

Relative and Fictive Kin Service Array Worksheet

	Relative/Fictive Kin Caregiver (Take custody or control of the child)	Relative/Fictive Kin Caregiver (Pursue approval as a Child Specific Foster Parent)
Home Approval Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Home Evaluation • Background Check (will require finger print check if the individual has resided out of state within the past five years) • Online Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma Course- only Fictive Kin caregivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Home Evaluation • Background checks, including fingerprint-based criminal background check • Online Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma Course
Additional Requirements	NONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must remain in DCBS custody • Attend Foster Parent Pre-Service training (5 hours face to face, 5 online courses) • Participate in the completion of a foster home study* • Provide documentation of physical health, marriage and divorce records, and other required home study paperwork
Agency Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly home visits by child’s social worker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly home visits by child’s social worker • At minimum, quarterly home visit by foster family’s assigned social worker • Annual re-evaluation and home study update
Long Term Placement Implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If reunification with birth family is not possible, the agency will request Permanent Custody to the relative/fictive kin caregiver • Legal guardianship may be sought by the caregiver • Independent adoptions are possible long-term options for relatives and fictive kin who choose to accept custody 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If reunification with birth family is not possible, the agency will proceed with Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption by the relative/fictive kin caregiver • Permanent custody to the relative or fictive kin may also be an option, however the per diem will end once custody is released from DCBS. Other

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Long Term Placement Implications (continued)		<p>supportive services may be available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBS is seeking to establish the federal Guardianship Assistance Program in the near future, which would provide another option for permanency and long-term support without necessitating adoption
Financial Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relative Placement Support Benefits are available for relative caregivers. This is not available for fictive kin. • Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP) - * See attached rate chart • Childcare assistance for working caregivers • Medical Insurance – Medicaid • Food Stamps- based on financial eligibility • Information and referral to other state and community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relative Placement Support Benefits are available for relative caregivers. This is not an option for fictive kin. • Childcare assistance for working caregivers • Medical Insurance –Medicaid • Information and referral to other state and community services • Monthly maintenance per diem at a reduced rate prior to approval • Monthly maintenance foster care per diem at the appropriate rate after approval
Assistance Post- Permanency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Financial assistance in the row above may continue post permanent custody, depending on the eligibility of the caregiver. • Aftercare Planning to set up services and referral based on the needs of the child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption Subsidy (if the child meets eligibility) • Tuition Waiver (if the child is eligible for Adoption Subsidy) • Guardianship Assistance Program (once available) • Referral for post-permanency services specific to needs of child and family

*In order to become a Child Specific Foster Home, the home study must be approved.

**Relatives/fictive kin may be approved as a basic foster home type if they desire, meet requirements, and if they are interested in fostering other children in out of home care.