

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 Safety Check and Review. • Background check (will require fingerprint 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 Safety Check and Review. • Background checks, including fingerprint based criminal background check. • Online Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma Course.
Additional Requirements	NONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child must remain in DCBS custody. • The caregiver must attend the foster parent pre-service training (5 hours face-to-face, 5 hours online courses). • The caregiver must participate in the completion of a foster home study.* • The caregiver must provide documentation of physical health, marriage and/or divorce records, and other required home study paperwork.
Agency Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly home visits by the child’s social worker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly home visits by the child’s social worker. • At a minimum, a quarterly home visit by the 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 the birth family is not possible, the agency will request permanent custody be given to the relative/fictive kin caregiver. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If reunification with the birth family is not possible, the agency will proceed with termination of parental rights and adoption by the relative/fictive kin caregiver.

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Long Term Placement Implications (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal guardianship may be sought by the caregiver. • Independent adoption is a possible long-term option for relatives and fictive kin caregivers who choose to accept custody. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent custody to the relative or fictive kin caregiver may also be an option; however, the per-diem will end once custody is released from DCBS. Other supportive services may be available. • 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 Fictive placement support benefit are available for relative and fictive kin caregivers. • 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 Fictive Kin placement support benefits are available for relative and fictive kin caregivers. • 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 referrals 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).

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referral for post-permanency services specific to the needs of the child and family.

*To become a child specific foster home, the home study must be approved.

**Relatives/fictive kin caregivers 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.