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Welcome

Kinship Supports Intervention (KSI)

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Kinship Supports Intervention (KSI) Overview

- KSI was developed as a core intervention of the Ohio county agencies that participated in the ProtectOHIO Title IV-E federal waiver demonstration project. The project provided funding flexibility that allowed counties to serve children and families more strategically.
- **The mission of the Kinship Supports Intervention is to promote kinship placement as best practice, increasing attention to and support for kinship placements, caregivers, and families.**
- Ohio's KSI targets kinship caregivers (relatives and fictive kin) of children involved in the child welfare system, regardless of custody status or supervision orders. Kinship caregivers may be relatives through blood, marriage, or adoption. Kinship caregivers may also be fictive kin, which includes non-relative adults with whom the family or child identifies as having a long-standing relationship.

- The purpose of the KSI is to ensure that kinship caregivers have the support they need to meet the child's physical, emotional, financial and basic needs. It is essential that kinship caregivers are supported in order to connect with appropriate community resources (including financial resources) for the sake of maintaining placement stability.
- Relatives and fictive kin who become kinship caregivers due to the children's parents being unable to do so; may experience lack of readiness to take on the care of children and lack of knowledge of the community resources available to them.



KSI: Collaborative Model Development



- Workgroup: state reps, county reps, evaluation team
- Core & optional elements
- Fidelity measures
- Data collection tools & systems
- Practice manual
- Trainings
- Evaluation considerations



1. Better outcomes for children and families:

- Greater placement stability
- Decreased placement days
- Increased permanency
- Decreased re-abuse
- Decreased re-entry to care

2. Improved engagement and relationships with the community

3. Clearinghouse recognition of Intervention success

- California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse (CEBC) - June 2019 (3 Rating & High Child Welfare Relevance)
- Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse – first submission 2020
- Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse – re-review & approval October 2021

Outcome Study: Matched Case Comparison

- Kinship care used significantly more
- Compared to matched non-kin foster placements
 - Greater placement stability
 - Reached permanency more quickly
 - Less likely to experience subsequent abuse or neglect
 - Less likely to reenter out-of-home care



- ***Kinship Supports Intervention*** includes:
 - **A Kinship Coordinator**
 - **Kinship-specific assessment tools and processes** are used to ensure that kinship caregivers can support the child in their care, and that the services and supports they receive are aligned with their needs:
 - A **Kinship Home Assessment Tool** is completed by the Kinship Coordinator/staff as part of the home study, or no later than 30 days after a child is placed. The goal of the kinship home assessment is to document safety needs/concerns, the ability and willingness of the kinship caregiver to provide permanency for the child, and identification of the needs to be met in order for the kinship caregiver to provide for the child.
 - A two-part **Needs Assessment**, a 'Family Resource Scale' which identifies services and supports the caregiver needs as well as the strengths and resources of the kinship family, is completed by Kinship Caregiver with Kinship Coordinator/staff assistance as necessary, no later than 30 days after a child is placed and is updated, at a minimum, every 90 days thereafter to continue to assess and review kinship caregivers' needs for services and/or assistance to maintain safe and adequate care of the child(ren). The second part, 'Services and Supports for Kinship Family' helps the worker translate services and supports into Ohio SACWIS service categories and types.

- **Kinship Supports Intervention** include:
 - **Support Plan** is developed in accordance with the *Kinship Home Assessment Tool* and Needs Assessment results. This plan should be individualized and reviewed and updated regularly (every 90 days, in conjunction with the review of the Needs Assessment).
 - **Home visits** with kinship families occur at least monthly and include attention to the kinship caregiver as well as the child and other family members. The manual provides detailed information on kinship caregiver home visits.
 - **Kinship Handbook provided to the kinship caregiver** when the child is moved to the kinship home, or at the time of the home study. The handbook should include information that outlines the services and supports available in a given community. Additional state and federal guides detailing state and federal supports, as well as general information on what kinship care entails should also be provided prior to or at the time a child is placed.
 - **Parent/Caregiver Services** are available to support kinship families in accordance with their needs. Services and supports may be provided directly by the child welfare agency, through contracted service providers, or via referral to a community provider.

- Kinship Supports Intervention Manual
- Caseworker training
- Supervisor training
- Home Assessment Tool
- Needs Assessment
 - Family Resource Scale
 - Services and Supports for Kinship Family
- Support Plan

KSI Package of Materials

Ohio's Kinship Supports Intervention (KSI)/ProtectOHIO Package of Materials

Title	Type of Document	Hyper Links
<u>Manual and Guide</u>		
ProtectOHIO-Kinship-Intervention-Manual	Manual	ProtectOHIO Kinship Supports Intervention Manual 122921.pdf
JFS - 08146 Ohio Resource Guide for Relatives Caring for Children	Guide	OhioResourceGuideforRelatives.pdf
<u>Information Materials</u>		
Kinship Supports Intervention/HSRI/ProtectOHIO Kinship Supports Evaluation	Brief	ProtectOHIO Kinship Supports Evaluation Brief 2016 Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)
KSI Evaluation Brief	Brief	KSI Evaluation Brief.pdf (ohio.gov)
Wheeler, C.B. (2016). ProtectOHIO final evaluation report, pp. 151-154,211-215. Human Services Research institution published	Article	Final Evaluation Report: ProtectOHIO - Third Waiver Period Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)
<u>Education and Training Materials</u>		
ProtectOHIO-Kinship Strategy Self-Directed Course Presentation	PPT	ProtectOHIO Kinship Strategy SelfDirected Course Presentation.pdf
ProtectOHIO Kinship Strategy - Practice Manual Training	Online Training	https://ohiocaps.org/misc/ProtectOHIO%20Kinship%20Strategy.pdf
ProtectOHIO Kinship Strategy Case Worker Course Workbook	Training Workbook	ProtectOHIO Kinship Strategy Case Worker Course Workbook.pdf
Module #1 Overview of ProtectOHIO	Online Training	https://ohiocaps.org/mod1-protect-ohio/story_html5.html
Module #2 Kinship Intervention Overview	Online Training	https://ohiocaps.org/mod2-kinship-strategy/story_html5.html
Module #3 Enhancing the Kinship Support Intervention	Online Training	https://ohiocaps.org/mod3-enhancing/story_html5.html
Module #4 Kinship Caregiver Home Assessment	Online Training	https://ohiocaps.org/mod4-kinship-caregiver/story_html5.html
Module #5 Needs Assessment	Online Training	https://ohiocaps.org/mod5-needs-assessment/story_html5.html
Module #6 Home Visits and Support Services	Online Training	https://ohiocaps.org/mod6-home-visits/story_html5.html
Module #7 Ohio SACWIS	Online Training	https://ohiocaps.org/mod7-sacwis/story_html5.html
ProtectOHIO Kinship Strategy Supervisor Companion Guide	Training Workbook	ProtectOHIO Kinship Strategy Supervisor Companion Guide.pdf
<u>Evaluation Materials</u>		
ProtectOHIO Fourth Waiver Period Evaluation Report - Clearinghouse Submission	Report	ProtectOHIO Fourth Waiver Period Final Evaluation Report Clearinghouse Submission.pdf
ProtectOHIO Final Evaluation Report Appendices - Clearinghouse Submission	Report	ProtectOHIO Final Evaluation Report Appendices Clearinghouse Submission.pdf

KSI Ohio SACWIS Activity Log Functionality

- Category – Kinship Supports Intervention
 - Subcategory
 - KSI I&R
 - KSI Needs Assessment
 - KSI Home Assessment Part 1
 - KSI Home Assessment Part 2
 - 2-1-1 and 3-1-1 Referral Services
 - Coordination with Community Partners
 - KSI Support Plan
 - KSI Support Plan Review
 - KSI Support Provision
 - KSI Home Visit

Traverse and Onbase Electronic Storage of Documents

- ✓ Assessments
- ✓ Support Plans
- ✓ Receipts for Expenditures

CFIS Project Codes

- **JFSFP187 Kinship Support Intervention (KSI) Case Management (Admin)** – Contracts and purchased services *for case management activities* related to the general provision of KSI services for the proper and efficient administration of the program.
- **JFSFP188 Kinship Support Intervention (KSI) Service Provision** – Contracts and purchased services *for the provision of approved kinship navigation services* to a child and kinship caregiver/family.

RMS Codes

- **778 – Kinship Support Intervention (KSI) Case Mgt (Admin)** (Use with Program 760) - This code may be *used by agency personnel who are providing case management activities* related to the general provision of KSI services for the proper and efficient administration of the program.
- **780 – Kinship Support Intervention (KSI) Service Provision (CW, SS)** (Use with Program 760) - This code is to be *used when an agency employee is acting in the capacity of a kinship coordinator* by providing approved kinship navigation services to a child and kinship caregiver/family.

Consecutive but Not Concurrent

OhioKAN

Any kinship or adoptive family residing in Ohio

Both formal and informal kinship families

Families who have adopted publicly, privately or internationally

KSI

Kinship families with cases open to ongoing, intake or as Family In Need of Services.

- Case Management/Contact
 - Information and Referral
 - Mental health assessment
 - Substance abuse assessment
 - Mental health therapy/counseling
 - In-home family services/family preservation
 - Basic purchased hard goods
 - Home-related supports
 - Rental and/or utilities assistance
 - Transportation
 - Financial support
 - Training for kinship caregivers
- Optional Services:
- Legal services
 - Child Care*
 - Formal or informal respite*

Messages

- Kinship Care is safe
- Kinship Care promotes stability and reduces trauma;
- Kinship Care is less costly than foster care; and
- Kinship caregivers could benefit from support (financial, service, community).

Community Involvement is a critical piece

- Support for the intervention
- Support for kinship caregivers
- Support for the agency's mission and other agency initiatives/funding to improve outcomes for children/families.
- Invitation and knowledge about how they can support these positive outcomes for children/families

KSI Meeting Cadence

KSI workgroup meetings are held monthly to provide an opportunity for each county to share news about their KSI program.

2024 First Quarter Meeting Agenda

- January 24, 2024 3pm-4pm
- February 28, 2024 3pm-4pm
- March 27, 2024 3pm-4pm

Let us know if your agency is already, or planning to begin implementing the Kinship Supports Intervention (KSI) Services.

Please plan on joining us for the January meeting for more details and presentations from guest speakers:

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Bureau of Automated Services – Ohio SACWIS, Traverse and Onbase
Agencies Currently Implementing KSI



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Thank You

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