

Benefits of Kinship Care

RESEARCH SHOWS:

- Children who are raised in a safe and nurturing environment are able to form attachments to caregivers that promote healing and self-worth
- Children living with family members sustain connections
- Children in Kinship care have fewer behavior problems
- Children in Kinship care have fewer placement changes, leading to fewer school changes
- Children who reunify with their birth parents after Kinship Care are less likely to enter foster care



CAYUGA/SENECA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC.

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. (CSCAA) is a private, nonprofit organization incorporated in 1965 through the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight the war against poverty locally.

The Agency employs over 145 people and operates over 20 programs designed to help our customers alleviate hunger and homelessness, mitigate crisis, access domestic violence services, prepare for the workforce, nurture early childhood development, strengthen families, improve health outcomes, lower energy costs and consumption and improve parenting skills.

Mission

The mission of Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. is to respectfully assist people to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency through direct services, education, and community partnerships.



KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM



*STRENGTHENING FAMILY ATTACHMENTS
WHILE PROMOTING SAFETY,
PERMANENCY AND WELL BEING*



What is Kinship Care?



Kinship Care refers to the formal or informal care of children by relatives or close family friends (fictive kin) on a temporary or permanent basis.

Kin become full time caregivers when parents cannot provide care. The causes are diverse, including parents who are incarcerated, mentally ill, have abandoned their children, are deceased, or who have substance abuse problems, as well as parents who need temporary caregiver help due to military deployment, employment duties or other personal needs.

Kinship arrangements are often unanticipated and can result in a range of unique household needs and challenges.

Are YOU a Kinship Caregiver?

- **Do you need financial assistance?**
- **Do you know your rights?**
- **Are you worried about how to care for a child?**
- **Are you looking for respite?**



We Can Help. Our Services Include:

- Continual assessment of Kinship families using trauma focused screenings
- Referral to trauma informed case management services
- Advocacy to families including court visits
- Linkage to community resources
- Outreach to promote community awareness of services available
- Coordination/collaboration with other service systems to assist families
- Information and education for strengthening families
- Crisis intervention services
- Support groups

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