



FICTIVE KIN 101



1) WHAT IS FICTIVE KIN?

Fictive kin is when a close family friend, teacher, or even a neighbor steps in to take temporary guardianship over a child in foster care.

2) WHO CAN BE FICTIVE KIN?

A close family friend, teacher, neighbor, coach or someone with a pre-established, positive relationship with the child.



3) WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FICTIVE KIN PLACEMENTS?

These placements can offer a sense of stability and familiarity to children. Fictive kin can help maintain important connections and provide a more comfortable and nurturing environment during a challenging time.

4) DO YOU ALREADY NEED TO BE A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT?

No! That's the great part about being a fictive kin foster parent. Your home can become a provisional foster home until you become licensed.



5) ARE THERE RESOURCES?

Yes! Relatives and fictive kin can apply for SNAP, foster children may be eligible for day care and other services, and foster children will be eligible for Medicaid.

6) WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO BECOME A FICTIVE KIN FOSTER PARENT?

It takes approximately 6 months to become a licensed foster parent. This includes completing 12 hours of training, participating in home studies, CPR training and background checks.



7) CONTINUITY OF RELATIONSHIPS

Fictive kin placements allow children to maintain important relationships with extended family members, friends, teachers, or others who are already a part of their lives. This continuity can provide emotional stability.

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