

## SERVICES WE OFFER:

- Information & Referral
- Links to Community Resources
- Support Group
- Application Process for the Kinship Permanency Incentive Program
- Newsletter
- Case Management



### **KIN NAVIGATOR GRANT**

As part of implementing the Fostering Connections to Success Act, Public Children Services Association of Ohio, in collaboration with seven Ohio counties and the Human Services Research Institute received a \$705,000 grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this grant is to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Kinship Navigator Program. For more info: **[WWW.KinshipOhio.Org](http://WWW.KinshipOhio.Org)**

## RAISING KIN?

If the answer is yes, you are not alone. There are over 6 million children living with relative caregivers or legal custodians. There are at least 300 children living in Crawford County. The Crawford County Kinship Connection Program guides grandparents, relatives and non-related families who are raising children in their extended families and link them to services within our community.

The Crawford County Kinship Connection Program is supported by:

- XT Innovations,
- Fostering Connections to Success Act,
- Crawford County Job & Family Services,
- The Timken Company and
- Firelands Federal Credit Union.

### **Crawford County Job & Family Services**

**224 Norton Way  
Bucyrus, OH 44820**

**419-569-0160  
1-877-419-6049 @235**

**Office Hours:**

**7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays**

## Kinship Connection



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## KINSHIP CARE

Information from the Ohio Resource Guide for Relatives caring for Children:

- ✓ Kinship Caregivers – Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles, Cousins, Adult Siblings, and Close Family Friends – are often raising children when parents are unable or unavailable to care for them.
- ✓ Kinship care refers to a temporary or permanent arrangement in which a relative or any non-relative adult who has a long standing relationship or bond with the child and/or family, has taken over the full-time, substitute care of a child.
- ✓ Kinship care includes those relationships established through an informal arrangement, a legal custody order, a relative foster care placement or a kinship placement.
- ✓ Regardless of the type of kinship care arrangement, the kinship caregivers' voluntary commitment to devote their lives to the children in their care is a courageous, life-changing decision.

## POSSIBLE NEEDED SUPPORTS

**Support:** Connect kinship caregivers to resources and services offered in the community.

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**Medical Care:** Assistance to families in completing applications for medical coverage.

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**School:** Public school districts require legal paperwork for enrollment. The Kinship Navigator can provide guidance in the enrollment process.

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**Family Emotions:** Children may feel anger, fear, and sadness at any time due to life events. We can help you find the support you need.

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**Respite:** The kinship caregiver may need a break; the kinship support group may create connections for added support when needed.

## KINSHIP PERMANENCY INCENTIVE

Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (KPIP) is a program where you may qualify for incentive money after receiving legal custody or guardianship of a child. You are entitled to \$2025 per child for a period of three years. The breakdown is an initial \$525 per child, then \$300 every six months for a total of 36 months. There is an income eligibility for families.



## SUPPORT GROUP

A support group has been established for kinship caregivers to share hopes, victories and challenges. We hope families can build support and create strong relationships for support when needed.