

KINSHIP NAVIGATOR

SUPPORTING FAMILIES, RAISING FAMILIES

FosterAdopt Connect is a support for grandparents, relatives, and other caregivers. Caring for children unexpectedly can be overwhelming.

We come alongside you with one-on-one support from a team experienced in navigating the child welfare system.

WE CONNECT KINSHIP PROVIDERS TO RESOURCES SUCH AS:

- Advocacy
- Healthcare
- Finances
- Transportation
- Community Supports
- Legal referrals
- Educational assistance
- Enhance social supports
- And much more!

WE TAKE TIME ANSWER QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- I need a larger home to raise my nephews. Is this even possible?
- My grandson is getting in trouble at school. What do I do?
- When I need help, who do I call?
- How do I become my granddaughter's legal guardian?
- I'm struggling with my family members. What do I do?
- How can I get my teenage grandson to help more around the house?

WHAT ELSE?

Our Sammy's Window clothing closet and food pantry help meet basic needs.

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The Challenges Faced by Relatives Raising
Children In and Out of Care

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Introductions



A Fun Activity



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
 CHILDREN'S DIVISION
 PO BOX 88, JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65103
 APPLICATION FOR VENDOR DIRECT DEPOSIT

*Required Fields



SECTION A *Required Fields Must Be Completed To Avoid Return of the Application and/or Delay in Processing the Application

*1. TYPE OF ACTION (Check Only One)		*2. CONTRACT TYPE OR SERVICE PROVIDED (Check All That Apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Applicant or Re-Enrollment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Direct Deposit Information <input type="checkbox"/> Cancel Direct Deposit		<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care/Adoption/Legal Guardianship <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Describe):	
*3. INDIVIDUAL NAME(S) OR BUSINESS NAME (All names on the contract must be listed here if contract is not under a business name.)		*List Individual Name(s) of Business Owner(s)	
A. _____		B. _____	
C. _____			
*4. ADDRESS (number, street name, city, state, and zip code)		*5. VENDOR NUMBER OR DCN	*6. TAX ID/SSN
_____		_____	_____
		*7. TELEPHONE NUMBER (include area code)	
		_____-_____-_____	

SECTION B *Required Fields Must Be Completed To Avoid Return of the Application and/or Delay in Processing the Application

Note: A voided check or an official letter from your financial institution stating your name, the bank routing number and your account number must be attached to process the Direct Deposit Application. Starter checks and counter checks will not be accepted in place of a check or letter from your financial institution.

*1. NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION		*2. TYPE OF ACCOUNT (Check Only One)	
_____		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECKING ACCOUNT <input type="checkbox"/> SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
*3. FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ADDRESS (number, street, city, state, and zip code)		*4. FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TELEPHONE NUMBER (include area code)	
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		*5. 9 DIGIT ROUTING NUMBER	*6. ACCOUNT NUMBER
		_____	_____

SECTION C *Required Fields Must Be Completed To Avoid Return of the Application and/or Delay in Processing the Application

I wish to participate in Direct Deposit and in doing so:

- I (We) hereby authorize the State of Missouri to initiate credit entries (deposits) and to initiate, if necessary, debit entries (withdrawals), or adjustments for any credit entries made in error to my (our) account designated above.
- I (We) understand that it is my (our) responsibility to notify the Children's Division when a change in banking information is made. This notification must be made at least two weeks prior to the scheduled direct deposit. Without this notification, I (we) understand that payments may be delayed.
- I (We) understand that by endorsing or depositing checks that payment is made from Federal and State funds and any falsification, or concealment of material fact, may be prosecuted under Federal and State laws.
- I (We) hereby authorize the State of Missouri to initiate payment adjustments made to this account that were intended for another vendor or another account.
- I (We) understand the State of Missouri may terminate my (our) enrollment in the Direct Deposit program if the State is legally obligated to withhold part or all payments for any reason (for example, garnishment orders).
- I (We) understand that the Children's Division may terminate my (our) enrollment if I (we) no longer meet eligibility requirements.
- I (We) understand that this document shall not constitute an amendment or assignment of any nature whatsoever, or any contract, purchase order or obligation that I (we) may have with any agency of the State of Missouri.

All individuals listed on the contract and/or listed as business owners must sign and date the Application for Direct Deposit to authorize initiating, changing, or canceling this Direct Deposit Application.

*SIGNATURE INDIVIDUAL A	*DATE
_____	_____
*SIGNATURE INDIVIDUAL B	*DATE
_____	_____
*SIGNATURE INDIVIDUAL C	*DATE
_____	_____



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The bio parents want the kids
back.

Some quick numbers

- 41,000 (3%) children (in Missouri) live with a relative with no parent present
- 119,854 (8.6%) children under 18 live in homes where householders are grandparents or other relatives
- 50,839 grandparents are householders responsible for their grandchildren who live with them
 - 10,066 (19.8%) are in poverty
 - 13,622 (26.8%) have a disability

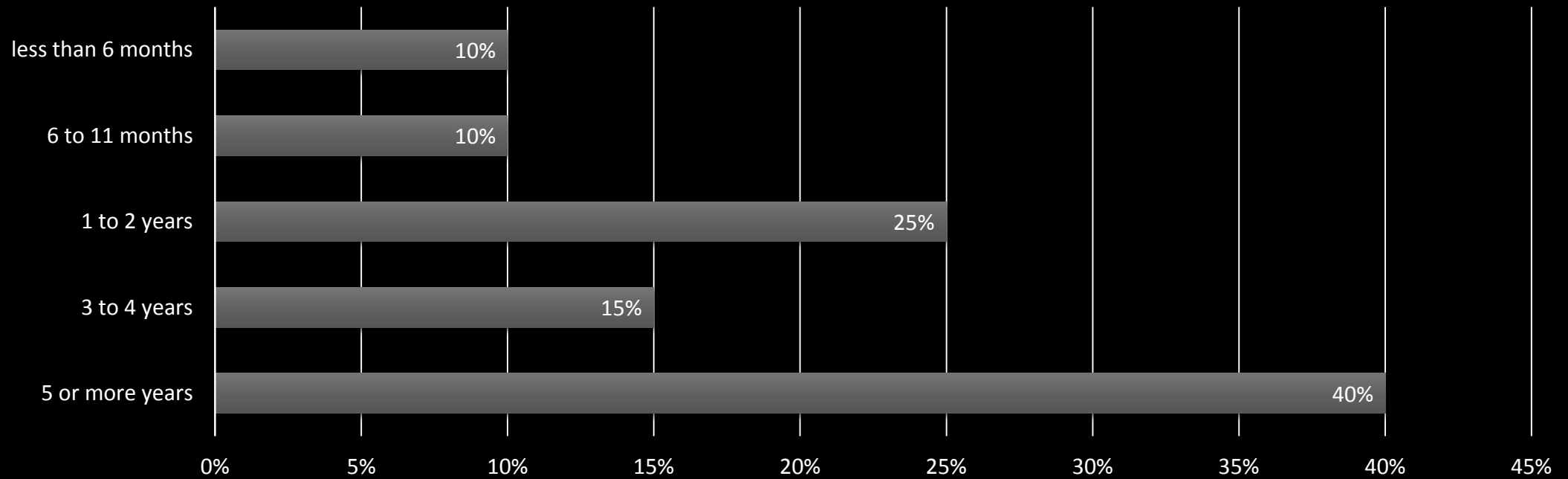
What does a
relative
caregiver
need?

- Birth certificate
- Social Security Cards
- Legal standing

- Top reasons cited (in 2010) for formation / maintenance of multi-generational households include:
 - Unemployment / under employment
 - Health care costs
 - Home foreclosure

Grandparent Headed Families in the United States

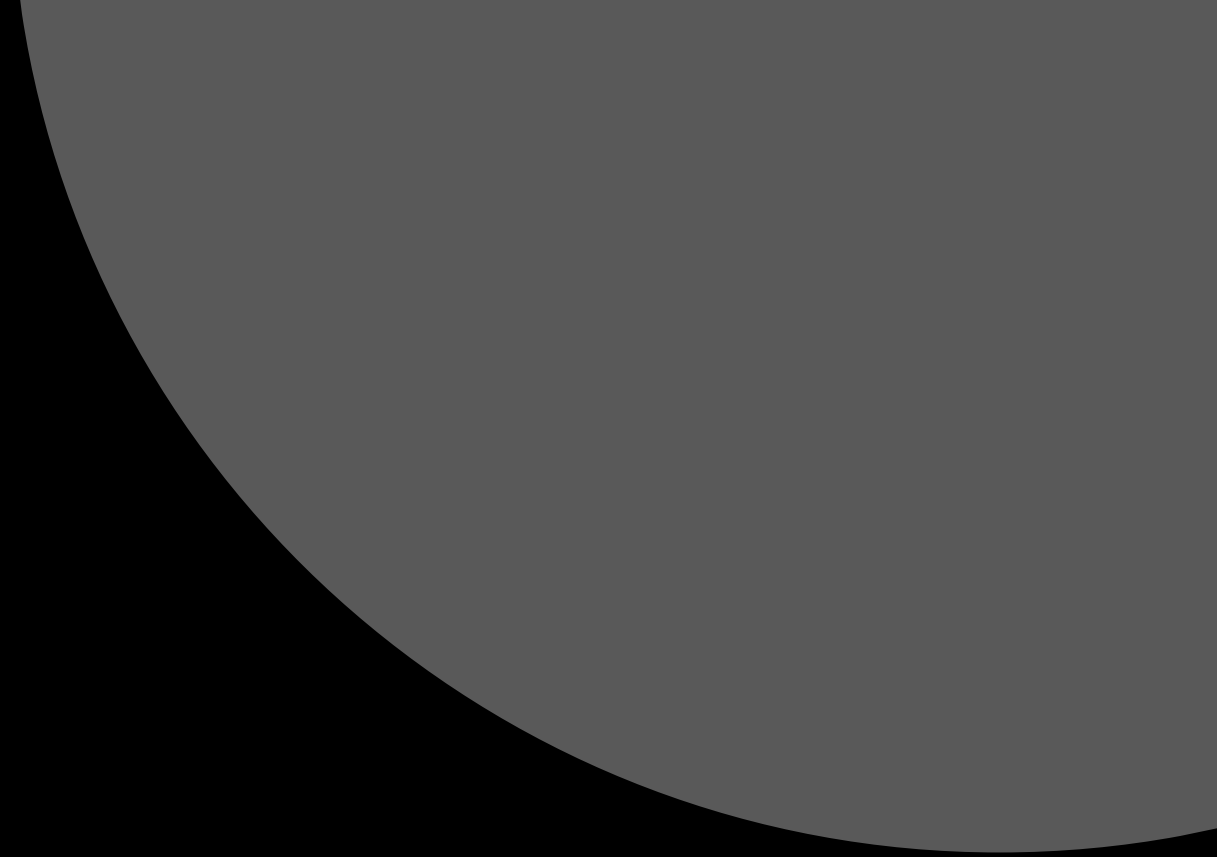
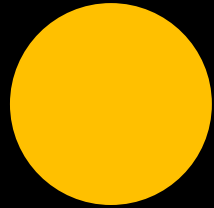
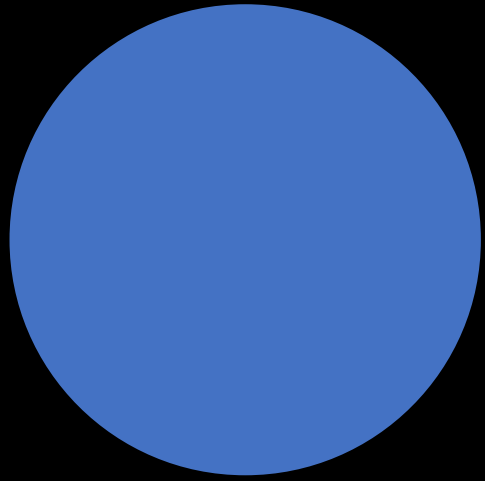
Length of time caring for grandchildren



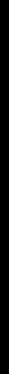
What are some barriers to service?

- Bureaucracy
- Time
- Money
- Team member knowledge
- Support
- Health
- Doubt
- Independence
- Travel
- Just overwhelmed

Can these effect each other?



Kinship Navigator



History/Backstory



Kinship Navigation programs started over 15 years ago in the state of Missouri.

State and County --> Federal



Positive Outcomes

Safety
Permanency
Well-being



Over 70 Kinship Navigator programs in the U.S.

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Family/Child's Name:

Worker:

Date:

Signs of Safety Assessment and Planning Form

What Are We Worried About?	What's Working Well?	What Needs to Happen? (future safety)	
<p>Harm: past hurt, injury or abuse to the child (likely) caused by adults. Also includes risk-taking behaviour by children/teens that indicates harm and/or is harmful to them.</p> <p>Danger Statements: The harm or hurt that is believed likely to happen to the children if nothing in the family's situation changes.</p> <p>Complicating factors: Actions and behaviours in and around the family, the child and by professionals that make it more difficult to solve danger of future abuse.</p>	<p>Existing strengths and safety: People, plans and actions that contribute to a child's well-being and plans about how a child will be made safe when danger is present.</p> <p>Existing Safety: Actions taken by parents, caring adults and children to make sure the child is safe when the danger is present.</p>	<p>Safety Goals: The behaviours and actions the child protection agency needs to see to satisfied the child will be safe enough to close the case.</p> <p>Next Steps: The immediate next actions that will be taken to build future safety.</p>	
<p>Safety Scale: Rate the situation on a scale of 0 – 10, where 0 means things are so bad the family can no longer care for the children and 10 means that everything that needs to happen for the children to be safe in the family is happening. There is sufficient safety for the child to close the case.</p>			
<p>Context Scale: Rate this case on a scale of 0 – 10, where 0 means this is the worst case of child abuse/neglect that the agency has seen and 10 means this is not a situation where any action would be taken.</p>			

Kinship Navigator Domains

Basic
Resources

Leisure / Self
Care

Child Care

Health Care

Social
Supports

Employment

Financial

Future
Concerns

Legal

Solutions??

- One-on-one support
- Increased access to community resources/services
- Build social supports
- Developing a budget
- Housing
- Transportation
- Advocacy
- Childcare
- Medical access
- Employment



What can I do
to support
relatives
raising
children?

- Education
- Travel
- Childcare
- Flexibility
- Communication
- Collaboration



Grands Raising Grands

National Efforts

- Strict national regulation on kinship navigator programs to receive federal reimbursement
- As of 2018 there are 70 kinship navigator programs across the United States
- Evaluation of these programs:
 - Safety: Relative caregivers receiving navigator services achieved identified safety goals for their families.
 - Permanency: Children in the care of relative caregivers receiving navigation services had higher rates of permanency through legal guardianship and reunification with parents.
 - Well-being: results showed that kinship navigator programs were successful at ameliorating the needs of grandfamilies.

Questions?