

Let's work together to support Michigan's kinship care families.

When someone steps up to care for the child of a relative or close family friend, they suddenly have a long list of new responsibilities and concerns. And when these kinship families come to your agency for help, the Kinship Care Resource Center (KCRC) can help you guide them.

What is kinship care?

Kinship care is the full-time care of a child by relatives or other adults who have a close relationship with them. Unlike foster care or child welfare placements through the court system, kinship care often happens informally. Many families don't even realize they're in a kinship care situation, or that resources exist to help them.

Agencies + KCRC: It adds up to happier, healthier families.

State agencies like yours are essential partners in supporting kinship families, and are often their first connection to vital resources, services, and education. KCRC doesn't replace what your agency does, but enhances it by offering additional tools and support that help kinship families thrive.

Here are some of the valuable resources and services we provide especially for kinship families:

- **Basic needs like food and clothing**
- **School enrollment and special education**
- **Resources that may provide job placement or financial assistance**
- **Legal guidance**
- **Help navigating the healthcare system**
- **and much more**

Together, we can create a community of support for kinship families across Michigan.

See all the resources available at kinship.msu.edu or call us at 800-535-1218.