

Are you caring for a relative or a non-relative's child?

At CHOR Youth & Family Services, we understand the unique challenges and joys of caring for a relative or a non-relative's child.

WHAT IS KINSHIP CARE?.....

Are you curious about the distinction between kinship placement and traditional foster care? Both play vital roles in the child welfare system, but differ in several key aspects.

Kinship Care refers to the care for the child or children by family members (who are not their biological parents) or close family friends, sometimes known as "non-relative extended family members".

Unlike traditional foster care, where children are placed with state-certified caregivers who are usually strangers, kinship caregivers are familiar to the youth entering care; including aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandfamilies. Kinship Care is also inclusive of fictive kin, or individuals known to the family (such as friends, co-workers, or neighbors).

CATEGORIES OF KINSHIP CARE:

- **Private or Informal Care:** Arrangements are made privately by families with or without legal recognition of a caregiver's status.
- **Diversion Kinship Care:** Occurs when child welfare agencies place children or teens with a relative or close friend to prevent entering the formal foster care system.
- **Licensed or Unlicensed Kinship Care:** Involves children living with relatives, but under the state's legal custody, which may or may not require the caregiver to obtain formal licensure.



Do you have a connection to a child placed in care?



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"Caring for the needs of Children and Families in crisis, and preparing them for success in life, thereby strengthening the Quality of Life in the Communities we serve."



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KINSHIP PLACEMENT BENEFITS

The shift towards kinship placement by child welfare and foster family agencies reflects a growing recognition of their advantages of placing foster youth in the home of someone they know (i.e. a kinship placement).

- **Familiar Relationships:** Children and teens experience less trauma and anxiety when placed with someone they know and trust.
- **Cultural Continuity:** Keeping youth within their family circles preserves their cultural identity and values.
- **Enhanced Stability:** Kinship care often results in more stable placements and fewer moves within the foster care system.
- **Emotional Support:** The pre-existing emotional bonds with kin caregivers can provide stronger support networks for the child's developmental needs.



WHAT WE OFFER

- **Personalized Support:** Our experienced team walks you through the approval process, ensuring you meet all the necessary requirements.
- **Training & Resources:** Access to essential training and resources designed to help you navigate your role as a kinship caregiver.
- **Ongoing Assistance:** We provide continued support even after approval, helping you and the child in your care thrive together.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- **Expert Guidance:** With years of experience, our specialists are dedicated to making the approval process as smooth as possible.
- **Family-Centered Approach:** We focus on the needs of both the caregiver and the child, ensuring a stable and loving environment.
- **Community Connections:** Connect with other kinship caregivers and build a network of support.

CHORYFS CONTINUUM OF CARE

Residential Programs:

- Specialized Transitional Living (Easton Manor)*
- Specialized Residential Treatment Facility (Mathom House)*
- Group Treatment Home (PATHS)*
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (Male/Female)*
- Short-Term Residential Care*
- Psychiatric Specialized Residential Treatment Facility*

Community Based Programs:

- Acute Partial Hospitalization Program*
- Community Service*
- Evaluation and Assessments*
- Evening Reporting Center*
- Forensic Mental Health*
- In-Home Services*
- Kinship*
- Post Permanency*
- Specialized Foster Care*
- TF-CBT Intervention*
- Traditional Foster Care*

Educational Programs:

- Centre Avenue Academy*
- CHOR Day Academy*
- Edison Prep*

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