

Peer Support for Kinship Caregivers

KIN-TECH™ Introduction



In this presentation

Provide Provide you with some tangible ideas to support caregivers Introduce Introduce the kinship navigation practice model KIN-TECH™ Discuss opportunities to aid kinship caregivers meet the needs of Discuss the children in their care



KIN-TECH™



- KIN-TECH™is a kinship navigation practice model provided by the Children's Home Network, based in Tampa, Florida
- For the past two decades, KIN-TECH™has been developed and rigorously tested in Florida and nationally recognized as a leader in supporting kinship families.
- KIN-TECH™implementation team is working with DE and NE partner organizations to replicate and build a system of care to support kinship families





Offers Through Community Collaboration, A Wide Variety of Easy-to-access Referral Services

- Psychosocial/ Historical Assessment
- Case Management
- Family Support Plan
- Navigation
- Advocacy
- Benefit Enrollment
- Community Outreach and Public Education
- Educational Workshops
- Support Groups for Youth and Adults

- Substance Abuse Workshops & Linkage to Services
- Legal Services
- Family Team Conferencing
- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Health and Wellness
- Developmental Screening
- Respite Services
- Coordinated Child Care
- Follow-up



Peer to Peer Navigation

Connecting kinship caregivers with other kinship caregivers who help them navigate systems of care to obtain needed resources and supports.

Benefits Application and Enrollment

Kinship Navigators work shoulder to shoulder with kinship caregivers to apply and enroll in benefits, and follow up to ensure these supports are secured and in place for the family.

Interdisciplinary Team

Convening meetings for caregivers to access selected community partners who collaboratively problem solve and navigate multiple systems of care at the same time.

Kinship Community Collaborative

Multisystem, multisector partnership that supports the kinship navigation work in the community through information and resource sharing, convening monthly meetings and educating the community about how to support kinship families.

Research Journal articles on KIN-TECH™

KIN-TECH™ evaluation demonstrates improvements in:

Protective Factors

https://doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2021.106046

Child Safety and Placement Stability

https://doi:10.1016/j.chiabu.2020.104506



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