



*St. Catherine's Center for
Children provides a
comprehensive range of
human services designed to
offer hope, foster growth,
and improve the lives of the
children and families we
serve.*

Agency Services and Programs

- Residential Services
- Foster Care/Kinship Services
- Day Treatment/Special Education
- Homeless Services
- Community Based Services

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Kinship Caregiver Program



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Hope for Tomorrow

Kinship Caregiver Program

What is Kinship Care?

Kinship or relative care refers to the care of children by relatives or, in some jurisdictions, close family friends (often referred to as fictive kin). Relatives are the preferred resource for children who must be removed from their birth parents because it maintains the children's connections with their families. Kinship care is often considered a type of family preservation service.

What services are offered?

Services for Kinship Caregivers:

1. Casework Assistance through the navigation of DSS Services and Legal Services
2. Assistance in navigating educational system
3. Peer Support Groups
4. Mental Health and Trauma Informed Care Education

Services for Children:

1. Recreational Support Services: Support will include respite outings. This may consist of musical instrument lessons, dance lessons, karate, cultural and religious activities, after school clubs or programs. Trips to movies, parks, bowling, etc.



2. Living Skills Training/Activities : Skills that may be addressed are shopping, cooking, laundry, budgeting, resumes, employment, transportation, obtaining legal papers, etc.

3. Educational Support : Requests will be made to the district for testing and support therapies the child may need.



The Kinship Caregiver Program will ensure advocacy for both child and caregiver.

Our Kinship Caregiver Program will be serving the following counties:

**Schenectady
Albany
Greene
Ulster**

How to enroll in the Kinship Caregiver Program

If you are interested in enrolling in St. Catherine's Kinship Caregiver Program, or would like to learn more, please contact Melinda Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Foster Care, at
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