



## State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Child Protection and Permanency

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Dear KLG Caregiver:

Congratulations on your Kinship Legal Guardianship (KLG) through DCF's Child Protection and Permanency. We would like to welcome you to the Kinship Legal Guardianship Subsidy Program, which is coordinated on a statewide level in the Office of Adoption Operations in Trenton. Please feel free to contact the Kinship Legal Guardianship staff at 1-866-233-5356 or 609-888-7459 if you need assistance.

The staff at the Office of Adoption Operations is available to assist you regarding late or lost subsidy checks, change of address, KLG and subsidy verification letters, annual renewal agreements, 18-year-old school verification letters, Medicaid issues, and other general information. Several subsidy specialists are available to assist you with service related issue. In terms of ongoing support, each family is assigned to a subsidy specialist by the first letter of the child's last name.

In addition, we would like to make you aware of the Kinship Navigator Program. This program was created to help caregivers "navigate" their way through government programs and to find local support and resources. This program can provide information and referral for a wide range of needs. Caregivers may also qualify for help paying for short term or one-time expenses for the child. Contact the Kinship Navigator Program by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-800-435-7555. Additionally the New Jersey Kinship Legal Guardianship Resource Clearing House (KinKconnect) provides Kinship Legal Guardianship information, online resources, email and phone support, lending library, and referral services to individuals involved with Kinship care in New Jersey. To reach (KinKconnect) dial 1-877-KLG-LINE (1-877-554-5463) or online at [www.kinkconnect.org](http://www.kinkconnect.org).

Lastly, please find enclosed a list of support services that we hope may be beneficial to you and your family. Once again - Congratulations!!

Sincerely

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