



Extended Family Support Program

Helping Relative Caregivers Care for their
Relative's Children

Goal of the Extended Family Support Program (EFSP)

To assist the relative caregiver provide a stable home where they can care for their relative's child.



Target Population



- ▶ Relative or Fictive Kin
- ▶ Live together for more than 14 days
- ▶ Relative caregiver seeks the services
- ▶ Not part of a DCFS case
- ▶ Parent not in the home

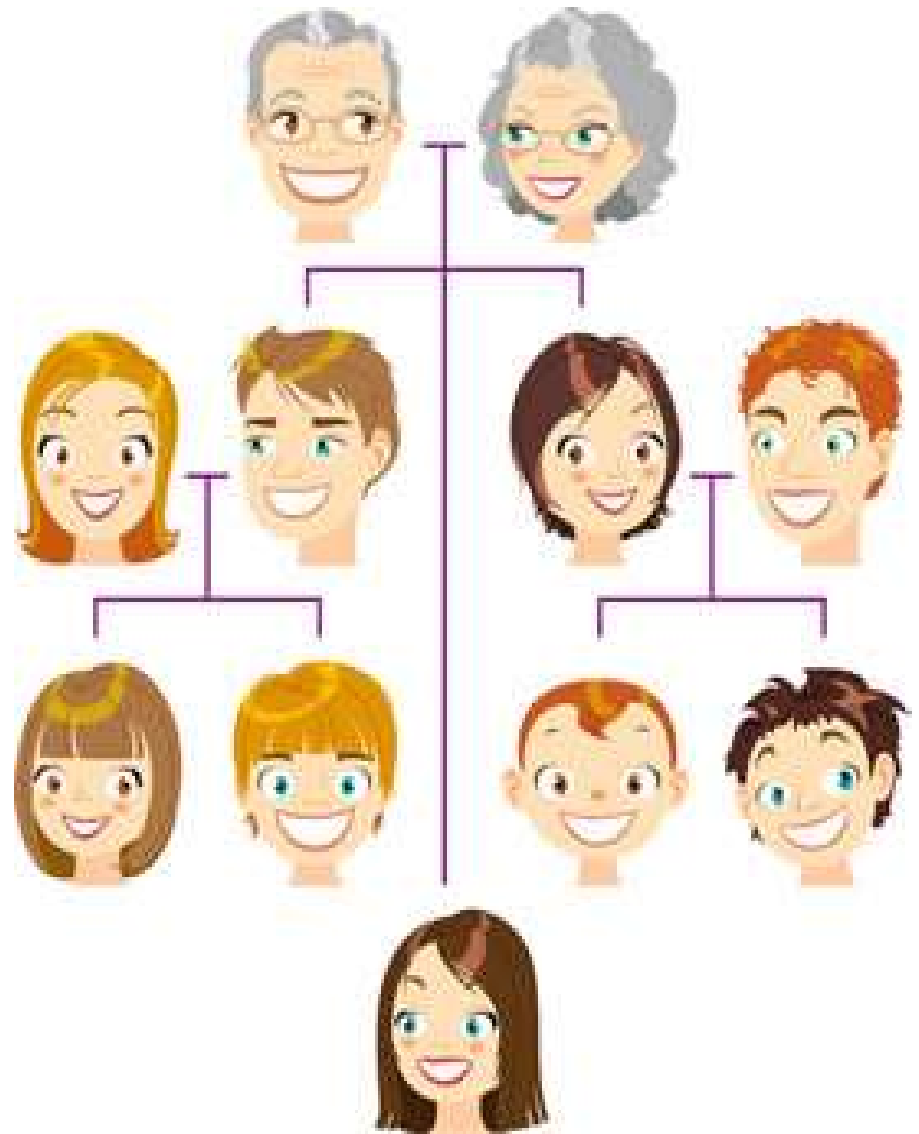
General Tips for Caregivers Calling the Hotline

- ▶ Relative caregiver calls our hotline
- ▶ State “I am caring for my relative’s children. They are not being abused nor neglected but I need help.”
- ▶ Ask for “EFSP”
- ▶ Provide additional information



Guardianship

- ▶ Most seek it
- ▶ Primary goal of EFSP
- ▶ Empowers caregiver
- ▶ Protects children



Legal Rights Prior to Obtaining Guardianship

- ▶ Caregivers have very limited rights
- ▶ Difficulty obtaining some services
- ▶ Parents can seek custody



EFSP Services

- ▶ Short term intervention
- ▶ Guardianship advocacy
- ▶ Entitlements advocacy
- ▶ Enroll children in school
- ▶ Referrals for needed services
- ▶ Cash assistance



EFSP Success

We reviewed children served in SFY17. More than 4 years later:

- ▶ 1.7% placed in care
- ▶ 9.4% part of intact case.
- ▶ 84% of those intact cases had a different caregiver



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