

# Kinship Quarterly

## Strengthening Families

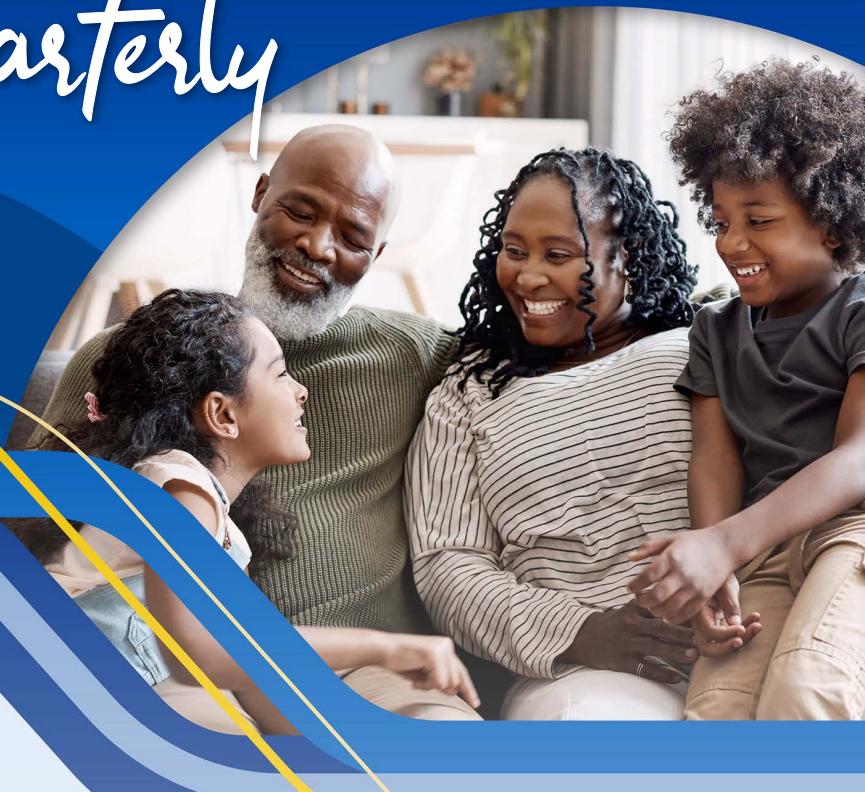
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### Support for Families

Our Wraparound Division offers family support and resources to help with the recent addition to your home.

Having a new family member means getting to know each other, navigating everyone's adjustment period, adapting to a different routine, and helping children and youth with trauma backgrounds manage their feelings and behaviors related to change.

Our team offers support during this time of transition and after. If you have any questions or concerns about a child adjusting to your home, please contact us immediately by email: [DFPSdisruptionprevention@dfps.texas.gov](mailto:DFPSdisruptionprevention@dfps.texas.gov) and request support. We will collect some brief information from you and then someone from our team will connect with you within 24 hours.



### Mental Health Services

Community mental health services help families support a child struggling with their mental health, behavior, or substance abuse. These services are usually provided at an office or in your home. Mental health services start with an assessment and then develop a plan to address goals identified by the child and family.

Services to the child and family may include:

- Immediate help during a crisis
- Developing skills and offering training
- Counseling
- Help finding a job
- Medication training and support
- Case management
- Peer services – partnering with another family for support

To learn more, read the [Family Guide to Children's Mental Health Services](#).



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## Financial Assistance for Kinship Caregivers

You may qualify for assistance if you are a kinship caregiver and the child is in the temporary or permanent managing conservatorship – legal custody – of the state of Texas.

The **Relative and Other Designated Caregiver payment**, also known as RODC payment, is a monthly reimbursement, half of the foster rate, made to eligible kinship caregivers.

RODC eligibility includes:

- Kinship Caregiver Home Assessment is approved.
- Caregiver has signed the Kinship Caregiver Agreement.
- Caregiver has begun the Kinship Caregiver Training.
- The caregiver's family net income does not exceed 300% of the federal poverty limit.



**Kinship Placement Assistance (KPA)** helps with the cost of a child's initial placement or to support the placement from breaking down.

- One-time assistance, based on the need of the kinship family.
- Refer to your kinship worker to process the assistance.

**Kinship Verification Reimbursement (KVR)** helps families with the costs associated with becoming a verified kinship foster home.

- One-time assistance, after verification has been completed.
- Refer to your kinship worker to process the assistance.

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## Information and Resources for Caregivers

### Superior STAR Health

[www.fostercaretx.com/for-members/find-a-provider.html](http://www.fostercaretx.com/for-members/find-a-provider.html)

### Parenting Tips

[www.getparentingtips.com](http://www.getparentingtips.com)

### Texas Legal Services Center

[www.tlsc.org](http://www.tlsc.org)

### Your Texas Benefits

[www.yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/Home](http://www.yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/Home)

### 2-1-1 Texas

[www.211texas.org](http://www.211texas.org)

### Texas WIC

[www.Texaswic.org](http://www.Texaswic.org)

### Texas Kinship Caregivers Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/TexasKinshipCaregivers](http://www.facebook.com/TexasKinshipCaregivers)

### Kinship Care

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