Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)   
(formerly food stamps)

The purpose of SNAP benefits is to supplement a household's food purchasing income.  If a household meets SNAP's eligibility rules, the amount of SNAP benefits that a household may receive depends upon the number of people in the home and how much money is left after certain expenses are subtracted.

For more information on SNAP, contact your local [Department for Community Based Services](https://apps.chfs.ky.gov/Office_Phone/index.aspx) (DCBS) office.  Applications for assistance may be made in all 120 counties.

KCHIP

The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) is free or low-cost health insurance for children. KCHIP is for children younger than 19 who do not have health insurance and whose countable income is less than 213% of the federal poverty level.

More information on the above programs, including how to apply for benefits and program guidelines, can be found at [www.chfs.ky.gov](http://www.chfs.ky.gov).

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| For more information regarding the above programs and/or to apply for the above benefits, please contact Family Support at (855) 306-8959.  Applications for medical assistance, including KCHIP, can also be completed online at [www.kynect.ky.gov](http://www.kynect.ky.gov). |

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CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Fictive kin individuals caring for children are not required to pay a co-pay for child care, regardless of their income. Child care assistance can be renewed every 12 months as long as the family needs child care within the age limits that apply to all children and families.

PEDIATRIC ABUSIVE HEAD TRAUMA TRAINING

Per your signed agreement as a fictive kin placement, you will need to complete training related to pediatric abusive head trauma within five (5) days of placement if caring for a child age five (5) or younger.

For more information about the above, please contact your social worker or the kinship support hotline at (877) 565-5608 or via e-mail DCBSChildProtection@ky.gov.