

Additional Kinship Care Resources

- **Food Share**
Phone: (888) 794-5556
Hours: Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Child Support**
Phone: (608) 847-9475
Hours: Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Wisconsin Works (W-2)**
Phone: (608) 350-0300
Hours: Mon-Wed- by appointment only
- **Medical Assistance**
Phone: (888) 794-5556
Hours: Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Website**
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/kinship>



Open Monday—Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Kinship Care Program -

Grandparents and other
relatives raising children

About Kinship Care Program

What is Kinship Care?

Kinship Care is a program to help support a child who lives outside his or her home with a relative. The child may be living temporarily or long term with a relative such as:

- An adult brother or sister
- A first or second cousin
- A nephew or niece
- An uncle or aunt
- A grandparent
- A step-parent
- Others by blood or marriage

Kinship Care helps families support a child in the home of a relative that might be under stress or when the child has experienced abuse or neglect. With this support, placing a child in a foster home or another out-of-home care setting may be avoided. For a child in the child welfare system who cannot continue living at home with his or her parents, Kinship Care may be another placement option.

Kinship Eligibility Requirements

There are three basic eligibility requirements for Kinship Care:

- The basic needs of the child can be met by the relative.
- The placement and living arrangement is in the best interest of the child.
- The child currently or may be in need of protection or services if the child were to remain with his or her parent(s).

Other Requirements Include

- A completed application.
- A criminal background check on the relative caregiver and all adult household members.
- Cooperation with the agency by the relative caregiver.
- The relative caregiver must apply for other public assistance or benefits the child might be eligible for.
- The relative caregiver must cooperate with referring the parents to child support, unless the relative caregiver is granted an exception by the agency.
- Kinship living arrangements and eligibility must be reviewed every 12 months by the agency.

Types of Kinship Care

- Voluntary Kinship
- Court Ordered Kinship
- Long-Term Kinship

Kinship Care Payments

The amount of Kinship Care payment that can be provided for a child is determined by Wisconsin Law. For 2019, the Kinship Care rate is \$238.00 a month. The payment is to help with the care and maintenance of a child.

Interested in Kinship Care?

If you are interested in Kinship Care and would like additional information, please contact:

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