

Support for relative and nonrelative "kin" and their children



The *Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI) program* provides case payments to children in custody of kin if a judge has ruled that the child was abused, neglected, dependent or unruly.

Some kinship families will not be eligible for this program. However it is important to find out what resources are available to your family. Contact your local public children services or department of job and family services agency to find out more.



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Ohio Kinship Caregivers:

Did a court award you custody of a child after July 2005?



If so, your family may be eligible for financial support through your county children services

**Introducing KPI
The Kinship Permanency
Incentive Program**

What you need to know...

The Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI) Program

KPI was created to support children in the homes of family or friends who have committed to caring for them when birth parents cannot.

Eligibility is only available for children you assumed custody of on or after July 1, 2005.



KPI Requirements

A judge has ruled that your child was abused, neglected, dependent or unruly.

A judge awarded legal custody of the child to you after July 1, 2005.

Your income is not higher than 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines.



To receive the cash payments, eligible families must apply through their county public children services agency and complete a family home assessment.

KPI payments are in addition to Ohio Works First cash assistance received for the child.

Other Supports

The expanded Early Learning Initiative - a preschool early childhood education program.

Ohio Works First cash assistance - ask for a "child only" application.

The Kinship Navigator Program - to assist you in finding other local resources.

Contact your local public children services agency to find out more about KPI and other resources that may be available to you.

Look up your public children services agency in the county government pages of your phone book or call information to locate the correct number.

