

Guide To Kinship Legal Guardianship Support Services



New Jersey Department of Children and Families
Office of Adoption Operations Kinship Legal Guardianship Subsidy Program

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Kinship Legal Guardianship (KLG) Subsidy Program

To report a change of address, change of payee, Medicaid issues, or have questions regarding subsidy payments, Annual Renewal Compliance Letters, 18 year old school verification, or if you need to speak with a KLG Subsidy Specialist.

www.njadoptionsubsidy.org
1-866-233-5356 or 609-888-7460

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50 East State St, PO Box 717
Trenton, NJ 08625-0717

Kinship Navigator Program

If you are caring for a relative's child this program offers information and referral services for a wide range of needs. Kinship caregivers may qualify for help with child care costs and paying for one time expenses such as furniture, moving costs, clothing, or other costs associated with the care of the child.

Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-435-7555 or 1-877-652-1148

KinConnect

The New Jersey Kinship Legal Guardianship Resource Clearing House (KinConnect) provides Kinship Legal Guardianship information, online resources, email and phone support, lending library, and referral service to individuals involved with Kinship care in New Jersey.

www.kinconnect.org
1-877-KLG-Line or 1-877-554-5463

Kinship Legal Guardianship Financial Resources

Direct Deposit/Debit Cards

For questions about direct deposit call 1-844-830-6178 or visit
www.njdcpaymentcenter.com

For questions about your debit card, call 1-866-461-4094 or visit
www.EPPICard.com

Medical Insurance/Medicaid

Medicaid Hotline: 1-800-356-1561

Health Benefits Identification Card (Replacement Card): 1-877-414-9251

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO): 1-800-701-0710 (ask for a CP&P representative)

Healthcare Marketplace

Healthcare Marketplace provides health insurance for anyone who does not have health or dental insurance, or who may have insufficient insurance

www.healthcare.gov

1-800-318-2596

Educational Resources

New Jersey Department of Children and Families Scholarship Programs

Tuition and scholarship programs provide funds for eligible applicants to attend public institution of higher learning or county vocational schools.

www.fafsonline.org

1-800-222-0047 or 609-520-1500

Casey Family Programs and Foster Care to Success

Since 2000, The Casey Family Programs and Foster Care to Success Scholarships have helped thousands of foster youth and former foster youth attend and graduate from college and post-secondary training programs.

Undergraduate scholarships range from \$1500 to \$6000 annually and are renewable for up to five years. Applicants must have had KLG finalized after their 16th birthday, or have been in care for the consecutive 12 months prior to their 18th birthday. Scholarship recipients are eligible to participate in the Foster Care to Success Academic Success, Senior Year Coaching and Aim Higher Fellows programs, and to receive care packages.

For more information on the Casey Family Scholarship Program and Foster Care to Success, visit

www.fc2success.org

800-950-4673

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Application for all federally funded student aid

fafsa.ed.gov

1-800-4-FED-AID (433-3243)

TTY at 1-800-730-8913

Child Behavioral, Emotional, and/or Disability Challenges

Behavioral Health Services for Children and Youth

Division of Children's System of Care (CSOC) - Perform Care

Staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help families get in-home counseling, behavioral health, and developmental disabilities services for children.

Mobile response assistance is available 24 hours a day during a mental health crisis.

www.performcarenj.org

1-877-652-7624

Child Care for Children with Special Needs

Resources compiled by the Office of Early Child Care and Education in the Department of Human Services.

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/clients/family/special
609-292-8444 or 1-800-332-9227

Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired

The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) promotes and provides services in the areas of education, employment, independence and eye health for persons who are blind or visually impaired, their families and the community.

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/home
1-877-685-8878

Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

DDHH maintains up-to-date and constructive resources on hearing loss including communication access referral services, technical assistance, equipment distribution, stakeholder communications and advocacy.

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/home
1-800-792-8339 V/TTY toll free in New Jersey
609-984-7281 V/TTY
609-984-0390 FAX
1-866-771-7947 VP (Video Phone)

NJ Department of Children and Families Youth Hotline

This youth hotline serves all youth and young adults in New Jersey. Youth get help with their daily challenges from professional staff and trained volunteers. Anonymity and confidentiality are assured except in life threatening situations.

www.2ndfloor.org
24 hours a day – 7 days a week
1-888-222-2228

Other Support Services

Adolescent Services and Resources

Provides information and resources for employment and career planning, educational resources, healthcare, LGBTQI resources, pregnant and parenting youth, and statewide youth resources and supports.

www.nj.gov/dcf/adolescent/
609-888-7100

NJ Youth Resource Spot
www.njyrs.org

Child Care Help Line of New Jersey

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Services include information and referral to help parents locate child care resources and to answer typical questions regarding types of child care, how to pay for care, and even how to become a family day care provider.

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/child
1-800-332-9227

NJ Domestic Violence Hotline

New Jersey Coalition For Battered Women

www.njcbw.org

24 hours a day – 7 days a week

NJ Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-572-SAFE (1-800-572-7233)

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-779-7233 TTY: 1-800-787-3224

Gambling Addiction

www.800gambler.org

1-800-GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537)

Division of Mental Health Services for Adults

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/home

1-800-382-6717

NJ State Bar Association's Automated Help-line

Need legal help but cannot afford a lawyer?

732-249-5000

One Simple Wish

One Simple Wish grants wishes for foster child, children who have aged out of foster care and vulnerable children and families throughout the United States.

www.onesimplewish.org

Financial Assistance Resources

Children's Catastrophic Illness Relief Fund

Financial help for families overwhelmed by a child's medical bills

1-800-335-FUND (1-800-335-3863)

Child Support Hotline

As a Kinship Legal Guardian you may be eligible for child support payments. The parents of the children may have an obligation to pay you child support.

www.njchildsupport.org

1-877-NJ KIDS1 (1-877-655-4371)

Food Stamps

Federal benefit program which helps eligible working and non-working low income individuals and families pay for food.

<https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us>

1-800-687-9512

General Financial Assistance

Contact your County Board of Social Services.

The link below will provide you with the County Welfare Agencies phone numbers and addresses.

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/njsnap/cwa/

Division of Family Development (Main Number) 1-800-792-9773

NJ Helps

Find services and programs for children, families and individuals.

You can also get prescreened for eligibility for Food Stamps, Medicaid and other programs.

www.njhelps.org

NJ Housing Resource Center

For accessible and affordable housing

www.njhousing.gov

1-877-428-8844

WIC Program

Nutrition program providing nutritious foods to supplement the diets of pregnant, breast feeding, or post-partum women, as well as children up to the age of five.

www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/wic

1-866-44-NJWIC (446-5942)

Utility Bill Assistance

Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

1-800-510-3102

NJ Shares

1-866-657-4273

Universal Service Fund (USF)

1-866-240-1347 or 1-800-510-3102

Help Line NJ 2-1-1

Basic Human Needs Resource

Food banks, clothing closets, shelters, rental assistance, utility assistance

Support for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care,
home health care, transportation, homemaker services

Support for Children, Youth and Families

Childcare, after school programs, Kids Care (health insurance programs), family resource centers,
summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services

Physical and Mental Health Resources

Health insurance programs, Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health, Children's Health
Insurance Program, medical information lines, crisis intervention services,
support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation

Employment Supports

Financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance, education programs

Family Helpline

Parents feeling stressed can call and work through their frustrations 24 hours a day 7 days a week .

The staff is made up of trained volunteers of Parents Anonymous.

1-800-THE-KIDS (843-5437)

***Dial 2-1-1 from any phone or visit www.nj211.org for more information**

Directory of Post Adoption/Kinship Legal Guardian Counseling Service Agencies

Agency	Services	Counties Served
<p>Catholic Charities - Diocese of Newark Family Resource Center 249 Virginia Ave. Jersey City, NJ 07304 (201) 798-9900</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy</p>	<p>Hudson</p>
<p>Children's Aid & Family Services 76 South Orange Ave., Suite 209 South Orange, NJ 07079 (201) 740-7124</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy</p>	<p>Bergen Essex Passaic</p>
<p>Children's Home Society of New Jersey 635 South Clinton Ave. Trenton, NJ 08611 (609) 695-6274</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy</p>	<p>Hunterdon Mercer Middlesex Monmouth Ocean Somerset</p>
<p>Family & Children's Services 40 North Ave. Elizabeth, NJ 07208 (908) 352-7474</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy</p>	<p>Middlesex Suburban Essex Union</p>
<p>Family Guidance of Warren County 492 Route 57 West Washington, NJ 07882 (908) 689-1000</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy</p>	<p>Warren</p>
<p>Family Intervention Services 655 Broadway Paterson, NJ 07514 (973) 523-0089</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy</p>	<p>Passaic</p>

Respite only for families currently receiving counseling services

Agency	Services	Counties Served
Family Intervention Services 20 Vanderhoof Ave. Rockaway, NJ 07866 (973) 586-5243	Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Morris
Family Intervention Services 376 Lafayette Road, Suite 200 Sparta, NJ 07871 (973) 940-0105	Pre and Post KLG Therapy Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Sussex
Family Intervention Services 86 South Harrison St. East Orange, NJ 07018 (973) 324-7880	Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Essex
Robins' Nest 42 South Delsea Dr. Glassboro, NJ 08028 (856) 881-8689	Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Atlantic Burlington Camden Cape May Cumberland Gloucester Salem
Twin Oaks Integrated Care 175-12 Route 70 Medford, NJ 08055 (609) 953-5714 Fax: (609) 953-5483	Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Atlantic Camden Gloucester Salem Burlington Cumberland
Youth Consultation Services: Bridge Program 60 Evergreen Pl. East Orange, NJ (973) 395-0801 x 415 Fax: (973) 482-2870	Adoptive Families Only Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Essex



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www.nj.gov/njfofosteradopt/kinship/