



**Families and Children Letter #156  
OFFICE OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**

**TO:** Directors and Administrators, Public Agencies  
Administrators, Title IV-E Courts

**FROM:** Jeffery Van Deusen, Deputy Director  
Office of Families and Children

**DATE:** December 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Kinship Support Program Cost-of-Living Adjustment for 2024

**Background**

The Kinship Support Program (KSP) was established on December 29, 2020, to provide payments to kinship caregivers who receive placement of a kinship child who is in the custody of a public children services agency (PCSA) or IV-E court. The payments are limited to a six-month period from the date of placement. However, if the child is no longer in PCSA custody, is no longer placed in the kinship home, or the kinship caregiver obtains foster care certification, the payments may end sooner.

**KSP Payment Amount**

In accordance with section 5101.885 of the Ohio Revised Code the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is required to increase the payment amount on the first of January each year by the cost-of-living adjustment made in the immediately preceding December. **Therefore, effective January 1, 2024, KSP payments will be increased from \$11.74 per day per child to \$12.10 per day per child.** Ohio SACWIS is incorporating this increase in existing functionality, and it is expected that it will be reflected on KSP payments that are issued in February 2024.

**Notification to Caregivers**

We are in the process of sending each KSP recipient a letter informing them of the COLA increase. We are also sharing that also starting in January 2024, the letters received from our office will now be issued by the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) instead of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). This transition will not impact any payments or services provided by our office.

**Contact**

Questions about this may be addressed to the OFC helpdesk at [help-desk-ocf@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:help-desk-ocf@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) or by phone through our toll-free Customer Inquiry Call Center, at 1-866-886-3537, option 4, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, excluding holidays.