



# KINSHIP CARE GUIDE



Cuyahoga County  
Division of Children and Family Services

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## What is Kinship Care Placement?

**Kinship care placement** is a temporary arrangement where a relative and/or a non-blood related adult who has a significant relationship to a child(ren) provides full time care for a child(ren) while they are in the custody of a public children and family services agency.

Kinship caregivers must be approved by the Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services (DCFS) based on state and federal guidelines. A DCFS caseworker must conduct a home safety audit and interview all household members. Fingerprinting is required before a placement can be fully approved.

## Resources for Kinship Caregivers

### Kinship Support Payments (KSP)

- Kinship Support Payments are available to kinship caregivers who currently have a child(ren) placed in their home who is in CCDCFS custody.
- The child must be in the custody of CCDCFS.
- A kinship caregiver who is a licensed foster parent is not eligible for these payments.
- There is no application process and no need to apply. Payments will automatically start once the kinship assessment is approved.
- If a child is placed in your home before September 29, 2021, caregivers will receive KSP payments for no more than nine months from the date the child was placed in the home.
- If a child is placed in your home after September 30, 2021, caregivers will receive KSP payments for no more than six months from the date that the child was placed in the home.
- Payments are retroactive to the day of placement with caregiver.
- Caregivers will receive KSP payments up until they become a licensed foster caregiver, until the child is no longer placed in the home as a kinship placement, or the timeframe described above has ended, whichever happens first.
- The current 2023 payment will be \$11.74 per day, per kinship child placed in your home. The rate per day may change pending the state budget.
- Please note this program is not considered income but, is considered reimbursement for providing care to a child in DCFS custody for a temporary timeframe.

### Extended Kinship Support Payments (E-KSP)

- Kinship Caregivers with Cuyahoga County youth placed in their home as documented in SACWIS, will receive payments under the Cuyahoga County Extended Kinship Support Program (E-KSP) after the termination of the State of Ohio Kinship Support Program payments. The E-KSP payments of \$10.20 a day per kinship child placed in the home will continue from Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services. The payments are per day based on the number of days in the month.

### Kinship Housing Assistance Program

- There are vouchers currently available in the Fairfax Intergenerational Housing units through CMHA. These units are designed for adults 55 years of age and older with legal custody of one or more minor non-biological children. These units are townhouses in the Central neighborhood and include supportive services.
- If you are in need of housing, this could be an immediate resource. You will be required to access the wait list via: CMHA Waiting List (citing Fairfax Intergenerational).

## Kinship Mileage Reimbursement

CCDCFS approved kinship caregivers are eligible for reimbursement for qualified mileage and parking fees when transporting children placed in their homes by Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services to agency authorized appointments. Agency author-ized appointments include:

- Family visits
- Medical appointments
- Dental appointments
- Eye appointments
- Counseling appointments
- Therapy appointments

The milage reimbursement for authorized travel is set at a standard mileage rate(s) currently established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for travel expenses.

Some transportation costs that are associated with activities that are considered daily routine of any family are not reimbursed. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Transportation to and from school
- Transportation to and from recreational activities
- Transportation to and from vacation
- Transportation to and from church
- Transportation to and from sporting events
- Transportation to and from prescription pick-up/refills

For reimbursement, caregivers must complete the Travel Expense Report Form ([download here](#)) detailing mile-age and other costs. Please contact your worker for this form. When filling out this form the items below must be included:

Dated original receipts for tolls, parking, bus, taxi.

These documents must be attached to the form and submitted to your worker no later than 60 days following the month travel reimbursement is requested. Any request outside of this time frame will require further approval. The maximum allowable reimbursement for parking without a receipt is \$2.00.



## Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (KPIP)

KPIP is available for kinship caregivers who hold legal custody or guardianship of a minor child who is not a biological child.

Caregivers who are eligible will receive a total of eight payments per child. The initial payment amount to be received is \$525.00 per child. The remaining seven payments will be \$300.00 per child..

For a caregiver to receive a check they must apply and reapply every six months.

Please note this program is not considered income but, is consider an incentive. Thus, it should not effect Social Security payments or any other government assistance programs.

The program is based upon a household income. The income guidelines are based upon the 300% federal poverty guidelines. Please see below:

Family Size	300% Federal Poverty Guidelines
2	\$59,160
3	\$74,580
4	\$90,000
5	\$105,420
6	\$120,840
7	\$136,260
8	\$151,680
For each additional person add	\$5,140

To request an application packet, please call (216-881-4343) or they are available at the front desk at the Jane Edna Hunter Building located at 3955 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH, 44115.

## Cuyahoga Job & Family Services Benefits

### TANF - Ohio Works First (OWF)/Child Only Benefits

If you are a relative caregiver and have a child placed in your home who is in the Custody of Cuyahoga County DCFS and the Kinship Support Payments have ended, you can apply for the Ohio Works First "Child Only Benefit". This is different from the traditional Ohio Works First program as the Cash benefit does not include your income, but rather the child's income. The child will not be eligible if they are receiving any Social Security benefits.

You will need the following from CCDCFS to apply:

- A placement letter from the CCDCFS worker that is on the county letterhead. It must be signed and dated by the CCDCFS caseworker and their supervisor, including their contact information and the following information:
  - The name of the child(ren) placed with the kinship caregiver, their DOB, and SSN.
  - The name of the kinship caregiver, their DOB, and SSN
  - The date the child(ren) were placed with the kinship caregiver
  - The date the child(ren) entered CCDCFS/caregiver's custody.
  - The blood relationship between the child(ren) and caregiver (Maternal Aunt, Paternal Grandparent, etc.)
- A copy of the child's birth certificate who is placed in the home of by CCDCFS.

You (the caregiver) will need to provide the following:

- Copies of Birth Certificates showing the relationship between you (the caregiver) and the child(ren).
  - For example, if the child is your maternal grandson, you will need a copy of your birth certificate and your daughter's birth certificate.

### Medical

If the child is currently in the custody of the agency, the medical care is managed by DCFS.

If the caregiver receives custody of the child and needs medical, the caregiver can apply for it along with "Child Only Benefits" through JFS.

### Food Assistance - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Food assistance/SNAP benefits may be available for clients through CJFS. Please see the instructions on Page 9 to apply for benefits.

## Prevention, Retention, Contingency (PRC) - KCP

KCP/PRC is a category of assistance designed to assist relative caregivers who have had children placed in their home. KCP has two categories:

- **Stabilization**
  - 4 month period from date of placement
  - Allows caregiver potential eligibility to obtain items necessary for caring for child(ren) placed in their care
  - Assistance group size one (only count child(ren))
  - 200% federal poverty level guideline for assistance group size
- **KCP/Childcare**
  - Relative caregiver must be in a qualified activity (employed or in school)
  - Assistance group size is caregiver and child(ren) in care
  - Must meet 200% federal poverty guidelines for household size.
  - No eligibility exists for fulltime childcare under KCP rules
  - Maximum issuance is \$1500 per child per calendar year

KCP does not cover cash, food stamps, or ongoing child care. These KCP can only be issued for children residing with a caregiver in Cuyahoga Co.

Below are the 2023 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Family Size	200% Federal Poverty Guidelines
2	\$39,440
3	\$48,720
4	\$60,000
5	\$70,280
6	\$80,560
7	\$90,840
8	\$101,120
For each additional person add	\$5,140

## How to Apply for JFS Benefits

To apply for OWF, Medical, Food Assistance:

- A completed JFS 07200 application for cash, food, or medical assistance will need to be completed.
- You can apply online at <https://benefits.ohio.gov/>
- Caregiver can call the Call Center at (844) 640-6446, Monday through Friday 8am - 4pm, to apply over the phone.
- Paper applications and drop boxes are available at Neighborhood Family Centers:

Jane Edna Hunter Building  
3955 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44115  
216-881-4416

Virgil E. Brown Building  
1641 Payne Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44114  
216-987-6978

Quincy Place - 2nd Floor  
8111 Quincy Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44104  
216-391-5027

Old Brooklyn (drop box only - no paper applications or scanner)  
4261 Fulton Parkway,  
Cleveland, OH 44144  
216-635-2918

Westshore Opportunity Center  
9830 Lorain Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44102  
216-987-6578

## Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

WIC is the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children. The program helps income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who recently had a baby, infants, and children up to five years of age who are at health risk due to inadequate nutrition. Caregivers who also have foster or kinship children under the age of 5 are eligible.

WIC provides education on nutrition and breastfeeding. The program also provides supplemental, highly nutritious foods such as the following:

- Cereal
- Eggs
- Milk
- Whole grain foods
- Fruits and vegetables
- Iron-fortified infant formula

WIC income eligibility is based upon the 185% Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

Economic Unit	Annually	Monthly	Twice Monthly	Biweekly	Weekly
1	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	1,038	519
2	36,482	3,040	1,520	1,404	702
3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	65,009	5,417	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	84,027	7,002	3,501	3,232	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799

## Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) Locations

WIC locations are located in all 88 counties in the state of Ohio. Applicants can contact the WIC Clinic Hotline at 1-800-755-GROW(4769) or [odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/women-infants-children/welcome](https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/women-infants-children/welcome)

Bedford WIC  
19999 Rockside Rd.  
Bedford, OH 44146  
216-957-5180

Cleveland Hts. WIC  
10 Severance Cir.  
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118  
216-297-2370

Lakewood WIC  
15224 Madison Ave.  
Lakewood, OH 44107  
216-228-2180

Broadway WIC  
6835 Broadway Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44105  
216-957-1950

Lee Harvard WIC  
Lee Harvard Health Center  
4071 Lee Rd. SE Suite. 270  
Cleveland, OH 44128  
216-751-8209

University WIC  
UH Rainbow Ctr for Women & Children  
5805 Euclid Ave. Rm. 101  
Cleveland, OH 44103  
216-675-6605

Parma/State WIC  
Parma Health Ed. Ctr. UH  
7300 State Rd.

Parma, OH 44134  
440-886-1752

Euclid Shore WIC  
291 E. 222nd St.  
Euclid, OH 44123  
216-731-6166

East Cleveland WIC  
16200 Euclid Ave.  
E. Cleveland, OH 44112  
216-451-3800

MetroHealth Ohio City  
Health Center  
4757 Lorain Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-957-4921

Southeast WIC  
13301 Miles Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44105  
216-751-3100

Hough WIC  
8300 Hough Ave,  
Cleveland, OH 44103  
216-231-3500

Brooklyn WIC  
5202 Memphis Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44144  
216-957-9832

Westtown WIC  
10654 Lorain Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44111  
216-671-3679

Parma/Snow WIC  
12301 Snow Rd.  
East Entrance, 4th Fl.  
Parma, OH 44130  
216-265-6810

Buckeye WIC  
Buckeye Health Center  
2816 E. 116th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44120  
216-957-4370

J. Glen Smith WIC  
11100 St. Clair Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44108  
216-957-5635

MetroHealth WIC  
2500 MetroHealth Dr.  
Cleveland, OH 44109  
216-778-4932

Administrative Office  
5202 Memphis Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44144  
216-957-9421

## Help Me Grow

**Help Me Grow** is a system of supports for pregnant women, caregivers with new babies, and families with young children with developmental delays and disabilities. Services and supports can be provided via home visiting and early intervention.

- Home Visiting is a voluntary, home-based service offered at no cost to the family. Trained professionals offer information and support during pregnancy and empower parents with skills, tools, and confidence to nurture the healthy growth of their child throughout the child's earliest years.
- Early Intervention supports families of young children birth to age three with developmental delays and disabilities. These services are typically provided in the home or other places the family spends time and builds on their ability to enhance the child's learning and development.

**Help Me Grow is available in all 88 counties in the state of Ohio**

### Contact information for Help Me Grow, Cuyahoga County:

Regional Partner: Bright Beginnings

216-930-3322

440-389-3322

800-755-GROW

HMGreferrals@helpmegrow.org

## Community Resources

### Neighborhood Collaboratives

**Neighborhood Collaboratives** are organizations that provide resources and support for families. They work with families that are already involved with our agency and those families that are not involved with the agency. The collabs offer support to stabilize family dynamics and return or maintain children safely in the home. Collabs also serve as a community voice, advocate, and resource on behalf of children's well-being, often working with DCFS staff to identify best options to help ensure child safety and permanency. Collabs provide or connect families with a myriad of services including:

- Assistance with basic needs
- Early childhood/youth services
- Substance abuse services
- Counseling
- Housing referrals
- Employment assistance
- Education
- Health and wellness

Please see the next page for the list of neighborhood collaboratives and their associated zip codes in which they serve.

## Current Neighborhood Collaboratives

### **Murtis Taylor Human Services System - Mount Pleasant University Settlement - Southwest Community**

13422 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120

[www.murtistaylor.info](http://www.murtistaylor.info)

216-283-4400

Serving zip codes: 44120, 44122, 44112

### **Based Services (Parma)**

8911 W. Ridgewood Drive, Parma, Ohio 44130

[www.universitysettlement.net](http://www.universitysettlement.net)

440-887-4873

Serving zip codes: 44017, 44070, 44129, 44130, 44131,

44133, 44134, 44136, 44138, 44141, 44142, 44144,

44147, 44149

### **Murtis Taylor Human Services System - East Cleveland & Euclid**

16005 Terrace Rd., East Cleveland, OH 44112

[www.murtistaylor.info](http://www.murtistaylor.info)

216-681-2141

Serving zip codes: 44117, 44119, 44123, 44132

### **University Settlement**

4800 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, OH 44127

[www.universitysettlement.net](http://www.universitysettlement.net)

216-641-8948

Serving zip codes: 44105, 44125, 44127

### **Murtis Taylor Human Services System - Garfield**

5522 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125

[www.murtistaylor.info](http://www.murtistaylor.info)

216-283-4400

Serving zip codes: 44125, 44137

### **Westside Community House**

9300 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102

[www.wschouse.org](http://www.wschouse.org)

216-771-7297

Serving zip codes: 44102, 44109, 44113

### **Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)**

2573 East 43rd St., Cleveland, OH 44104

[www.cmha.net/residentservices/familytofamily](http://www.cmha.net/residentservices/familytofamily)

216-271-2387

Serving zip codes: 44104, 44115

### **Catholic Charities - Fatima Family Center**

6809 Quimby Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103

[www.ccdocle.org/locations/Fatima-family-center](http://www.ccdocle.org/locations/Fatima-family-center)

216-631-1244

Serving zip codes: 44022, 44103, 44114

### **East End Neighborhood House**

2749 Woodhill Dr., Cleveland, OH 44104

[www.eenh.org](http://www.eenh.org)

216-791-9378

Serving zip codes: 44104, 44106

### **Catholic Charities - St. Martin De Porres**

1264 East 123rd St., Cleveland, OH 44108

[www.ccdocle.org/locations/st-martin-de-porres-family-center](http://www.ccdocle.org/locations/st-martin-de-porres-family-center)

216-268-3909

Serving zip codes: 44108, 44110

### **Harvard Community Services Center**

18240 Harvard Ave., Cleveland, OH 44128

[www.harvardcommunitycenter.org](http://www.harvardcommunitycenter.org)

216-991-8585

Serving zip codes: 44128, 44139, 44146

### **City of Lakewood**

12900 Madison Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107

[www.thelakewoodfoundation.org/lakewood-area-collaborative/](http://www.thelakewoodfoundation.org/lakewood-area-collaborative/)

Serving zip codes: 44107, 44111, 44116, 44126, 44135,

44140, 44145

### **The Centers - Heights Suburban Collaborative**

1941 S. Taylor, Cleveland, OH 44118

[www.thecentersohio.org/services/family-support/](http://www.thecentersohio.org/services/family-support/)

216-325-9132

Serving zip codes: 44040, 44106, 44118, 44120, 44121,

44122, 44124, 44143

## Food Banks

### **Greater Cleveland Food Bank**

15500 South Waterloo Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44110  
216-738-2265  
Greaterclevelandfood-bank.org

### **May Dugan Center**

4115 Bridge Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-631-5800  
Maydugancenter.org

### **A.C.E. Ministry Affinity Baptist Church**

4411 East 175th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44128  
216-283-4365  
Affinitymbc.org

### **Abundance Food Pantry**

3031 Monticello Blvd.  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106  
216-321-2660  
Fhcpresb.org/food-pantry/

### **AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland**

2829 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44115  
216-621-0766  
Clevelandtaskforce.org

### **Audrey's Outreach**

16845 Holland Rd.  
Brook Park, OH 44142  
216-433-1515  
Audreysoutreach.org

### **Avon Avenue Baptist Church**

10902 Avon Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44105  
216-883-6120

### **Bethany Baptist Church**

1211 East 105th St.

Cleveland, OH 44108  
216-791-2673  
Bethanybap.org

### **Beulah Baptist Church of Col- linwood**

14912 Saranac Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44110  
216-451-5477

### **Bishop William Cosgrove Center**

1736 Superior Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44114  
216-781-8262

### **Body of Christ Assembly**

20900 Miles Parkway  
Warrensville Hts., OH 44128  
216-870-0328  
Boca1.org

### **Bountiful Basement**

4370 West 140th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44135  
216-671-3870

### **Bridge of Hope Center**

3949 Lee Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44128  
216-276-0571

### **Brookside Hunger Center**

3802 Pearl Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44109  
216-749-4295

### **Calvary Lutheran Church**

13101 Euclid Ave.  
East Cleveland, OH 44112  
216-451-1151

### **Calvary Presbyterian Church**

2020 East 79th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44103  
216-391-8448

### **Christian Fellowship Center Ministries**

14713 Lakeshore Blvd.  
Cleveland, OH 44110  
216-201-9145

### **Church on the Rise**

3550 Crocker Rd.  
Westlake, OH 44145  
440-808-0200

### **Church Street Ministries**

1480 W. Bagley Rd.  
Berea, OH 44017  
440-826-4603

### **City Reach Church**

3801 Clark Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44109  
216-631-6764

### **Cleveland Chesed Warehouse**

1898 South Taylor Rd.  
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118  
216-932-3115

### **Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry**

2004 South Green Rd.  
Beachwood, OH 44121  
845-558-1529

### **Community Corner Hunger Center**

8302 Detroit Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44102  
216-631-6508

### **D'Jakes Community Resources**

14715 Euclid Ave.  
East Cleveland, OH 44112  
216-486-8464

## Food Banks

### **Denison Avenue United Church of Christ**

9900 Denison Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44102  
216-631-0904

### **East 131st St. Church of Christ Food Pantry**

3711 East 131st St.  
Cleveland, OH 44120  
216-410-1940

### **Euclid Hunger Task Force**

291 E. 222nd St. Rm 17  
Euclid, OH 44123  
216-731-3329

### **Faith Community Church**

5650 Friend Ave.  
Maple Heights, OH 44137  
216-518-0520

### **Famicos Foundation**

8555 Hough Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
216-791-6887

### **Fatima Family Center**

6600 Lexington Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44103  
216-391-0505

### **Friendly Inn Settlement**

2386 Unwin Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44104  
216-431-7656

### **Garfield Hts. Senior Center**

5407 Turney Rd.  
Garfield Heights, OH 44125  
216-475-3244

### **Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church**

3435 Fairmount Blvd.

Cleveland, OH 44118  
216-321-3481

### **Harvard Community Service Center**

18240 Harvard Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44128  
216-491-3318

### **Heavenly Harvest Food Pantry**

4260 Rocky River Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44135  
216-252-2348

### **Iglesia Nueva Vida - Free Methodist Church**

2327 Holdem Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44109  
216-741-0511

### **Iglesia Sinai**

3256 Scranton Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44109  
216-201-9112

### **Imani Church**

2463 North Taylor Rd.  
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118  
216-732-8204

### **Lakewood Community Services Center**

14230 Madison Ave.  
Lakewood, OH 44107  
216-226-6466

### **Lee Seville Miles Hunger Ctr.**

16718 Miles Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44128  
216-752-9384

### **Love Thy Neighbor**

6295 Broadview Rd.  
Parma, OH 44134  
440-453-9522

### **Middleburg Hts. Food Pantry**

7000 Paula Dr.  
Middleburg Hts., OH 44130  
216-362-0044

### **Mt. Haven Baptist Church**

3484 MLK Jr. Dr.  
Cleveland, OH 44104  
216-441-2770

### **New Beginnings Ministry**

2060 W. 65th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44102  
216-916-9270

### **North Olmsted Food Pantry**

26272 Buternut Ridge Rd.  
North Olmsted, OH 44070  
440-716-4165

### **Nottingham Food Pantry**

18316 St. Clair Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44110  
216-481-4827

### **Olivet Institutional Baptist**

8712 Quincy Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
216-721-3585

### **Parma Hunger Center**

5280 Broadview Rd,  
Parma, OH 44134  
216-351-6376

### **Pilgrim Congregational Church**

2592 W. 14th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-861-7388

### **Project Hope**

233 Tuxedo Ave.  
Brooklyn Hts., OH 44131  
216-739-3702

## Food Banks

### **Redeemer Crisis Center**

2970 W. 30th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-631-6434

### **Sagrada Familia Church**

7719 Detroit Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44102  
216-631-2888

### **St. John Paul Ozanam Ctr.**

8328 Broadway Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44105  
216-441-6373

### **Salvation Army - Miles Park**

4139 E. 93rd St.  
Cleveland, OH 44105  
216-341-1640

### **Salvation Army - E. Cle Corps**

1507 Doan Ave.  
East Cleveland, OH 44112  
216-249-4334

### **Salvation Army - Ohio City**

4400 Clark Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44109

### **Salvation Army - Temple Corps.**

17625 Grovewood Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44119  
216-692-1388

### **Salvation Army - West Park**

12645 Lorain Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44111  
216-252-3593

### **Shaker Hts. Community Hunger Ctr.**

20120 Lomond Blvd.  
Shaker Hts., OH 44122  
216-561-8358

### **Solon Rotary Club Pantry**

32001 Cannon Rd.  
Solon, OH 44139  
440-349-6363

### **S. Euclid United Church of Christ**

4217 Bluestone Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44121  
216-658-4263

### **St. Albert the Great Parish**

6667 Wallings Rd.  
North Royalton, OH  
440-237-6760

### **St. Edward High School Pantry**

13500 Detroit Ave.  
Lakewood, OH 44107  
216-221-3776

### **St. John Cantius Hunger Ctr.**

2265 W. 10th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-781-9095

### **St. Ladislav Church**

10205 Lorain Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44111  
216-251-0300

### **St. Leo the Great**

4940 Broadview Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44109  
216-661-1008

### **University Settlement**

4800 Broadway Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44127  
216-641-8948

### **Walk of Faith Community Ctr.**

7074 Columbia Rd.  
Olmsted Falls, OH 44138  
440-235-4414

### **West Side Catholic Center**

3135 Lorain Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-631-4741

## LGBTQ2S+ Agency Resources

Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services has a program called **AFFIRM.ME**. The program serves to specifically improve the lives of LGBTQ2S (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and two spirit) youth involved with DCFS. DCFS collaborates with community partners to deliver services designed to improve child safety, family relationships, stability, well-being, and permanency for children and youth who have a diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression.

Some services that are available for caregivers are:

Pride Caregiver Network - this is available for caregivers who are open and eager to help care for a youth who identifies as LGBTQ2S and who will provide a safe and supportive home for the child. Caregivers who partake in this program will receive training, attend support groups, and act as mentors to other foster and kinship parents.

Chosen Affirming Family Finding - DCFS works to help biological and chosen family members connect or reconnect with youth to strengthen affirming relationships.

Youth Acceptance Project – DCFS contracts with community agencies to provide in-home services to caregivers by meeting them where they are at in their understanding of a youth's sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression and working with them to expand their hearts and minds to becoming more accepting and affirming.

Please reach out to your caseworker or email the AFFIRM.ME. Team at [Affirmme@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Affirmme@jfs.ohio.gov) for more information or to request resources or services!

## LGBTQ2S+ Community Resources

### LGBTQ+ Friendly Therapists:

#### **Antone Feo & Associates, Sue Doerfer, MSW, LISW-S**

24500 Center Ridge Rd. Ste. 120  
Westlake, OH 44145  
440-899-1300

#### **LGBTQ Center of Greater Cleveland**

6705 Detroit Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44102  
216-651-5428  
Lgbtcleveland.org

#### **Jason Lambrese, Cleveland Clinic Pediatric Psychiatry**

9500 Euclid Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44195  
440-835-1445

#### **May Dugan Center**

4115 Bridge Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-631-5800  
Maydugan.org

#### **Nora Corcoran, Psy.D., PsychBC**

25101 Chagrin Blvd. Ste. 100  
Beechwood, OH 44122  
216-468-5000  
884-468-5050

### LGBTQ Friendly Churches and Religious Organizations:

#### **Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ**

2592 W. 14th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-861-7388  
Pilgrimalive.org

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
2230 Euclid Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44115  
216-771-3630  
Trinitycleveland.org

#### **United Church of Christ**

700 Prospect Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44115  
216-736-2100  
Ucc.org

#### **University Circle United Methodist Church**

1919 E. 107th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
216-421-1200  
Churchinthecircle.com

#### **Franklin Circle Christian Church**

1688 Fulton Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-781-8232  
Franklincirclechurch.org  
\*this church is a good resource to connect LGBTQ individuals to resources and services within the community\*

#### **The Council of Islamic Relations of Cleveland (aka CAIR-Cleveland)**

2999 Payne Ave. St. 220  
Cleveland, OH 44114  
216-830-2247  
Caircleveland.com

### Clinics, Groups, & Organizations:

#### **Cleveland Clinic LGBT Center**

14601 Detroit Ave.  
Lakewood, OH 44107  
216-237-5500  
<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/about/community/lgbt-health>

#### **Metro Health Kids Pride Clinic**

2500 Metrohealth Dr.  
Cleveland, OH 44109  
216-778-3745  
www.metrohealth.org

#### **LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland**

6705 Detroit Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44102  
216-651-5428  
Lgbtcleveland.org

#### **PFLAG - Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays**

Help Line: 216-556-1701  
615 Prospect Rd.  
Berea, OH 44017  
Pflagcleveland.org

#### **American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio**

4506 Chester Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44103  
216-427-2200  
Acluohio.org/issues/lgbt/default.asp

#### **AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland**

2829 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44115  
216-621-0766

**Trevor Project** - 24/7 Hotline that provides crisis intervention & suicide services to LGBT youth ages 13-24  
1-866-488-7386

#### **TransOhio**

Transohio.org

#### **Gender Spectrum**

Genderspectrum.org

## Other Kinship Resources

### Cuyahoga County:

<https://hhs.cuyahogacounty.us/divisions/detail/children-and-family-services>

<https://hhs.cuyahogacounty.us/programs/detail/grandparent-and-family-member-caretakers>

<https://hhs.cuyahogacounty.us/programs/detail/kinship-daycare>

<https://hhs.cuyahogacounty.us/programs/detail/kinship-support-program>

### State of Ohio:

[https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/kinship\\_care.stm](https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/kinship_care.stm)

<https://jfs.ohio.gov/factsheets/kinshipcare.pdf>

<https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/>

### Red Cross (smoke alarms):

Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, & Ashtabula Counties:

- Smoke alarm hotline: 216-361-5535
- Residents of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, South Euclid, and Woodmere Village hotline numbers:
  - Cleveland Heights - 216-291-2291
  - Euclid - 216-289-8425
  - South Euclid - 216-691-4273
  - Woodmere Village - 216-292-4103 ext. 234

Summit, Mahoning, Trumbull, Portage, Medina, & Columbiana Counties:

- Smoke alarm hotline: 330-535-2030

Stark, Wayne, Ashland, Carroll, Holmes, & Tuscarawas Counties:

- Smoke alarm hotline: 330-453-0146

Erie, Hancock, Huron, Lorain, Putnam, Seneca, & Wyandot Counties:

- Smoke alarm hotline: 419-422-9322

Lucas, Fulton, Henry, Ottawa, Sandusky, & Wood Counties:

- Smoke alarm hotline: 419-329-2900

## How do I become a foster parent for my kin?

Kinship caregivers can become licensed foster parents for the child they are taking care of.

### Child Specific Foster Parenting

If the child that the kinship caregiver is taking care of is currently in the custody of Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services, caregivers can apply to become a licensed foster parent to the child(ren). Family members must meet the same eligibility requirements as any other foster parent applicant.

- Kinship caregivers who become child specific foster parents do not have to foster any other child besides their current kinship placement

### Fingerprinting

All caregivers must be fingerprinted and have background checks completed. Fingerprint appointments must be scheduled by calling the **Fingerprinting Department at 216-881-4570**.

**THERE ARE NO WALK-IN FINGERPRINTING APPOINTMENTS.**

### Pre-Service Training

Pre-service training is the required curriculum to become a foster and/or adoptive parent. Orientation to our programs consist of 24 hours of training. Sessions are offered at various times to accommodate all schedules. Please contact the Recruitment Department 216-881-5775 or visit our website at [www.cfs.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.cfs.cuyahogacounty.us) for class schedules.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING BY CALLING THE RECRUITMENT DEPARTMENT**



## Daycare Services

Kinship caregivers can receive help with daycare services through DCFS as long as the child(ren) are in Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services custody. If the child(ren) involved with DCFS is not in DCFS custody, the caregiver can apply for daycare through Job & Family Services (see page 24); however, the custodian must meet income requirements to be eligible for a daycare voucher. Caregivers who are taking care of kids that are in DCFS custody, can apply for JFS Daycare but, the caregiver must meet their income requirements. If a caregiver currently receives daycare vouchers through JFS, the child can be added to their caseload. If kinship caregivers do not qualify for daycare services through JFS, DCFS has a kinship daycare program that can help with daycare services.

**If help is needed to find a daycare near you please contact Starting Point at 216-575-0061**

### Starting Point

**The following information can be found at [www.starting-point.org](http://www.starting-point.org)**

#### **Parent Hot Line:**

We Help families throughout Northeastern Ohio find the right childcare program for their child in their neighborhood or near their work. When you call, a trained Resource and Referral Specialist will answer your questions, give you personal assistance and send you our free Good Child Care book .

#### **Special Needs Child Care:**

If you live in Cuyahoga County and have a child with developmental, health, physical, social-emotional or behavioral challenges, Special Needs Child Care can help you find a positive child care environment, dedicated teachers and expert support so your child will thrive. With help from a team of experts, we'll make sure the teachers are trained to manage your child's needs and have the necessary equipment and appropriate activities.

#### **Out-of-School Time Activities**

A Starting Point Resource and Referral Specialist can help you find after-school, out-of-school time and summer camp programs for your child.

#### **Arts and Cultural Activities**

Find exciting dance, drama, music, visual arts, history, literature and science activities for your child at [www.smartculturesource.org](http://www.smartculturesource.org)—an innovative one-stop searchable website listing Cuyahoga County out of school time programs.

#### **MyCom:**

If you have a teenager between the ages of 13 and 18 and live in Parma, Shaker Heights, East Cleveland or Cleveland neighborhoods: Central, Cudell-Midwest, Mt. Pleasant, St. Clair-Superior, Slavic Village and West Park, Starting Point can connect your child with a wealth of academic, recreational and cultural activities. This is a project of MyCom, a multi-agency program aimed at helping young people in Greater Cleveland reach their potential.

#### **Contact Us:**

Phone: (216) 575-0061 Toll Free: (800) 880-0971 TTY: (800) 750-0750

MyCom Email: [MyCom@starting-point.org](mailto:MyCom@starting-point.org)

## JFS Daycare

In order to be eligible for daycare services through Job & Family Services, clients must meet the following criteria:

- **Must meet the definition of a family** (definition of a family can include but is not limited to unmarried parents and foster parents as long as they are living in the same household).
  - One or more caregivers and all minor children must reside in the same household.
  - Caregiver, caregiver's minor child and the child of the minor child must reside in the same household
  - Caregiver who is a foster parent or stepparent and all of the minor children who reside with the caregiver in the household
  - Caregiver has shared custody of a minor child(ren) when the child(ren) reside with the caregiver
- A caregiver who is a foster parent or stepparent and all of the minor children who reside with the caregiver in the household.
  - Married caregivers and all minor children who reside with the caregiver in the house-hold.
- **Other determining factors**
  - Gross monthly income must be at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level
  - Ongoing eligibility may be maintained if the gross monthly income is below the 130% Federal Poverty Level.
- The caregiver must be participating in the following:
  - Employment (Full-time or Part-time)
  - Training or an education program which prepares the caregiver for employment.

**Applications (Initial and Redetermination) are available at any of Cuyahoga County Job and Family Services, Neighborhood Family Service Centers, see page 9.**

**If a kinship caregiver is applying for JFS daycare for a child that is in CCDCFS custody they will need to give the caseworker at JFS a letter from the agency stating that the child is currently in agency custody and placed in the caregivers home.**

### JFS Child Care Income Eligibility Standards:

Family Size	Income Limit Initial 145% FPL	Income Limit Transitional 150% FPL	Income Limit Ongoing 300% FPL
2	\$2,384	\$2,466	\$4,932
3	\$3,005	\$3,108	\$6,216
4	\$3,625	\$3,750	\$7,500
5	\$4,248	\$4,394	\$8,787
6	\$4,868	\$5,036	\$10,071
7	\$5,489	\$5,678	\$11,355
8	\$6,111	\$6,321	\$12,642

## Kinship Daycare

**Kinship Day Care** is for children in the custody of DCFS who are placed in the care of a relative or an interested individual. **Kinship Day Care payments end when DCFS custody is terminated. Kinship Day Care assistance is based upon funding availability and is subject to change. Please contact your DCFS worker to apply.**

Who is eligible for Kinship Daycare:

- A minor mother who is currently in the custody of DCFS is eligible for daycare through Kinship Daycare
- Kinship day care can be used for children placed with relatives where a filing is to be completed but the case has yet to go to court. If the filing is complete or the court denies the custody, the daycare services will be terminated immediately.
- If the relative has Temporary Custody or a filing is in motion for caregiver to receive custody, they are not eligible for kinship daycare.
- Qualified caregivers who work full-time outside of the home or are full-time students can request daycare for five (5) days a week in accordance with their work/school schedule.
- Qualified caregivers who work part-time or are enrolled in school part-time (25 hours a week or less) can request daycare services for three (3) days a week.
- Authorization period for Kinship Daycare is six (6) months.
- Choosing a Daycare:

Daycare must be licensed and willing to take payments from DCFS

Daycares should be Step-Up-To-Quality centers. Caregivers should contact Starting Point at (216) 575-0061 for assistance locating a Step-Up-To-Quality (SUTQ) daycare provider.

If there is an application/registration fee for daycare enrollment, the fee can be paid by CCDCFS  
Approved HOME daycares can be used for INFANTS ONLY (aged 0-36 mos.). Children between the ages of 4 and 6 must be in pre-kindergarten or a head start program. Children over the age of 6 may be enrolled in a before/after school care at an approved daycare facility.

CCDCFS will only pay the amount that is billed. The agency WILL NOT pay more than the allowed amount for the age of the child. If the amount exceeds the allowable amount the agency will pay for, the caregiver is held responsible for paying the difference. Transportation costs can be paid if it is included in the costs covered by the agency for the child's age

Age Group	Average Full-Time	Average Part-Time Weekly	Daily Reimbursement
Infant 0 – 17 Months	Up to \$208.91	Up to \$125.35	Up to \$41.78
Toddler 18 – 35 Months	Up to \$189.37	Up to \$113.62	Up to \$37.87
3 – 5 Years Old but not in school	Up to \$168.40	Up to \$101.04	Up to \$33.68
5+ years old and in school	Up to \$139.20	Up to \$83.52	Up to \$27.84

## DCFS/Kinship Contact Information

Community Partnership, Kinship, & Foster/Adopt Recruitment Department

Jocelyn Jones, Senior Manager

216-881-5739,

Recruitment Supervisor

216-881-5972

Foster/Adopt Recruitment

**Foster/Adopt Recruitment Inquiry Line**

216-881-5775

Fingerprinting

**Fingerprint Request Line**

216-881-4570

My Caseworker \_\_\_\_\_

Caseworker's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Caseworker's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_



The mission of CCDCFS is to assure that all children are protected and nurtured within a family and with the support of the community as we strive to end the over-representation of people of color in the child welfare system. Safety, permanency, and well-being are the goals for every child and family we encounter. Employees investigate child abuse and neglect allegations, assess child safety and risk contributors, and help stabilize families that have been weakened through poverty, illness or crisis. DCFS provides safe and appropriate placement for children in County custody, and helps achieve permanency through reunification, legal custody or adoption.



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