

# Guide To Kinship Legal Guardianship Support Services



**New Jersey Department of Children and Families**  
Office of Adoption Operations Kinship Legal Guardianship Subsidy Program

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## Kinship Legal Guardianship (KLG) Subsidy Program

To report a change of address, change of payee, Medicaid issues, or have questions regarding subsidy payments, Annual Renewal Compliance Letters, 18 year old school verification, or if you need to speak with a KLG Subsidy Specialist.

[www.njadoptionsubsidy.org](http://www.njadoptionsubsidy.org)  
1-866-233-5356 or 609-888-7460

New Jersey Department of Children and Families  
Office of Adoption Operations  
50 East State St, PO Box 717  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0717

## Kinship Navigator Program

If you are caring for a relative's child this program offers information and referral services for a wide range of needs. Kinship caregivers may qualify for help with child care costs and paying for one time expenses such as furniture, moving costs, clothing, or other costs associated with the care of the child.

Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-435-7555 or 1-877-652-1148

## KinConnect

The New Jersey Kinship Legal Guardianship Resource Clearing House (KinConnect) provides Kinship Legal Guardianship information, online resources, email and phone support, lending library, and referral service to individuals involved with Kinship care in New Jersey.

[www.kinconnect.org](http://www.kinconnect.org)  
1-877-KLG-Line or 1-877-554-5463

# Kinship Legal Guardianship Financial Resources

## Direct Deposit/Debit Cards

For questions about direct deposit call 1-844-830-6178 or visit  
[www.njdcpaymentcenter.com](http://www.njdcpaymentcenter.com)

For questions about your debit card, call 1-866-461-4094 or visit  
[www.EPPICard.com](http://www.EPPICard.com)

## Medical Insurance/Medicaid

Medicaid Hotline: 1-800-356-1561

Health Benefits Identification Card (Replacement Card): 1-877-414-9251

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO): 1-800-701-0710 (ask for a CP&P representative)

## Healthcare Marketplace

Healthcare Marketplace provides health insurance for anyone who does not have health or dental insurance, or who may have insufficient insurance

[www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)

1-800-318-2596

## Educational Resources

### New Jersey Department of Children and Families Scholarship Programs

Tuition and scholarship programs provide funds for eligible applicants to attend public institution of higher learning or county vocational schools.

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

1-800-222-0047 or 609-520-1500

## **Casey Family Programs and Foster Care to Success**

Since 2000, The Casey Family Programs and Foster Care to Success Scholarships have helped thousands of foster youth and former foster youth attend and graduate from college and post-secondary training programs.

Undergraduate scholarships range from \$1500 to \$6000 annually and are renewable for up to five years. Applicants must have had KLG finalized after their 16th birthday, or have been in care for the consecutive 12 months prior to their 18th birthday. Scholarship recipients are eligible to participate in the Foster Care to Success Academic Success, Senior Year Coaching and Aim Higher Fellows programs, and to receive care packages.

For more information on the Casey Family Scholarship Program and Foster Care to Success, visit

[www.fc2success.org](http://www.fc2success.org)

800-950-4673

## **Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

Application for all federally funded student aid

[fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

1-800-4-FED-AID (433-3243)

TTY at 1-800-730-8913

## **Child Behavioral, Emotional, and/or Disability Challenges**

### **Behavioral Health Services for Children and Youth**

#### **Division of Children's System of Care (CSOC) - Perform Care**

Staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help families get in-home counseling, behavioral health, and developmental disabilities services for children.

Mobile response assistance is available 24 hours a day during a mental health crisis.

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

1-877-652-7624

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## **Child Care for Children with Special Needs**

Resources compiled by the Office of Early Child Care and Education in the Department of Human Services.

[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/clients/family/special](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/clients/family/special)  
609-292-8444 or 1-800-332-9227

## **Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired**

The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) promotes and provides services in the areas of education, employment, independence and eye health for persons who are blind or visually impaired, their families and the community.

[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/home](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/home)  
1-877-685-8878

## **Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

DDHH maintains up-to-date and constructive resources on hearing loss including communication access referral services, technical assistance, equipment distribution, stakeholder communications and advocacy.

[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/home](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/home)  
1-800-792-8339 V/TTY toll free in New Jersey  
609-984-7281 V/TTY  
609-984-0390 FAX  
1-866-771-7947 VP (Video Phone)

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## **NJ Department of Children and Families Youth Hotline**

This youth hotline serves all youth and young adults in New Jersey. Youth get help with their daily challenges from professional staff and trained volunteers. Anonymity and confidentiality are assured except in life threatening situations.

[www.2ndfloor.org](http://www.2ndfloor.org)  
24 hours a day – 7 days a week  
1-888-222-2228

## **Other Support Services**

### **Adolescent Services and Resources**

Provides information and resources for employment and career planning, educational resources, healthcare, LGBTQI resources, pregnant and parenting youth, and statewide youth resources and supports.

[www.nj.gov/dcf/adolescent/](http://www.nj.gov/dcf/adolescent/)  
609-888-7100

**NJ Youth Resource Spot**  
[www.njyrs.org](http://www.njyrs.org)

### **Child Care Help Line of New Jersey**

#### **Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies**

Services include information and referral to help parents locate child care resources and to answer typical questions regarding types of child care, how to pay for care, and even how to become a family day care provider.

[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/child](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/child)  
1-800-332-9227

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## **NJ Domestic Violence Hotline**

### **New Jersey Coalition For Battered Women**

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

24 hours a day – 7 days a week

NJ Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-572-SAFE (1-800-572-7233)

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-779-7233 TTY: 1-800-787-3224

## **Gambling Addiction**

[www.800gambler.org](http://www.800gambler.org)

1-800-GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537)

## **Division of Mental Health Services for Adults**

[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/home](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/home)

1-800-382-6717

## **NJ State Bar Association's Automated Help-line**

Need legal help but cannot afford a lawyer?

732-249-5000

## **One Simple Wish**

One Simple Wish grants wishes for foster child, children who have aged out of foster care and vulnerable children and families throughout the United States.

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

## Financial Assistance Resources

### Children's Catastrophic Illness Relief Fund

Financial help for families overwhelmed by a child's medical bills

1-800-335-FUND (1-800-335-3863)

### Child Support Hotline

As a Kinship Legal Guardian you may be eligible for child support payments. The parents of the children may have an obligation to pay you child support.

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

1-877-NJ KIDS1 (1-877-655-4371)

### Food Stamps

Federal benefit program which helps eligible working and non-working low income individuals and families pay for food.

<https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us>

1-800-687-9512

### General Financial Assistance

Contact your County Board of Social Services.

The link below will provide you with the County Welfare Agencies phone numbers and addresses.

[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/njsnap/cwa/](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/njsnap/cwa/)

Division of Family Development (Main Number) 1-800-792-9773

### NJ Helps

Find services and programs for children, families and individuals.

You can also get prescreened for eligibility for Food Stamps, Medicaid and other programs.

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

### NJ Housing Resource Center

For accessible and affordable housing

[www.njhousing.gov](http://www.njhousing.gov)

1-877-428-8844

### WIC Program

Nutrition program providing nutritious foods to supplement the diets of pregnant, breast feeding, or post-partum women, as well as children up to the age of five.

[www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/wic](http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/wic)

1-866-44-NJWIC (446-5942)



## Utility Bill Assistance

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

1-800-510-3102

### NJ Shares

1-866-657-4273

### Universal Service Fund (USF)

1-866-240-1347 or 1-800-510-3102

## Help Line NJ 2-1-1

### Basic Human Needs Resource

Food banks, clothing closets, shelters, rental assistance, utility assistance

### Support for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care,  
home health care, transportation, homemaker services

### Support for Children, Youth and Families

Childcare, after school programs, Kids Care (health insurance programs), family resource centers,  
summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services

### Physical and Mental Health Resources

Health insurance programs, Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health, Children's Health  
Insurance Program, medical information lines, crisis intervention services,  
support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation

### Employment Supports

Financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance, education programs

### Family Helpline

Parents feeling stressed can call and work through their frustrations 24 hours a day 7 days a week .  
The staff is made up of trained volunteers of Parents Anonymous.

1-800-THE-KIDS (843-5437)

**\*Dial 2-1-1 from any phone or visit [www.nj211.org](http://www.nj211.org) for more information**

# Directory of Post Adoption/Kinship Legal Guardian Counseling Service Agencies

Agency	Services	Counties Served
<p><b>Catholic Charities - Diocese of Newark Family Resource Center</b>            249 Virginia Ave.            Jersey City, NJ 07304            (201) 798-9900</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling            Parent Education            Life Book Work            Educational Support            Advocacy</p>	<p>Hudson</p>
<p><b>Children's Aid &amp; Family Services</b>            76 South Orange Ave., Suite 209            South Orange, NJ 07079            (201) 740-7124</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling            Parent Education            Life Book Work            Educational Support            Advocacy</p>	<p>Bergen            Essex            Passaic</p>
<p><b>Children's Home Society of New Jersey</b>            635 South Clinton Ave.            Trenton, NJ 08611            (609) 695-6274</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling            Parent Education            Life Book Work            Educational Support            Advocacy</p>	<p>Hunterdon            Mercer            Middlesex            Monmouth            Ocean            Somerset</p>
<p><b>Family &amp; Children's Services</b>            40 North Ave.            Elizabeth, NJ 07208            (908) 352-7474</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling            Parent Education            Life Book Work            Educational Support            Advocacy</p>	<p>Middlesex            Suburban Essex            Union</p>
<p><b>Family Guidance of Warren County</b>            492 Route 57 West            Washington, NJ 07882            (908) 689-1000</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling            Parent Education            Life Book Work            Educational Support            Advocacy</p>	<p>Warren</p>
<p><b>Family Intervention Services</b>            655 Broadway            Paterson, NJ 07514            (973) 523-0089</p>	<p>Pre and Post Counseling            Parent Education            Life Book Work            Educational Support            Advocacy</p>	<p>Passaic</p>

Respite only for families currently receiving counseling services

Agency	Services	Counties Served
<b>Family Intervention Services</b> 20 Vanderhoof Ave. Rockaway, NJ 07866 (973) 586-5243	Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Morris
<b>Family Intervention Services</b> 376 Lafayette Road, Suite 200 Sparta, NJ 07871 (973) 940-0105	Pre and Post KLG Therapy Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Sussex
<b>Family Intervention Services</b> 86 South Harrison St. East Orange, NJ 07018 (973) 324-7880	Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Essex
<b>Robins' Nest</b> 42 South Delsea Dr. Glassboro, NJ 08028 (856) 881-8689	Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Atlantic Burlington Camden Cape May Cumberland Gloucester Salem
<b>Twin Oaks Integrated Care</b> 175-12 Route 70 Medford, NJ 08055 (609) 953-5714 Fax: (609) 953-5483	Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Atlantic Camden Gloucester Salem Burlington Cumberland
<b>Youth Consultation Services:            Bridge Program</b> 60 Evergreen Pl. East Orange, NJ (973) 395-0801 x 415 Fax: (973) 482-2870	Adoptive Families Only Pre and Post Counseling Parent Education Life Book Work Educational Support Advocacy	Essex



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