



Procedure Letter 17

TO: Children Services Stakeholders
FROM: Kara B. Wentz, Director
DATE: May 27, 2025
SUBJECT: Kinship Permanency Incentive Program Income Guidelines and Payment Amounts for State Fiscal Year 2026

Background

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5101.802 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 5180:2-40-04, the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is to update income eligibility guidelines for the Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI) Program to reflect changes in the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Additionally, OAC rule 5180:2-40-04 requires DCY to annually inform agencies of the established KPI payment amounts.

Purpose

Effective July 1, 2025, the following table is to be used when determining eligibility for the KPI Program. The table reflects three hundred percent (300%) of the 2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines, rounded to the nearest dollar and adjusted for family size. The annual update of the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines can be found here: Federal Register :: Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines.

Table with 2 columns: FAMILY SIZE and 300% OF FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES. Rows include family sizes 2 through 8 and a row for 'For each additional person add:'.



The KPI payment amounts for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 will remain unchanged from SFY 2025. For applications approved during SFY 2026 (beginning July 1, 2025), eligible kinship caregivers will receive:

- An initial payment of **\$525 per child**, and
- Subsequent payments of **\$300 per child** every six months.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact Rebekah Murray at rebekah.murray@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Rules/Forms

The chart indicates the impacted Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules and/or required forms.

OAC Rules	DCY Forms
5180:2-40-04	