

DIGITAL DIALOGUE



# Family Matters

Providing Support to Kinship Care Providers



# Introducing Our Presenters



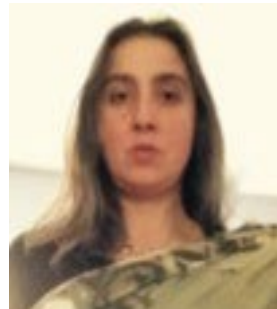
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# KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

The **Child and Family Services Agency** administers a robust kinship support program that engages relative caregivers (and potential relative caregivers) of children both inside and outside the foster care system. The **Kinship Navigator Program** will augment the existing services and supports that the Kinship Support unit offers with the intention of improving community and caregiver capacity to keep children safe and well in the homes of their relatives.



FAMILY ENRICHMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUPPORT GROUP

KIN HELP LINE



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# PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

## **Kinship Caregiver Help Line**

Provides support and navigation for kinship caregivers. The help line will provide service referrals through linkage to nearby communitybased resources that are equipped to address any number of needs. The help line can be reached at **(866) FAMKIN 1 (866-326-5461)** from 8:15am - 4:45pm. All calls will be returned within 24 hours or the next business day.

## **The Close Relative Caregiver Pilot Program/(CRC)**

CRC provides a subsidy which will serve DC Kinship Caregivers. This monthly subsidy helps low-income DC residents who are raising their siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousins. If you have questions about close relative caregiver subsidies, send an email to **[cfsa.kinfirst@dc.gov](mailto:cfsa.kinfirst@dc.gov)** or call Ms. Teresa Gibbs **202-727-5207**.

## **Kinship Programming Advisory Committee (KinPAC)**

KinPAC is a cross-sectional team of service providers and kinship caregivers who come together to share information about kin-care. Specifically, KinPAC will meet quarterly to coordinate campaigns for programs benefiting kinship families and discuss strategies around emerging issues impacting DC kinship families. We would love new members!!

## **Nowpow**

Through Kinship Navigator Kinship staff will provide robust resources for relative caregivers inside and outside the foster care system, providing referrals and at time linkage to community services and community supports. We are striving to improve community and caregiver capacity to keep children safe and well in the homes of their relatives.

If you have questions, please send an email to **[cfsa.kinfirst@dc.gov](mailto:cfsa.kinfirst@dc.gov)** or call **1-866-FAMKIN1 (326-5461)**.

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS COMING SOON:**

### **Support Group Facilitation**

The Kinship Support Unit will facilitate support groups which will be co-facilitated by kinship caregiver. In addition, educational workshops and family enrichment events for kinship caregivers will be provided throughout the year.

### **Family Enrichment**

The Kinship Support Unit and our Community Partners will host family enrichment activities and create opportunities for family enrichment and family fun.

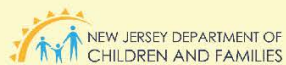
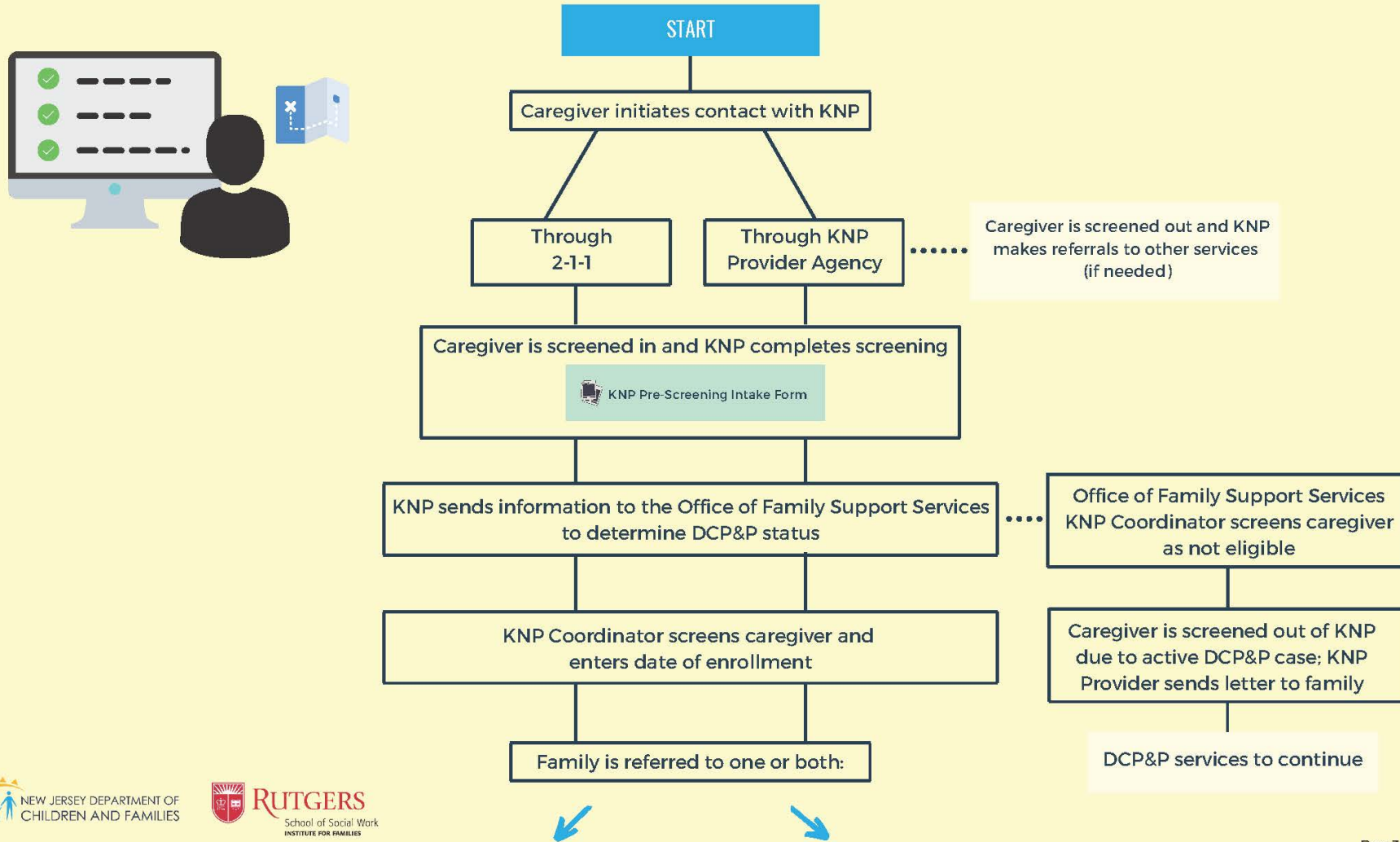


# New Jersey's Kinship Navigator Program



**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

# KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM SERVICE DELIVERY FLOW CHART

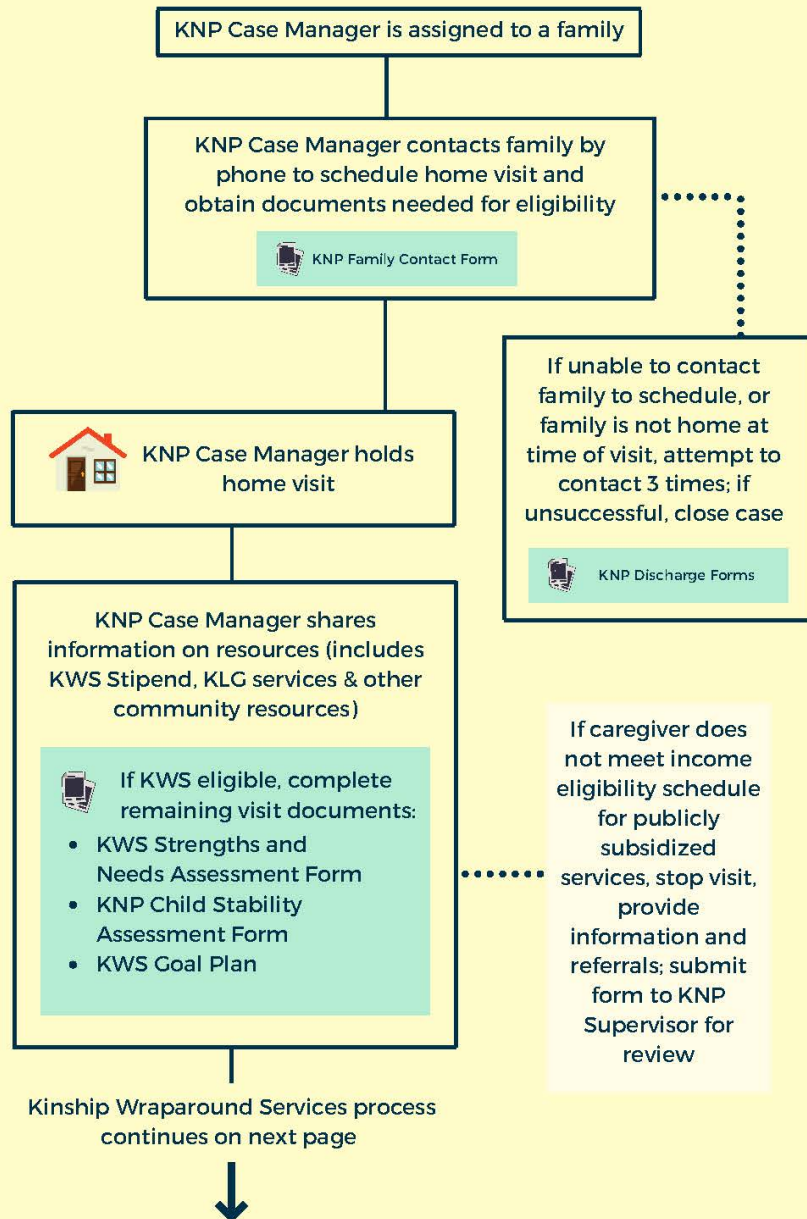


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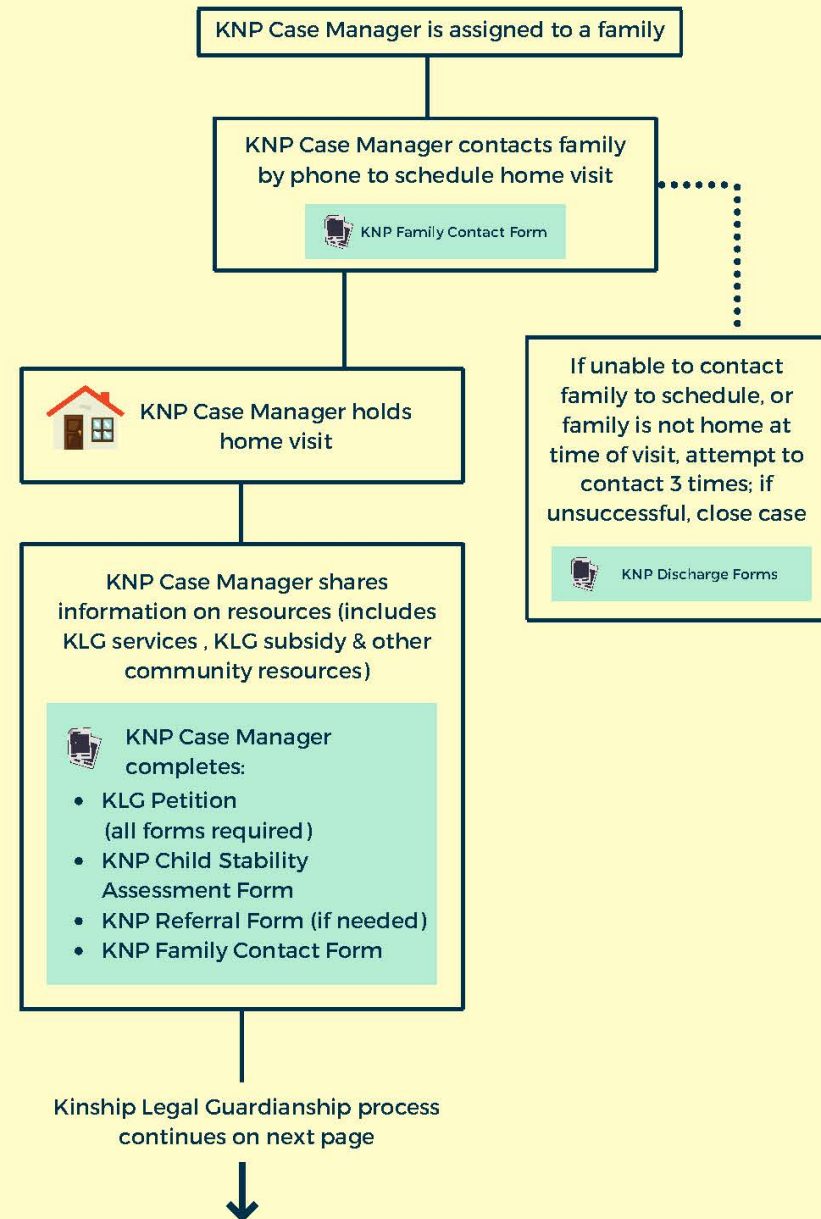
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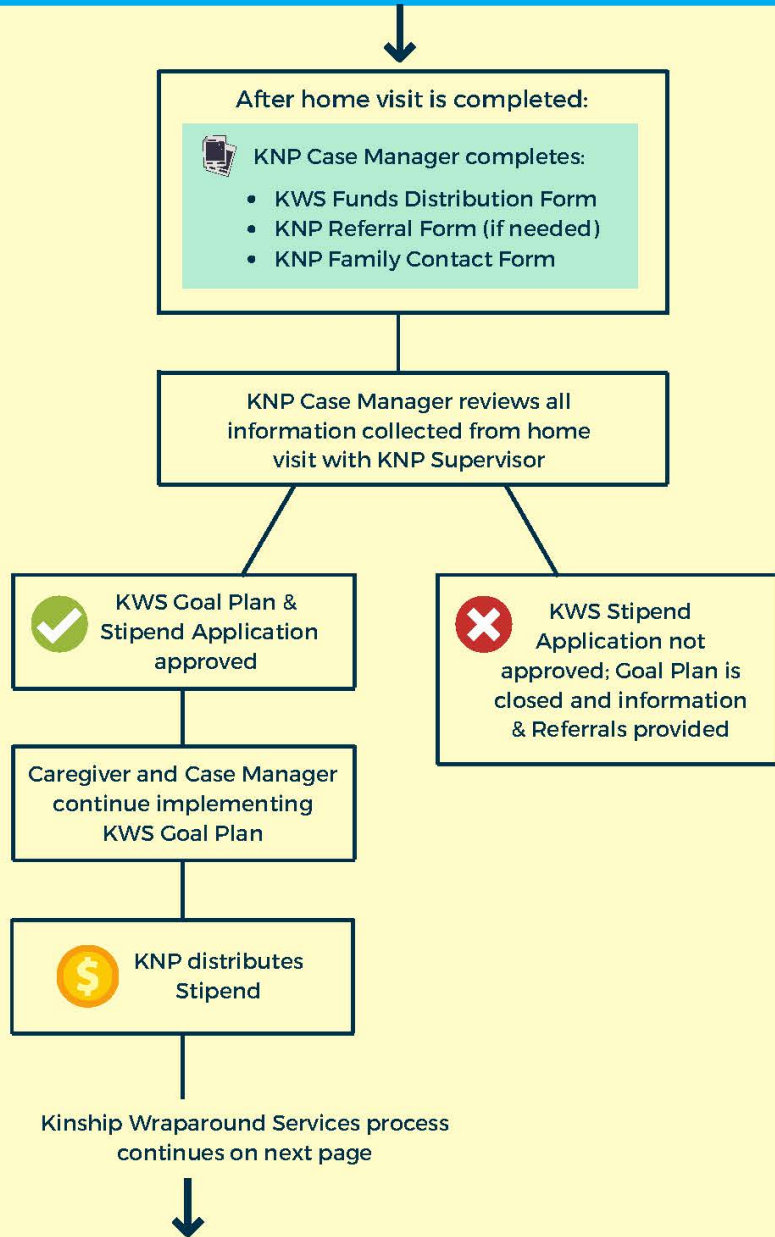
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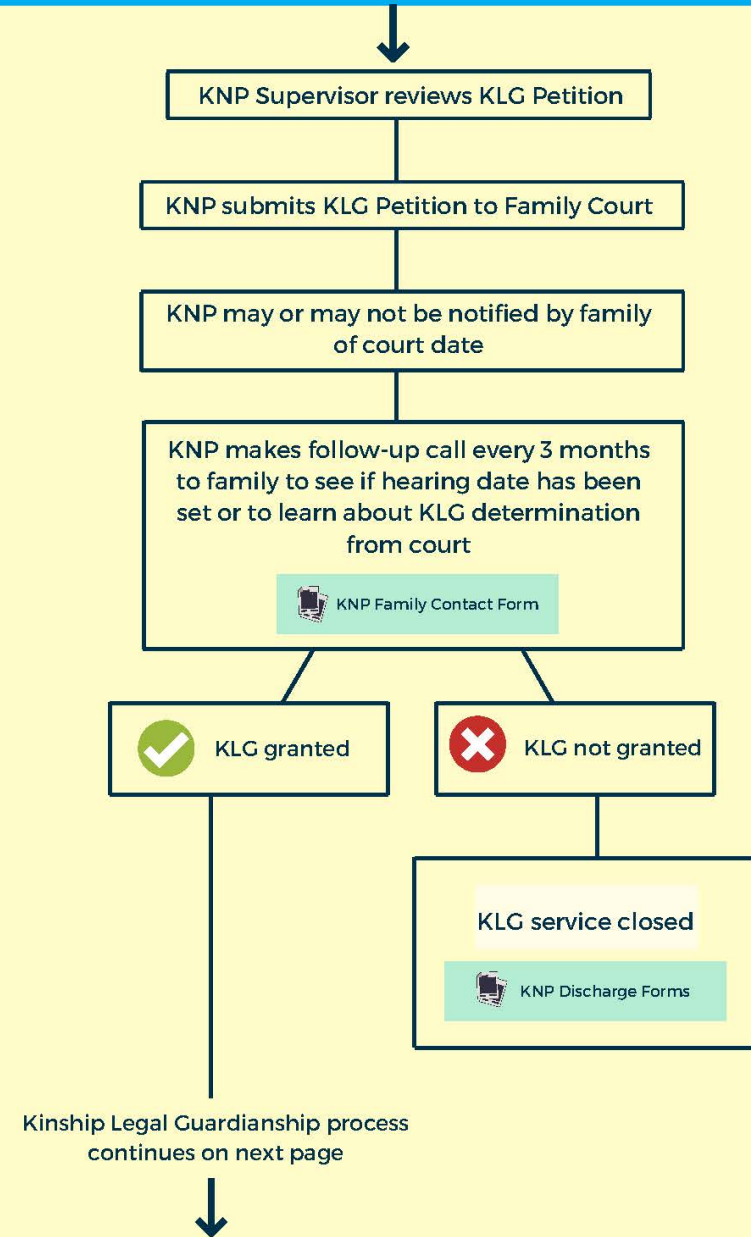
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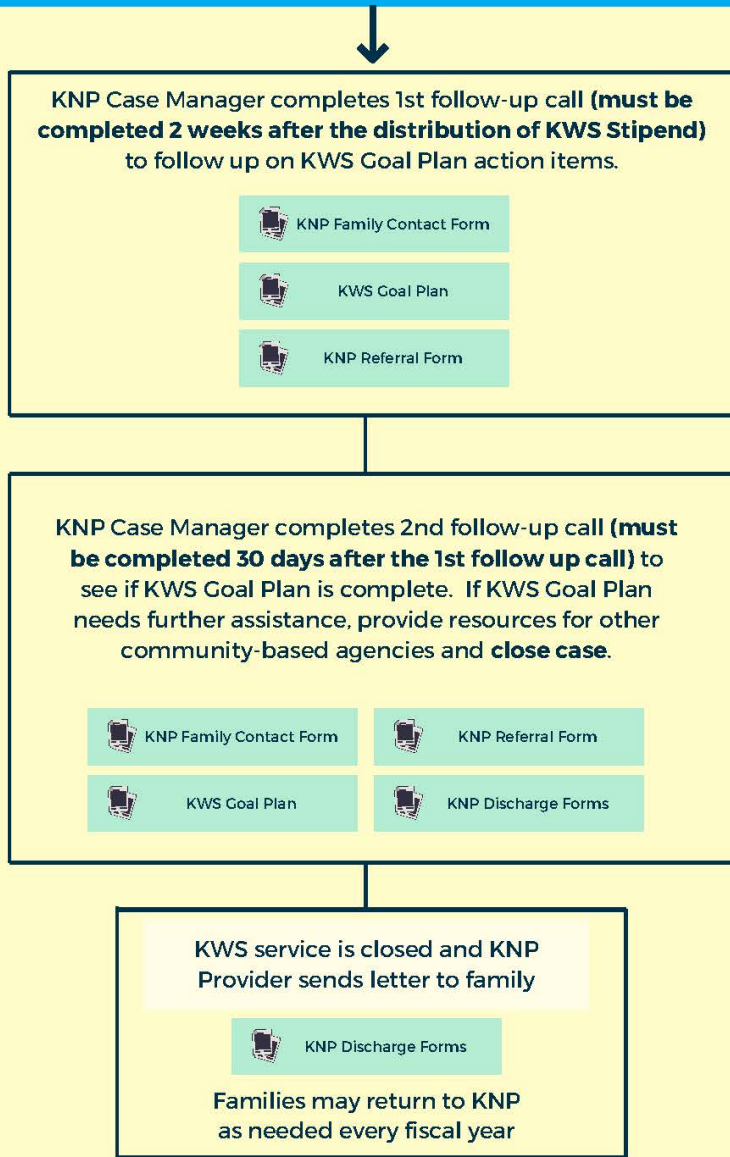


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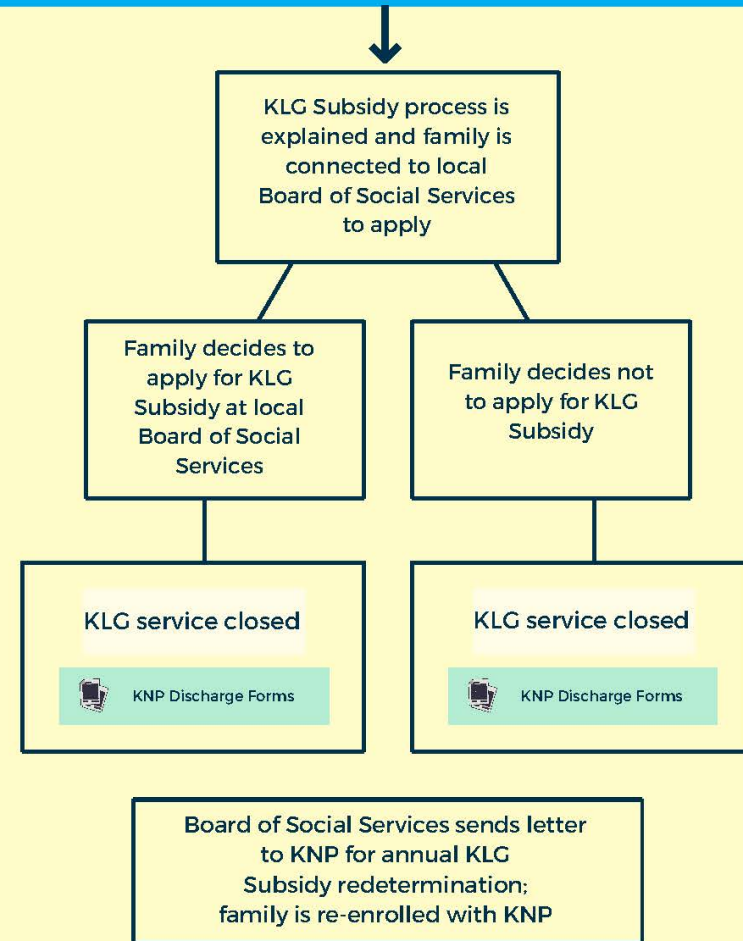




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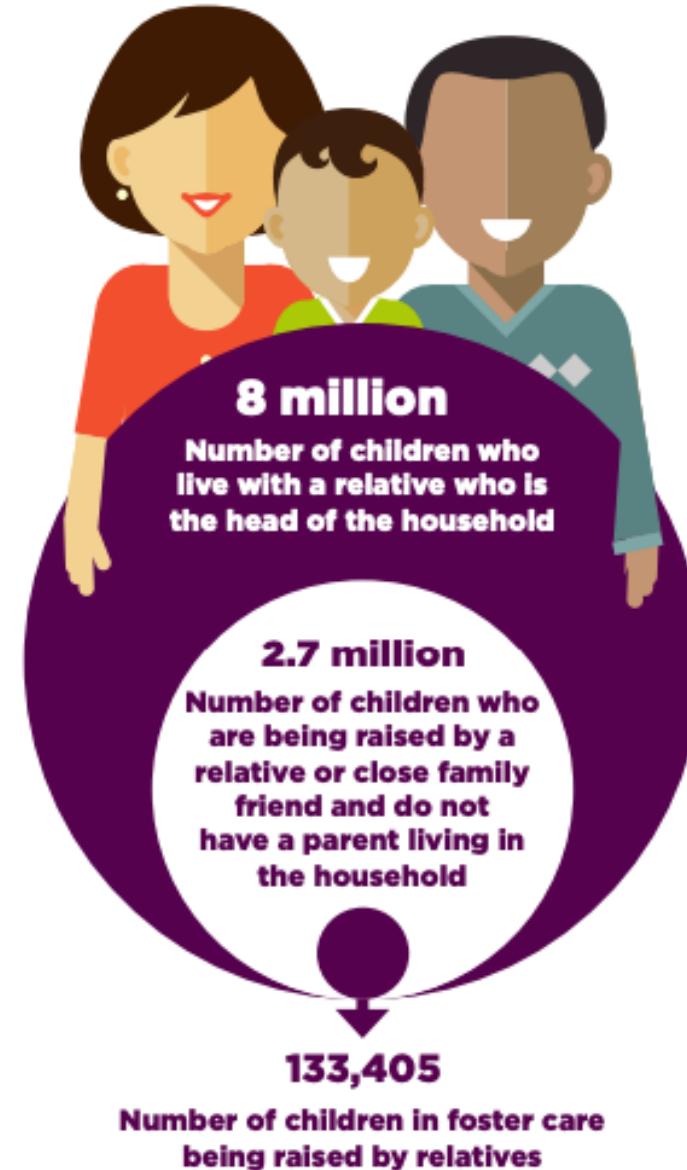


Note: When no services (KWS and/or KLG) provided, KNP case must be closed

# Informal Kinship Care

Informal kinship care refers to arrangements made by parents and other family members without any involvement from either the child welfare agency or the juvenile court.

Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway, [Kinship Caregivers and the Child Welfare System](#).



Source: Generations United, [Facing a Pandemic: Grandfamilies Living Together During COVID-19 and Thriving Beyond](#).

# Building Off Your Family Support Infrastructure

- Parenting Education and Support
- Connection to services & concrete supports
- Childcare and child enrichment activities
- Home visiting
- Support groups
- Respite care



**TABLE 2**

## Who Are Kinship Families?

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, kinship caregivers are more likely to be poor, single, older, less educated, and unemployed than families in which at least one parent is present.

	Children Living With at Least One Parent	Children in Public and Private Kinship Care		Children Living With at Least One Parent	Children in Public and Private Kinship Care
<b>HOUSEHOLD POVERTY</b>			<b>RACE/ETHNICITY</b>		
Below the poverty line	22%	38%	White (non-Hispanic)	55%	40%
Below 200% of the poverty line	43%	63%	Black	14%	31%
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>			Hispanic	23%	23%
Caregiver employed	71%	50%	<b>OTHER CHARACTERISTICS</b>		
Employed full time	53%	36%	Single parent	31%	55%
Caregiver retired	<1%	16%	Caregiver age 50+	10%	60%
Caregiver disabled	5%	19%	No high school diploma	14%	27%

**SOURCE** Population Reference Bureau's analysis of the 2011 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Survey.

# Common Challenges for KNP Participants

## Children

- Behavior Problems: 29%
- Special Education: 28%
- School Problems: 34%
- Disability/Chronic Illness 25%

## Family

- Money to save, buy necessities and extras
- Time for self and spouse/friends



# KNP Services Requested

## Offered

- Financial Assistance 82%
- KLG Assistance 50%
- Case Management 44.5%

## Referred

- Support Group 26%
- Childcare 24%
- Public Assistance 24%
- Housing 24%
- Family Counseling 23%



# Evaluation Stages

- Formative Evaluation
- Practice Profile, Logic Model, Program Flow Chart, Trainings using National Implementation Research Network's Implementation Science
- Evaluability Assessment including Process Evaluation, Fidelity Assessment and Continuous Quality Improvement
- Rigorous Experimental (or Quasi-Experimental) Evaluation



# Evaluation Outcomes

- Child Stability
  - permanency, including continuity of relationships with family and friends
- Referral to Services
  - # of referrals
- Access to Services
  - knowledge of services, ability to access and utilization
- Family Functioning
  - adult well-being, including protective factors and empowerment





# Putting It Into Policy and Practice





# Discussion

Please type your questions into the chat box.

# Resources

- [It's All Relative: Supporting Kinship Care Discussion Guides and Video Series](#) (Capacity Building Center for States)
- [Engaging and Supporting Kinship Caregivers](#) (Child Welfare Information Gateway)
- ["Supporting Caregivers Through Kinship Navigator Programs"](#) (Children's Bureau Express article)
- [wikiHow for Creating a Kin First Culture](#) (GrandFamilies.org)
- [Stepping Up for Kids: What Government and Communities Can Do to Support Kinship Families](#) (Annie E. Casey Foundation)



## Upcoming Digital Dialogues

- **October 5:** Protective Factors for Domestic Violence Survivors: A Pathway to More Opportunities  
[Register](#)
- **November 16:** Economic Supports and CAN Prevention  
[Registration Opens 10/25](#)

## New Resources from CBLCC

- Recorded sessions from the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect are now available on the [NCCAN website!](#)

# National Family Caregiver Support Program

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, [Administration on Aging \(AoA\)](#) administers the program and provides funds to the states. They in turn fund Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to provide five categories of supportive services to grandparents and other relatives aged 55 and older who are raising children, in addition to family caregivers of older individuals.

# Thank You!

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