

KINSHIP CARE IN NEW YORK STATE

Kinship Caregivers

130,000 + kinship households

65% of kinship caregivers are grandparents

Average age is 65

36% of households have income of less than \$20,000 per year

only 15% of eligible caregivers receive available financial assistance



Kinship Children

200,000 children in kinship care

1 in 11 of all children will be in kinship care in their lifetime

1 in 5 black children live in a kinship home

50% have had prior child welfare involvement

17,601 children are in foster care

Of that, 7,297 (40% are in certified kinship foster homes

Since 2012, 16,183 children were placed with relatives in "Direct Custody"

Statewide information, referral, education and advocacy program providing leadership and education on kinship issues. Elements include:

Helpline for caregivers and professionals; kinship information regarding benefits, services, laws, regulations, and policy, accessible on their website.

KN works closely with Kinship Programs to inform on best practices and assist in difficult cases, provides leadership for the statewide KinCare Coalition.

STATEWIDE SUPPORT



OCFS funded at \$320,500

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LOCAL KINSHIP PROGRAMS

Serving informal kinship families in 25 counties. Services include: counseling, support groups, parenting skills training, youth development, respite, legal information, access to financial assistance, information and referrals to other needed services.



OCFS funded at \$150,00 each

Serving post-adoptive and post-guardianship families in all 62 counties. Works to prevent post-adoptive/post-guardianship dissolution/disruption, provides assistance to families so that children may be cared for in their own homes, and strengthens families to avoid foster care or other out-of-home placements post adoption and guardianship.

REGIONAL PERMANENCY RESOURCE CENTERS

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Federal Title IV-E funded at \$300,000 - \$333,000 each

OTHER LOCAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS



Funding sources and amounts may vary

County TANF, OFA, and privately funded programs exist throughout the state, offering support groups and limited scope case management to families.