

# Kinship Care in Oklahoma

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# Kinship Care in OK – What is it?

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- OK approves both traditional and kinship foster homes
- Kinship homes must meet the same approval requirements as traditional foster homes
  - 27 hours of pre-service training
  - Resource Family Assessment (home study), including all required documents
  - National fingerprint results
- Kids can be placed with the kinship caregiver while they work on meeting requirements

# Kinship by the Numbers

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- 41% of children in care are placed in a relative or non-relative kinship home
- The goal is to have kinship families approved within 60 days following placement
  - Most homes are approved between 60-90 days

# Flexibility with Kinship

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- Sleeping arrangements/space
- References
- Medical exam
- Required documents for approval (divorce decree, death certificate, DD-214)

# Payments for Kinship

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- Kinship Start-up Stipend (KSUS)
  - Equal to the amount of one month reimbursement for the child based on age
- Training stipends
  - \$375 when the family is enrolled in training
  - \$375 when the family completes training
- Monthly reimbursement begins once all approval requirements are met