

We can help you open doors for 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. When these kinship families come to you for help, you don't need to have all the answers. A simple referral to the Kinship Care Resource Center opens the door to multiple resources and support systems.

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.

KCRC: Michigan's hub for kinship help.

The Kinship Care Resource Center is a trusted, statewide hub for kinship families. KCRC offers information, referrals, and direct connections to vital resources, such as:

- **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.

**Refer a family or learn more at kinship.msu.edu
or call 800-535-1218.**