

Support to Caregivers varies based on category:
To which category of caregiver do you belong?

Kinship Caregiver

A relative caring for a child who is currently in the care of Cuyahoga County.

Financial

Kinship Support Payment - Monthly

- First 6 months from State of Ohio
- Continues from Cuyahoga County

Child Only Benefits - CJFS

Childcare

Child in the temporary custody of DCFS - but placed in the care of a relative or an interested individual.

Medical

Provided through Cuyahoga County

Mileage Reimbursement

Provided through Cuyahoga County

Foster Parent

A licensed foster caregiver through Cuyahoga County or a private network.

Financial

Per Diem (varies)

Childcare

Child in the temporary custody of DCFS - but placed in an agency foster home

Medical

Provided through Cuyahoga County

Mileage Reimbursement

Provided through Cuyahoga County

Extras!

Free Training
Monthly Visits
Dedicated Resource Manager
Adoption Subsidy
Post-Adoption Support

Legal Custodian

A caregiver who is granted custody through the court system.

Financial

Children who are placed into the Legal Custody of relatives are able to obtain Kinship Permanency Incentive Program.

Caregivers who are granted custody through the court, where children **do not** come into the care of DCFS are not eligible for Kinship Support Payment.

SNAP (food assistance) benefits may be available - income based.

Support comes in all shapes and sizes. If you are a caregiver in need of information or direction, we can help with the path that is best for you. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to CuyahogaFosterAdopt@jfs.ohio.gov or call 216-881-5775.



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