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Application for the National FRC & Kinship Peer Learning Cohorts

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This document provides you with questions to help you prepare your application. This is not the application. **Access the application and apply through this link:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/frc-kin>

Section 1: Overview of the Opportunity (Read Before Applying)

The National Family Support Network (NFSN) and Generations United (GU) are inviting a **small, select group of Family Resource Centers (FRCs)** to participate in two national peer learning cohorts focused on strengthening kinship engagement through real-world, practice-informed approaches.

Each cohort will bring together **five FRCs nationwide** for six months of facilitated peer learning, reflection, and applied practice. Participating sites will engage as a **two-person team**, consisting of:

- One **FRC staff member**, and
- One **kinship caregiver or lived-experience representative**

A **stipend of \$75 per hour** is available for the kinship caregiver's participation, supported through Generations United funding.

Cohort Options (Applicants may apply to one cohort only)

- **Cohort 1: School-Based Family Resource Centers & Kinship Engagement**
- **Cohort 2: Engaging Male Kinship Caregivers through Family Resource Centers**

Time Commitment

- Six months, **March–August**
- One **60-minute virtual session per month**
- Approximately **2 hours per month total**
- About **12 hours total** over the full cohort

Meeting Dates (All sessions are required)

- March 26
- April 23
- May 28

- June 25
- July 30
- August 27

Cohort meeting times:

- **Cohort 1 (School-Based): 2:00–3:00 pm ET** (1:00-2:00 pm CT; 12:00-1:00 pm MT; 11:00 am-12:00 pm PT; 10:00-11:00 am Alaska time)
- **Cohort 2 (Male Kinship): 4:00–5:00 pm ET** (3:00-4:00 pm CT; 2:00-3:00 pm MT; 1:00-2:00 pm PT; 12:00-1:00 pm Alaska time)

Application Timeline

- Applications open: **February 13**
- Applications due: **February 28**
- Selections announced: **March 6**

Section 2: Cohort Selection

Which cohort are you applying for?

(Select one)

- Cohort 1: School-Based FRCs & Kinship Engagement
- Cohort 2: Engaging Male Kin Caregivers through FRCs

Section 3: Family Resource Center Information

Family Resource Center name

FRC State Network affiliation (if applicable)

Website

City

State

Section 4: Primary Applicant Information

(Person completing this application)

Name

Title / role

Organization email address

Phone number

Section 5: Cohort Participant Representatives

(Each participating FRC will participate as a two-person team)

Part A: FRC Staff Participant

(This is the staff member who will attend the learning cohort sessions)

Name of FRC staff participant

Title / role

Email address

Phone number

Check here to confirm that this staff member will serve as the primary staff member for cohort participation.

Part B: Kinship Caregiver / Lived-Experience Participant

(This participant is eligible for a stipend)

Name of kinship caregiver or lived-experience representative

Relationship to kinship care

(for example, grandparent caregiver, uncle, older sibling, other relative caregiver)

Email address

Phone number

Check here to confirm that this participant is willing and able to attend all cohort sessions.

Section 6A: Current Practice & Learning Goals

Please respond briefly. Short paragraphs or bullet points are welcome.

A. School-Based Kinship Engagement

(Required for Cohort 1 applicants, optional context for others)

How is your FRC currently engaging kinship families in school-based or school-connected settings?

What would you hope to strengthen, test, or learn through this cohort?

B. Engaging Male Kinship Caregivers

(Required for Cohort 2 applicants, optional context for others)

How is your FRC currently engaging male kinship caregivers (e.g., grandfathers, uncles, older brothers)?

What would you hope to strengthen, test, or learn through this cohort?

Section 6B: Types of Kinship Services Offered

Question 1: Kinship Service Areas – Service Status

For each service area below, please indicate whether your FRC currently provides this service.

Service Area	Yes	No	In development
Peer support or kinship caregiver support groups			
Case management or kinship navigation			
Legal and guardianship support (e.g., custody, adoption, kinship rights)			
Financial and benefits assistance (e.g., TANF, SNAP, WIC, school meals)			
Emotional and mental health support (e.g., counseling, family therapy)			
Parenting and caregiver education (e.g., behavior support, trauma-informed care)			
Educational support and advocacy (e.g., enrollment assistance, IEP navigation)			
Childcare and early learning connections			
Respite care and caregiver relief			
Other kinship-related services			

Question 2: Kinship Service Areas – Delivery Model

For each service area that applies, please indicate how the service is delivered.

Service Area	Integrated into general FRC programming	Delivered through a partnership	Standalone kinship support initiative
Peer support or kinship caregiver support groups			
Case management or kinship navigation			
Legal and guardianship support (e.g., custody, adoption, kinship rights)			
Financial and benefits assistance (e.g., TANF, SNAP, WIC, school meals)			

Emotional and mental health support (e.g., counseling, family therapy)			
Parenting and caregiver education (e.g., behavior support, trauma-informed care)			
Educational support and advocacy (e.g., enrollment assistance, IEP navigation)			
Childcare and early learning connections			
Respite care and caregiver relief			
Other kinship-related services			

Question 3: Kinship Service Areas – Outcome Data/Evaluation

For each service area below, please indicate whether you collect outcome data or evaluation results.

Service Area	Yes	No	In development
Peer support or kinship caregiver support groups			
Case management or kinship navigation			
Legal and guardianship support (e.g., custody, adoption, kinship rights)			
Financial and benefits assistance (e.g., TANF, SNAP, WIC, school meals)			
Emotional and mental health support (e.g., counseling, family therapy)			
Parenting and caregiver education (e.g., behavior support, trauma-informed care)			
Educational support and advocacy (e.g., enrollment assistance, IEP navigation)			
Childcare and early learning connections			
Respite care and caregiver relief			
Other kinship-related services			

Question 4: Outcome Data Description (Optional but Encouraged)

If you answered “Yes” or “In development” for outcome data above, please briefly describe the outcome or evaluation data you collect for any of the services listed.

Section 7: Readiness & Commitment

Please confirm the following commitments:

(Check all that apply)

- We can commit to attending all six cohort sessions on the dates and times listed
- Our organization supports participation in this six-month learning cohort
- We can participate as a two-person team (staff + kinship caregiver)
- We understand that participation includes active engagement and peer learning

Section 8: Service Population Snapshot

1. Which communities does your Family Resource Center primarily serve?

(Select all that apply)

- Tribal communities / Native families
- Rural communities
- Urban communities
- Suburban communities
- Immigrant or refugee families
- Kinship / grandfamilies
- Families involved with child welfare
- Other (please describe)

2. If you selected “Tribal communities / Native families,” please briefly describe the Tribe(s) or Tribal communities you work with and the nature of your partnership. *(Optional, short paragraph)*

3. Are there any other populations or communities that are central to your FRC’s work? *(Optional, short paragraph)*

Section 9: Final Comments (Optional)

Is there anything else you would like us to know as we review your application?