



# Family KINnections

## OKDHS & NorthCare

*Working together to support  
Kinship Foster Families!*

Family KINnections provides individualized support to kinship foster families in Oklahoma County. Our goals are to assist with decreasing placement disruption and to increase stability and permanency for children.

A Family KINnections' Community Resource Specialist will work directly with families to identify needs, educate and link to resources, and offer support while having kinship children in the home.

Referrals are easy!

Once a referral is received, NorthCare staff will contact the family on the same day.

For questions, please contact:

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## Specialized services include:

- Home-based - we come to you at a time convenient for your family.
- Working with OKDHS and helping families understand the foster care system and court proceedings.
- Educating and linking families to community resources specific to foster families, including financial assistance.
- Supporting families in the approval process by helping to obtain documentation needed for the home study and any other necessary requirements.
- Providing parenting education specific to caring for children in kinship care.
- Helping families find items needed for the additional children in their home, including beds, clothing, diapers, formula, and more!
- Providing recreational resources and information about community events.
- Completing developmental assessments and making referrals to behavioral health and medical providers, as needed.
- Connecting families to crisis helplines for added support.



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