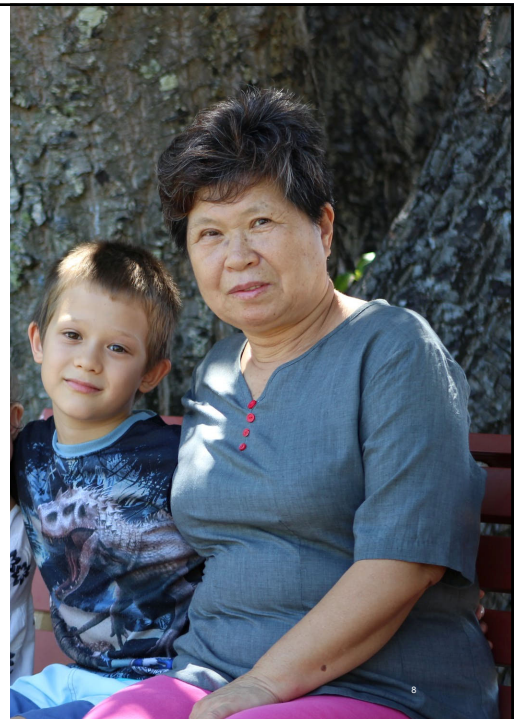
- Monthly payment
- \$11.74 per day per child
- PCSA/IV-E agency custody
- Approved kinship home assessment and kinship placement in Ohio SACWIS
- No application!
- Cannot receive OWF Child-only concurrently
- Received for up to 6 months
- Goal- Foster care certification



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## Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (KPI/ KPIP)

- 8 payments/one every 6 months
- Income below 300% federal poverty level
- Must have legal custody
- Approved kinship assessment
- Apply through local PCSA
- Cannot receive KPIP and KGAP for same youth
- \$525 / \$300 subsequent



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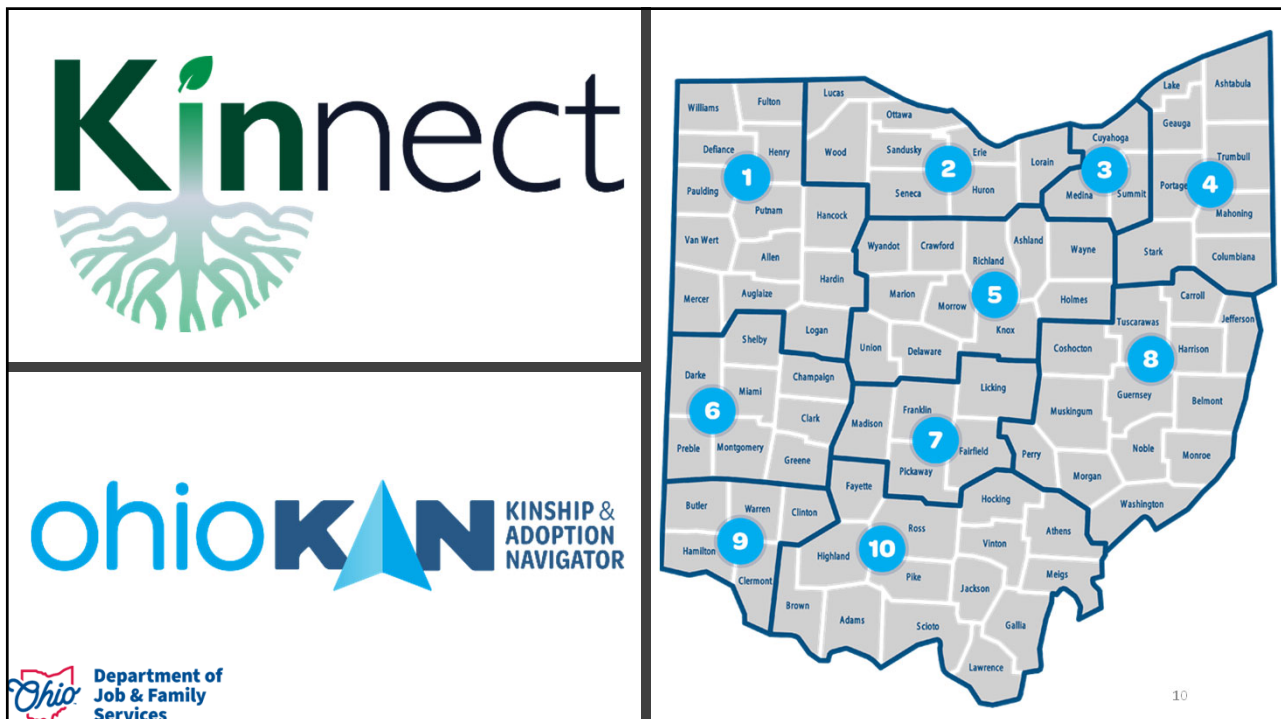


## Kinship Supports Intervention (KSI)

- Includes relative and non-relative kin involved with children services
- Helps prepare for their new role as kinship caregivers
- Kinship Coordinator
- Kinship-specific assessment tools
- Kinship support plan
- Home visits
- Kinship Handbook

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PASSS Applications Now Available!

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An Official Site of: **Ohio** Department of Job and Family Services

**ohioKAN** KINSHIP & ADOPTION NAVIGATOR

ABOUT FOR FAMILIES FOR ORGANIZATIONS RESOURCES CONTACT

**OhioKAN**

*Welcome, **families.***

**OhioKAN is a 100% free service for Ohio's kinship and adoptive families.**  
Our OhioKAN Navigators are available to talk 1:1 about any questions you may have. Call 1-844-OHIOKAN (1-844-644-6526) Mon - Fri 8:30am - 6:30pm.

LEARN MORE 1-844-OHIOKAN

**What can OhioKAN help you navigate?**

- Basic Needs
- Child Development

- Kinship caregivers and post adoption families
- Access by calling 1-844-OHIOKAN or [ohioKAN](http://ohioKAN.jfs.ohio.gov) or [ohioKAN.jfs.ohio.gov](http://ohioKAN.jfs.ohio.gov)
- Professionals can make a referral using a form on the website
- Fully voluntary
- Individualized referrals
- Benefits coordination
- Concrete supports

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**Let's Check In!!**

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**Question #1 To apply for KSP (Kinship Support Program) the caregiver must have custody of the child.**

**False**

## Question #2

Which of the following resources are available only if the local county PCSA has opted to participate in the program?

**KSI**  
**(Kinship Supports Initiative)**





## Question #3

**OhioKAN splits  
the state into  
how many  
regions?**

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## What is KGAP?

- Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program
- Funding source to care for relative or non-relative children or teens
- 3 Programs – Federal, State, Connections to 21 (KGAP C21)



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## History of KGAP

Children Services Transformation Recommendation  
Amended HB 110

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## KGAP Overview

- Ongoing financial support
- Medicaid support included – Federal & KGAP C21
- Combination of federal and state funds- NO LOCAL SHARE
- Federal and state KGAP- hybrid programs run by PCSAs and ODJFS
- ODJFS will solely administer - KGAP C21 & Non-recurring expenses

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# KGAP Rules

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Federal KGAP Rules	5101:2-46
State KGAP Rules	5101:2-56
KGAP C21 Rules	5101:2-55
KGAP FCP Rule	5101:2-38-05.02



## PCSA Policy Requirement

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- 5101:2-46-01 (D) Federal Policy Requirement
- 5101:2-56-03 (F) State Policy Requirement
- 5101:2-56-02 (E) Make policy available upon request



## Child's Eligibility

- Removed voluntarily or by court
- Not in best interest to stay home
- Placed with kin
- Certified foster parent
- Placed as foster child for 6\* months
- Reunification/adoption not an option
- Child is US citizen / legal resident
- If 14 or older, consulted about KGAP
- Strong attachment to kin caregiver
- Guardianship/custody granted in US
- Sibling of a child with KGAP



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## Caregiver Requirements

Certified foster home

Cared for eligible child as foster parent for at least 6\* months

Strong commitment

Name a primary successor guardian

KGAP agreement signed PRIOR to guardianship/custody date

Court order granting custody/ guardianship

Can be outside Ohio

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## 6 month timeframe

Not a 180 day calendar timeline  
Continuous placement spanning at least one day in 6 different months

Example: Jordan

- Placed 2/1/2023 with grandma
- 4/30/23 grandma is certified
- 4/30/23 placed as foster child
- Continues in placement
- KGAP planning in July/August
- 9/1/2023 spends the night as a foster child with grandma
- Court gives legal custody 9/2/23 with a KGAP agreement in place



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## Eligibility Criteria- Sibling of a child with KGAP

- Jordan's mom has another baby 2 years later
- Grandma is no longer a certified foster parent
- Agency takes custody of Jamie
- Places with grandma as a kinship placement
- If appropriate, KGAP planning may start immediately
- NO 6 month timeframe
- NO foster care certification

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## Successor Guardian Requirements

- Not the primary parents
- All adults must pass background checks
- JFS00133 with PCSA/ODJFS/Guardian
- Legal Custody/Guardianship in Court

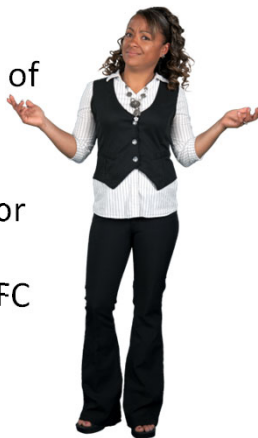


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# KGAP Program Differences

## Federal KGAP

- Federal IV-E & State GRF
- Not dependent on availability of funds
- Child is FCM IV-E eligible
- Child is categorically eligible for Medicaid
- Annual redetermination by OFC
- Ends at 18 or if eligible, 21



## State KGAP

- Federal TANF & State GRF
- Depends on availability of funds
- Child is NOT IV-E eligible
- Family is required to apply for OWF w/ Medicaid
- OWF redetermination by OFA
- Ends at 18 or end of HS, or if eligible, 21



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## Non-Related Caregiver Requirements

- **PRIOR** to placement
- Existing relationship

**OR**

- **AFTER** placement into substitute care
- Foster family has kin relationship
- In home for 12 months
- Family wants to provide permanency, but not adopt
- ORC 2151.4119 & 2151.4120
- PPGD 037 Court order guide



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## PCSA Role in KGAP

- Submit KGAP policies to ODJFS
- Inform kin of ALL options prior to custody
- Certify kin who apply for foster care
- Place the child as a foster child
- Pay the foster care per diem 5101.889
- Know all eligibility requirements
- Provide KGAP application
- Update the family case plan
- Determine eligibility in Ohio SACWIS
- Work with ODJFS/ courts regarding timing of legal guardianship/custody



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## Foster Home Waivers for Kinship Caregivers ORC 5103.0329

- All training can be waived
- All non-safety standards can be waived
- PPGD 025 for details
- Examples:
  - No medical insurance to cover physical for medical form
  - Adult child references
  - Not enough bedrooms in the home

*If the agency will not move the child because of the issue, then is it **TRULY** a **SAFETY** issue?*



## Kinship Licensing Program Incentive (KLIP)



- Funding opportunity for PCSAs that certify kin
- Offsets certification & placement costs
- Foster care per diem must be paid ORC 5101.889
- Available to out of state families
- \$5,000 per family
- 500K First come first served

## Adoption Resource Home Assessor Program (ARHAP)

- Expand Assessor workforce
- Adopt America Network
- Kinship, Foster, Adoption, ICPC
- <https://www.adoptamericanetwork.org/arhap>



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## ODJFS Responsibilities in KGAP

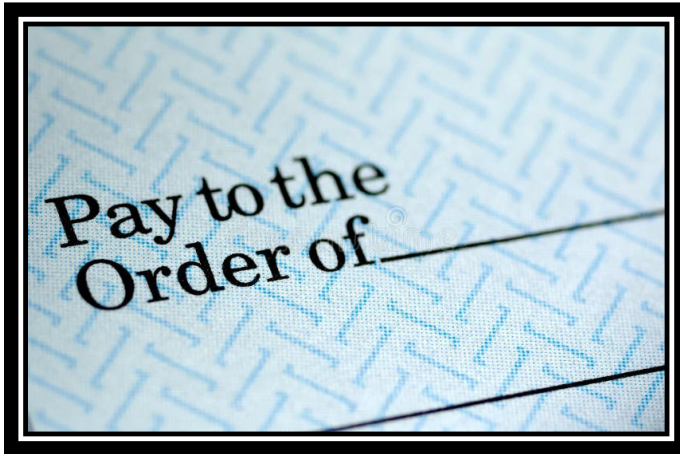
- Negotiate payment amount
- Ensure proper administration of funds
- Maintain KGAP case record in Ohio SACWIS
- Redetermine annual eligibility for federal KGAP



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## KGAP Payments

- Negotiated between ODJFS and kin caregiver
- No income test/ Child's SSI is considered
- Payment is to be 80% of foster care per diem
  - Unless that amount is less than \$350
  - Then payment would be \$350 or per diem rate, whichever is lower

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## KGAP Payment Examples



**\$1200** monthly foster care per diem

- **\$960** KGAP Payment (80% of 1200)

**\$800** monthly foster care per diem

- **\$640** KGAP Payment (80% of 800)

**\$400** monthly foster care per diem

- **\$350** KGAP Payment (80% is \$320, so payment is \$350)

**\$300** monthly foster care per diem

- **\$300** KGAP Payment (80% is \$240, so payment is per diem rate- \$300)

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## Reimbursement of Nonrecurring KGAP Expenses

- Administered by ODJFS
- Up to \$2,000 per child
- Not income based
- Finalized prior to legal custody
- One year to submit docs for payment to ODJFS



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*Then what?*



- Caregiver, PCSA, ODJFS sign KGAP agreement
- Information entered into Ohio SACWIS
- Prepare for legal custody hearing

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**KGAP Connections to 21 (KGAP C21)**

**Eligibility**

- Federal KGAP agreement effective at age 16 or 17
- Guardianship/ custody occurred at age 16 or 17
- Kinship caregiver still providing support
- Age 18 but not yet 21
- Not married or in military
- Meets 1 of 5 criteria in 5101:2-55-02(A)(3)

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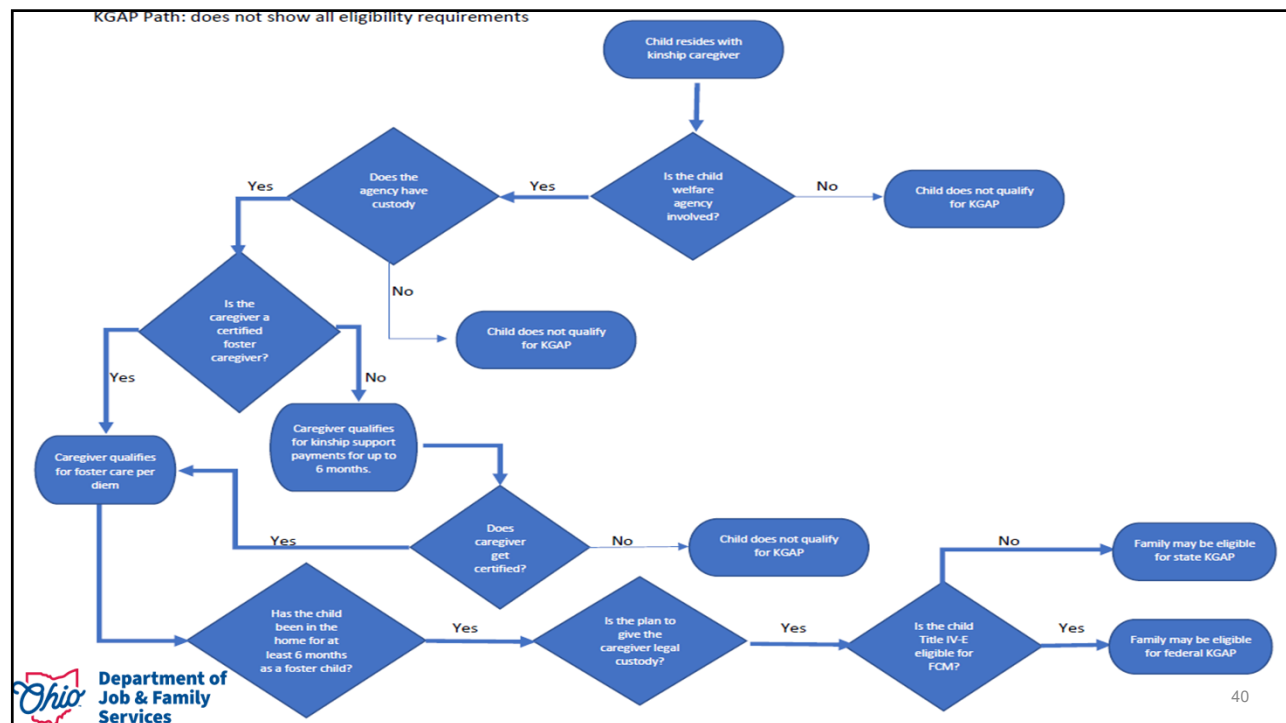
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## KGAP C21 Process



- ODJFS provides application
- Caregiver applies to ODJFS
- ODJFS approves/denies within 30 days
- ODJFS sends notice of approval/denial and state hearing info
- If approved- agreement sent
- Agreement can be amended
- Follows the young adult
- Redetermination as required

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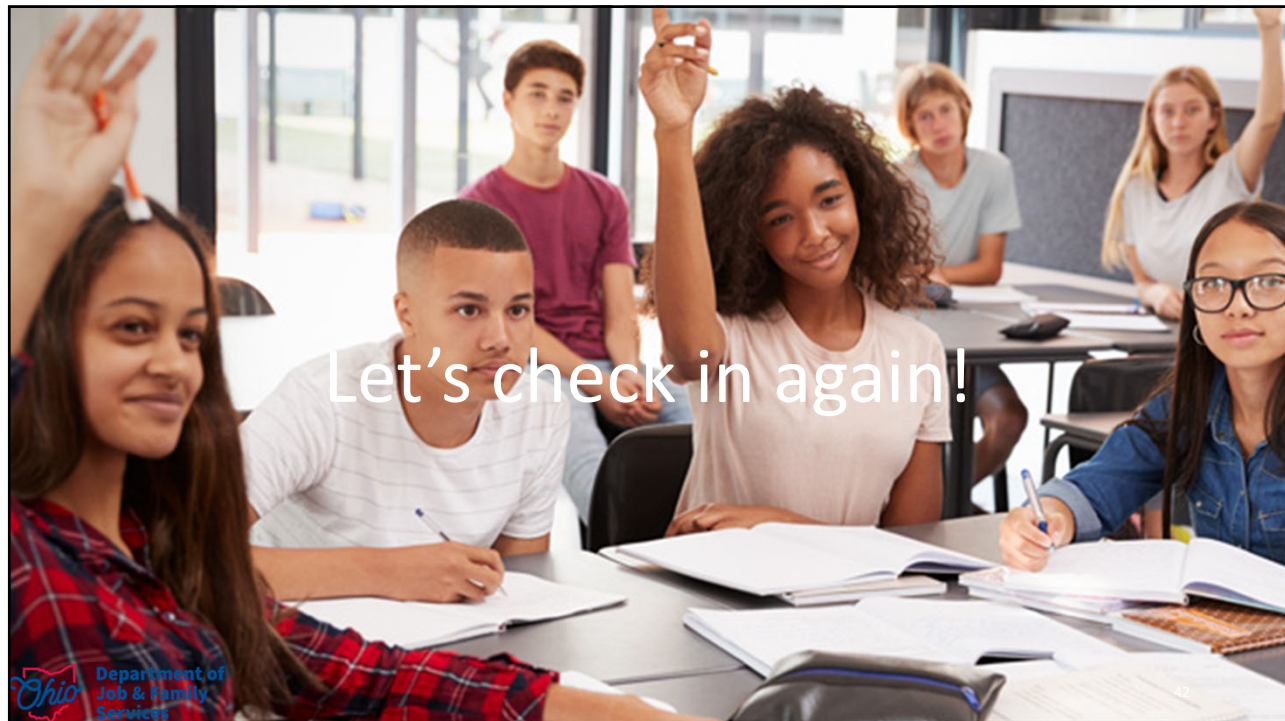


## What KGAP is NOT


- It is NOT for resource parents who want to adopt
- It is NOT for children already in PC who are working towards an adoption
- It is NOT for agencies to recommend in an effort to avoid subsidy negotiation or financial responsibility of a child in their custody
- It is NOT for children or youth for whom adoption IS AN OPTION
- It is NOT a way for foster parents to receive a higher monthly financial incentive than adoption



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**Question #1**

KGAP eligibility requirements include that the child must meet which of the following criteria?  
(Check all that apply)


- It is not in the child's best interest to stay in the primary home
- Reunification for the child is not an option
- The child has a strong attachment to the kinship caregiver
- Adoption is not an option for the child
- All of the above


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Question #2 Foster Parents are able to pursue a KGAP agreement if certain criteria are met.

**True**



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Question #3 Medicaid is automatically included with which KGAP program?

Both Federal and KGAP C21

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## Things to Remember

**1/1/2023 KGAP Effective**

- NOW - Review cases
- NOW - Discuss options w/ caregivers
- NOW – Certify families as requested
- NOW - Discuss timing w/courts

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## Kinship Resources

- **Adoption and Resource Home Assessor Program**  
<http://www.adoptamericanetwork.org/arhap>  
<https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/FCL036-AdoptionResourceHomeAssessorProgram.stm>
- **Kinship Foster Home Certification Waiver PPGD 025**  
<https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/PPGD025-WaiversKinshipFosterCaregivers.stm>
- **Foster Parent as Kin Court Order PPGD 037**  
<https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/PPGD037-FosterParentKinCourtOrderPolicyPracticeGuide.stm>



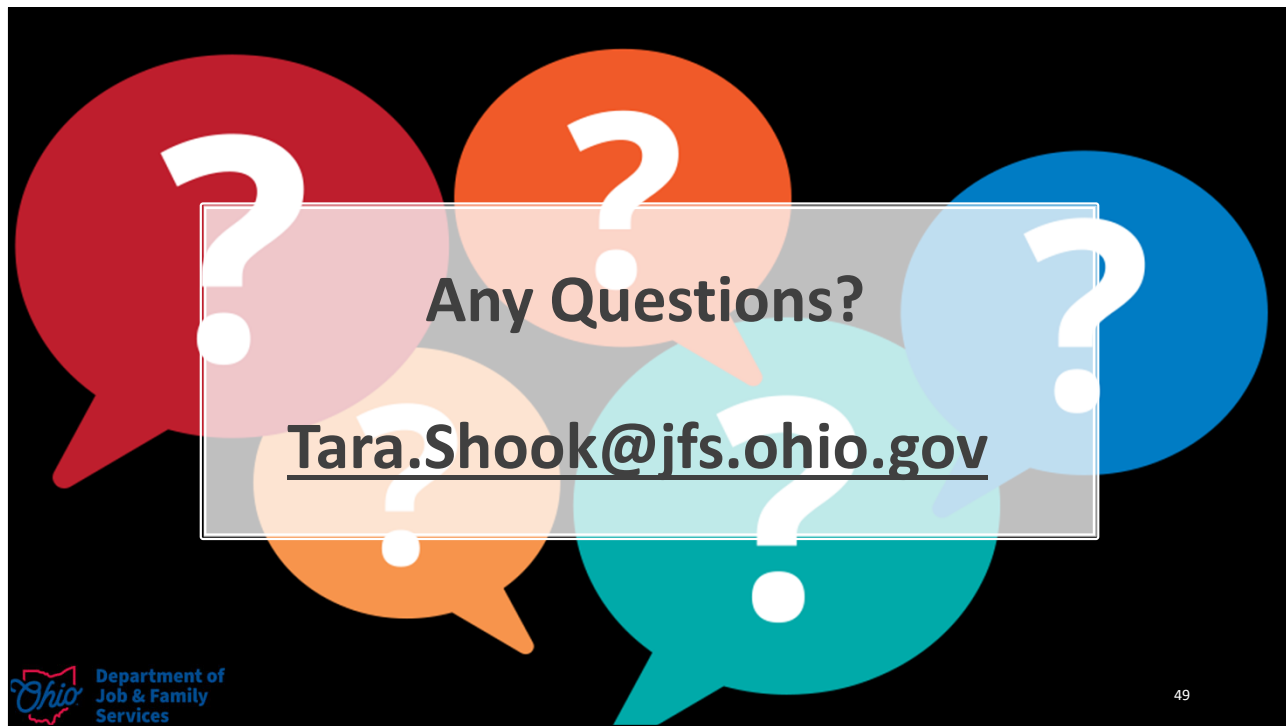
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### Kinship Post-test

- Please take a minute to answer the questions at the link above OR the QR code
- Answers are completely anonymous







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