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If you are a relative
or non-relative caring
for children
the Kinship Navigator
Program Can Help



Call the Kinship
Navigator Intake Line

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 Center for Healthy Communities/
Kinship Navigator Program

Primary Objective

To empower and stabilize kinship families in Montgomery County

What is Kinship Care?

Kinship care refers to a temporary or permanent arrangement in which a relative or any non-relative adult who has a relationship or bond with the child is caring for that child in the place of its parents.

Kinship care includes relationships established through an informal arrangement, legal custody or guardianship order, foster care placement, or kinship adoption. Kinship care arrangements often occur because the child's parents are either unable or unwilling to provide parental care because of death, incarceration, domestic violence, unemployment, poverty, drug abuse, and other challenges.

Kinship provides:

- fulltime parenting of children by grandparents or other relatives, blood or non-blood relatives
- children with the support they need to stay healthy, stay in school, and grow
- children to continue living with and learning from their family



The Kinship Navigator Program was created to help kinship caregivers “navigate” through federal, state, and local programs to find support and resources.

How Kinship Navigators Help

Our Kinship Navigators will assess the following areas:

- Finances
- Education/Training
- Employment
- Transportation
- Health
- Housing
- Social Support
- Child Care
- Food/Nutrition

Kinship Navigator Services

- Available to listen to your family situation
- Help you get answers to your questions
- Assist you in getting needed community services
- Will attend community resource appointments with you and make home visits, if needed
- Provide you with referrals to resources, information, and education
- Kinship Klostet

Education and Outreach Programs

Lunch N Learn

The Lunch N Learn is a two hour bimonthly educational workshop for kinship caregivers. The topics range from “Dealing with Difficult Children” to “Planning for the Holidays on a Budget”

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Kinship Kids Klub

Offered once a month, Saturday afternoons, registration is required. The Kids Klub provides education for children ages 13–17 who are being raised by a relative. The goal of the Kinship Klub is to provide an environment where kids feel safe to discuss some of their challenges.

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Kinship Family Fair

The Kinship Family Fair is a half-day event that consists of an education track for both adults and children according to age group. The children receive school supplies at this event when funds are available through generous sponsors/supporters.

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Support Groups

Trotwood Support Group

Meets monthly at the Trotwood Branch Library.

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South Support Group

Meets monthly at the Kettering-Moraine Branch Library. **For dates and more information, contact:**

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The Kinship Caregiver Coalition is made up of community agencies to identify and respond to the needs of Kinship Caregivers.

