



# Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP)

## What is KGAP?

KGAP is financial assistance and possible Medicaid to licensed kinship foster parents who become legal custodians or guardians who've had placement of their kin child (ren) at least six consecutive months as a foster child.

## Who is eligible for KGAP?

KGAP is available to licensed kinship foster parents who obtain legal custody or guardianship of the kinship child placed in their home as a foster child.

## When does KGAP start?

Effective 1/1/2023, when a licensed kinship foster parent gets legal custody or guardianship of their relative or non-blood relative whose been placed in their home for a minimum of six (6) months.

## How much financial assistance is available?

80% of the per diem received as a licensed kinship foster parent.

AGE RANGE	PER DIEM	TOTAL MONTHLY PER DIEM	KGAP PAYMENT (80% OF PER DIEM)
0-6 YEARS OLD	\$26.05	\$792.35	\$633.88
7-11 YEARS OLD	\$28.05	\$853.19	\$682.55
12-18* YEARS OLD	\$35.20	\$1,070.67	\$808.54



## Know Your Permanency Options

Fully understanding your options for permanency for children in your care is the best way for you to make the most informed long-term decisions for your family.

### Legal Custody (LC) vs. Adoption

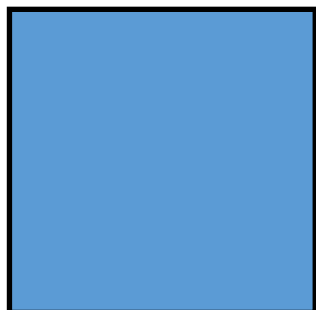
**LC** = Parental rights are not terminated which permits parents rights to visitation,

pay child support, and to petition the court to have legal custody returned to the parent. You may be eligible for KGAP.

**Adoption** = Parental rights are terminated when Permanent Custody is granted. Parents do not have a right to visitation and legally no child support can be ordered. The child(ren) may be eligible to receive an adoption subsidy and potentially Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) funds.

**For more information on how to inquire about becoming a kinship foster parent with Summit County Children Services (SCCS), please call the foster care inquiry line at (330)-379-1990.**

*Scan this QR code to watch a video that explains the KGAP Program in more detail.*



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