

**Comparison Chart of Kinship Services provided by
Family Support Team and Child Welfare Kinship unit**

Kinship / TANF



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Relative receives a \$99 payment per child plus Medicaid (depending on the child's income i.e. <i>Child Support, SSA, SSI, ETC.</i>) Can apply for Medicaid only.	Relative receives \$429 (least amount), plus Medicaid, per child in custody.
For eligible relatives only (<i>Relationship must be verified</i>)	Can be a good friend of the family (<i>That meets agency criteria</i>)
Can apply for low- income child care.	Special Circumstance Day Care may be available for 30 days. (Kinship Transition)
DHS may or may not take custody	DHS must take custody
Reimbursement would be through normal child support orders to caregiver.	Fee assessment of the parent is on a sliding fee scale.
Registration with Child Support is a condition of eligibility.	Child Support is intercepted by DHS when receiving foster care.
Special funding for a specific financial need may be available on a case-by-case basis.	Less funding is available for families for a specific financial need. There are PIP funds in an emergency through the Child Welfare staff.
Subsidized Permanent Custody with relatives (<i>if child support comes in, it may put the child over income for the program at any time and end the payment</i>).	Adoption - This follows the termination of parental rights. The fee assessment for the parent ends.
Subsidized Permanent Custody/Medicaid	Adoption Subsidy/Medicaid
Subsidized Permanent Custody is only available with relatives who are currently certified and the child has been with them for at least six months.	Adoption subsidies may be in the form of services for the child covered by Medicaid. Medicaid use preferred.
Call Warm line: 444-5226, or Adrienne McMillian, Supervisor: 444-5220	Contact the Kinship foster care worker or Betsi Fredrickson, Supervisor: 444-5900

Program Challenges:

- Child care cost is an issue that presents a challenge for either program.
- Clients not sure which program they are actually applying for.
- Lapse in pay when applying for Kinship foster care or Kinship TANF.
- Subsidized Permanent Custody cases must meet several strict criteria.