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Kansas Kin-Tech

Family First Prevention
Services

***Eliminating legal barriers
around permanency for
kinship families***

Providing Legal Help to Kinship families experiencing hardships with children from 0–17 years old.

Services available statewide.

[www.kansaslegalservices.org/
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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

PRIMARY LEGAL HELP AVAILABLE:

Mediation

Helping families explore legal options in a more collaborative and less adversarial manner.

Power of Attorney

Helping to set up power of attorney for medical and educational care, so kinship caregiver can provide the legal necessities for the child.

Guardianships

A voluntary agreement between parents and kinship caregiver for the kinship caregiver to assume custody and provide for the 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 be set aside later.



**Please Contact Your DCF
Caseworker For Referrals**

ADDITIONAL LEGAL SUPPORT FOR KINSHIP FAMILIES:

Kansas Legal Services is committed to providing additional legal services to help Kinship Caregivers overcome obstacles to providing safe, nurturing homes for children.

Additional Areas of Legal Assistance Include:

- **Family Safety and Stability**
- **Financial Security/Income Maintenance**
- **Consumer Issues**
- **Housing Stability**
- **Educational Opportunity**
- **Healthcare Access**
- **Employment Issues**
- **Elder Law/Advance Directives**
- **Mediation**
- **Expungements**

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