

# Raising children of a family member or friend?



## Fostering Family

### Free Services & Support For Kinship Caregivers

**When a parent becomes unwilling or unable to care for their own children, they end up in foster care or under the guardianship of a friend or family member.**

There are many benefits when the child is able to stay with kin: better mental health outcomes, the severity of childhood trauma is limited, and fewer sibling separations.

Unfortunately, many beneficial resources that are available to foster parents have been denied to kinship caregivers. The Fostering Family program helps to bridge that gap, providing free assistance, support, and guidance for kinship caregivers.

### Who Qualifies?

Any individual who is a relative, godparent, member of a child's tribe or clan, or an adult with a significant bond (fictive kin) who are raising the youth because the biological parents are unable or unwilling to do so will qualify. The individual does not have to have legal guardianship to receive services.

### FREE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- ASSESSMENT OF NEED & ELITIBILITY
- REFERRALS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES
- EDUCATION RELATED TO KINSHIP CARE
- GUARDIANSHIP PACKETS FOR SCHOOL & MEDICAL SVCS.
- LEGAL SERVICES
- FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL BENEFITS
- THERAPEUTIC SERVICES
- BEHAVIORAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- PEER SUPPORT SERVICES
- INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY THERAPY

*Services are provided in Bernalillo, Doña Ana, and Rio Arriba Counties. Requests from other New Mexico counties are considered on a case-by-case basis.*

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