

Resources for Kinship Curriculum

Protect Ohio Kinship Manual (2011)

A comprehensive manual that has a strong strategic planning focus to promote kinship placement as best practice. Kinship-specific assessment tools are highlighted as well as the process of support planning.

<http://www.ocwtp.net/PDFs/ProtectOHIO/ProtectOHIO%20Kinship%20Manual.pdf>

A Tradition of Caring: Information, Resources and Support for Kinship Care Families [Carebook; Facilitator's Guide; and Assessment Guide.] (2003).

This is a comprehensive curriculum providing kinship caregivers with valuable information and support related to kinship care. An assessment guide is part of the focus of the curriculum.

<http://www.cwla.org/programs/trieschman/pridetraditionofcaring.htm>

Kinship Process Mapping: A Guide to Improving Practice in Kinship Care. (2013). Anne E. Casey Publication.

This is a publication that looks at the process of engaging kin effectively to be caregivers. It highlights barriers to kinship placements and potential strategies for improvement.

<http://www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter/Publications.aspx?pubguid=%7BD4CFC596-DCDA-4758-BDCE-00854FE4A5CE%7D>

The Kinship Diversion Debate: Policy and Practice Implications for Children, Families and Child Welfare Agencies. (2013)

This report explores different perspectives on the practice of diverting children from child welfare to live with kin, and identifies critical components of an effective kinship care system.

<http://www.aecf.org/SearchResults.aspx?keywords=the%20diversion%20debate&source=topsearch> Anne E. Casey Publication

Training Kin to Be Foster Parents: Best Practices from the Field (2008). Child Focus Publication.

This publication focuses on issues of training. There is a comprehensive summarization of why training for kin must be different than for traditional foster parents and gives examples of considerations when designing training.

<http://centerforchildwelfare2.fmhi.usf.edu/kb/Implementation/TrainingKinToBeFP.pdf>

The following are models of comprehensive guides that list resources available to kin to effectively care for the children in their care. There are good explanations about the questions and concerns that caregivers would have about their role and their relationship with the child welfare agency:

Having a Voice and a Choice Handbook for Relatives (2009).

<http://otda.ny.gov/programs/publications/4957.pdf>

Vermont Resource Guide for Relatives Caring for Children (2012).

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/pdf/fsd/KinshipCaregiversResourceGuide.pdf>

Alaska Resource Family Handbook (2011).

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Documents/Publications/pdf/ResourceFamilyHandbook.pdf>

NYS Kinship Navigator Manual (2012).

This publication focuses on the laws and resources related to benefits for kinship caregivers and information for caseworkers on what the legal rights of kin are. It is a guide for kin caregivers who want to establish legal guardianship and legal permanency.

http://www.nysnavigator.org/documents/NYS_Kinship_Navigator_PA_Guide_2012-Final1.pdf

Making It Work: Using the Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) to Close the Permanency Gap for Children in Foster Care. (2012).

This is a comprehensive publication on the Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance Program. This report examines the benefits of Title IV-E GAP and best practices in states implementing GAP.

<http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/making-it-work-using-the.pdf>

Websites

AARP Grandparent Support Center
www.aarp.org/families/grandparents

Brookdale Foundation: www.brookdalefoundation.org

Children's Defense Fund: www.childrensdefense.org

Generations United: www.gu.org

Grandsplace: www.grandsplace.org

Grandfamilies of America: www.grandfamiliesofamerica.org

Videos for Training Purposes

My Special Family: Kids in the Care of Their Kin

We Are Still a Family: Adults Caring for Their Kin

http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/info_services/kinship-relative-care.html#Videos

A Brooklyn Family Tale/ Why Can't We Be a Family Again?

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/familytale/about.html>