

What is Kinship Care?

Kinship care is the full time care, nurturing and protection of children by relatives, members of their tribes or clans, godparents, stepparents or any adult who has a kinship bond with a child. This definition is designed to be inclusive and respectful of cultural values and ties of affection. It allows a child to grow to adulthood in a family environment.

Child Welfare League of America

LEGAL HELP AVAILABLE:

Guardianships

A voluntary agreement between parents and kinship caregiver for kinship caregiver to assume custody and provide for child's needs. Not permanent, parent can request dismissal at any time.

Adoption

A permanent agreement between parents and kinship caregiver. Parents voluntarily surrender parental rights to caregiver. Permanent, cannot later be set aside.

Power of Attorney

Helping set up power of attorney for medical and educational care.

Mediation

Helping families explore legal options.



Other legal issues which may prevent an otherwise appropriate kin caregiver from receiving custody.

Who can refer:

DCF family preservation or their designee.

To make a referral call
316-290-8224

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