

KINSHIP NAVIGATORS



Because caring for a relative or kinship child who is not your own can be complex and oftentimes challenging, CMFCAA's Kinship Navigator Program is designed to assist kinship caregiver families throughout Central Missouri in a variety of ways that help increase placement stability in both formal and informal situations.

Kinship Navigators work to provide families with a network of supports through:

Referrals – All Types
Direct Advocacy with Government Agencies, Landlords, Other Non-Profits, etc.
Voluntary Case Management
Emergency Financial Assistance (*limited availability/case-by-case basis*)

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FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

CMFCAA can help you navigate the process of becoming a foster or adoptive parent, whether you're open to a long-term or short-term commitment. All of CMFCAA's programs are geared toward strengthening, recruiting and retaining quality foster and adoptive homes for our most vulnerable children who have suffered from neglect and abuse.

CPR/first aid
Certificate
Eight hours

Preservice Training
Fostering classes
28 hours

CORE Teen
Behavioral classes
18 hours

SPAULDING
Adoption classes
12 hours

Ready, Set, FLY!
Life skill classes
Five hours

Sibling Bond
Family life classes
Seven hours

Sign up



Eligibility:

1. You must be 21 years old or older
2. Live in one of the 24 counties CMFCAA serves
3. Complete a child abuse/neglect check and criminal record check including fingerprints
4. Be in good health, both physically and mentally
5. Have a stable income
6. Be willing to participate in and complete a free training and assessment process
7. Be part of a professional team willing to voice perspectives and concerns
8. Be willing to partner with the child's family

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS YOUTH PROJECT®

CCYP® provides individualized case management for youth who have left or are aging out of the foster care system. The CCYP® program is designed to be a voluntary program allowing youth to opt in or out of any portion of the program. This service allows program staff to help clients accomplish a variety of goals that will maximize success and limit negative outcomes.

Eligibility:

- 1) Live in one of the 24 counties served by CMFCAA
- 2) Foster youth ages 17+ who are transitioning out of the foster care system
- 3) Young adults ages 17 to 26, who have exited the foster care system within the last 7 years



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VOLUNTEER



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OPPORTUNITIES: BENEFITS:

- Community outreach
- Child enrichment chaperones
- Programmatic essentials
- Social media & marketing
- Research & capacity building
- Maintenance & staff services
- Mentoring & training
- Virtual opportunities available

- Builds community
- Provides a sense of purpose
- Meet new friends
- Increases social skills
- Improves self-esteem
- Teaches valuable life skills
- Provides job prospects
- Brings fun into your life
- Helps foster children in need

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THE CENTRAL MISSOURI Foster Care & Adoption ASSOCIATION



THE COUNTIES WE SERVE:

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| Audrain | Dallas | Montgomery |
| Benton | Dent | Morgan |
| Boone | Gasconade | Osage |
| Callaway | Howard | Pettis |
| Camden | Laclede | Phelps |
| Crawford | Miller | Pulaski |
| Cooper | Maries | Randolph |
| Cole | Moniteau | Texas |

OUR MISSION: CMFCAA is committed to providing essential services and support to the kinship, foster and adoptive children, youth, and families in central Missouri.

OUR VISION: To build loving families and improve the future for children by breaking the cycle of abuse, neglect, and poverty. Loved children live better.

OUR VALUES:
CMFCAA C.A.R.E.S
C—Child-Centered
A—Advocacy
R—Resources
E—Engagement
S—Stewardship

For more information on our programs

Visit mofosteradopt.com

Call 573-298-0258 or

Email info@mofosteradopt.com

PROUDLY PARTNERED WITH:



United Way of Callaway County

United Way of Central Missouri

United Way of Heart of Missouri

DIRECT SERVICES

Begin Again Backpack

Backpacks filled with toiletries and personal items for children entering into care

One Simple Wish

Partnership with anonymous donors to acquire larger requests for youth

Trunk Clothing Closet

Free gently used clothing and shoes for foster, adoptive, and kinship youth

Item Requests

Help secure items to stabilize placement

Hair Cut Vouchers

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RESPIRE

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Odyssey Events

Odyssey Events are four hour drop off events that provide a fun evening for foster children that give caregivers a chance to rest & rejuvenate!

Respite Exchange

The Respite Exchange Program collects willing respite providers in order to help families seeking respite be matched with a provider that would best meet the needs of the children in care.

Special Events

Field trips where we take the children for a day to a child friendly place where they can make memories.

ADVOCACY

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Request help



The Advocacy Program offers advocates to help families navigate the subsidy system, help families find the help they need when struggling to understand how best to help children that is struggling in schools, mental health and the court system. We will walk with these families in helping them find the resources that they need to be successful in understanding the complexities of these issues. We will fight for them to have Their voices heard when no one wants to listen to the expert on their children (the family) and how best their children learn and cope with the trauma that they experienced. We will find them mental health agencies that will teach the family coping skills to help the family overcome the challenges that come with the trauma from the foster care, adoption, and guardianship has on the family. Most of all we want to be the friend that the families can come to listen to and help them find the solutions that work best for their family's needs.

EXTREME FAMILY FINDING®

Extreme Family Finding™ builds on the successful model created by the FosterAdopt Connect in Independence by creating a family tree, contacting and educating family and kin, working to identify permanent adoptive resources and other sources of relational permanency for children and youth, and wrapping concierge support and post-placement services around those identified families. With a combination of research, advocacy, and support, 80% of the children served are matched with permanency resources and 90% are reconnected with safe and appropriate lifelong support



Learn more

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30 DAYS TO FAMILY®

30 Days to Family® is an intense, short-term intervention developed by the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition to firstly increase the number of children placed with relatives when they enter the foster care system; and finally, ensure natural and community supports are in place to promote stability for the child. The program model features two major elements: family finding and family support interventions.

Eligibility:

- 1) Child is entering foster care in one of our 24 counties
- 2) Child is between the ages of 0-17 at the time of intake.
- 3) Child has entered/re-entered the foster care system and a referral is received prior to the initial court hearing.
- 4) Child has no approved identified relative option for placement
- 5) Child can be safely placed in the community within 30 days

Learn More



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