

Department of Children and Youth Memo 25-036

TO: Directors and Administrators, Public Children Services Agencies

FROM: Laura Graf, Deputy Director Policy

DATE: May 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Kinship Licensing Incentive Program

Background

The Kinship Licensing Incentive Program (KLIP) provides flexible funding to the county Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs) to offset the costs of the certification process for the kinship caregiver, offset the placement costs after the kinship caregiver has become certified and received placement, or to offer incentives to a kinship caregiver to become a certified foster caregiver.

Purpose

KLIP will conclude on June 30, 2025, and will not be offered in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026. PCSAs are to invoice the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) by the last working day of the month the youth was placed in the certified kinship foster home. PCSAs are to ensure all placement information is entered into the Ohio Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (Ohio CCWIS) prior to submitting an invoice. Invoices should be emailed to klip@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov. The last day to submit invoices for payment is July 31, 2025.

Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Shelene Williams at Shelene.Williams@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.