

FAMILY TIES: ANALYSIS FROM A STATE-BY-STATE SURVEY OF KINSHIP CARE POLICIES

Data Tables: Kinship Policy Improvements Toward Child Welfare System Transformation

In 2022, the Annie E. Casey Foundation asked Child Trends to field a written survey of child welfare agency administrators to understand policies that guide states' work with relatives and close family friends of children who come to the attention of the child welfare system.

This kinship policy survey invited administrators to define “policies” broadly to include statutes, agency regulations and other written policy guidance related to kinship care.¹ Agencies in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico received the 2022 survey. Forty-six completed it.² The 2022 survey updates and expands on the findings of a similarly comprehensive survey conducted in 2007.³

To learn the overall findings from the 2022 survey, please read the series, *Family Ties: Analysis From a State-by-State Survey of Kinship Care Policies*.

The following data tables accompany *Kinship Policy Improvements Toward Child Welfare System Transformation*, the final brief in the *Family Ties* series. Included are states' responses to questions about kinship navigator programs; strategies to incorporate the perspectives of kin, youth and birth parents; and data capacity regarding race and ethnicity.

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1 The 2022 survey asked agencies about policies not practices. It is possible, therefore, that states offered services or assistance that were not reported in their survey responses.

2 Arkansas, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Vermont and Wisconsin did not complete the 2022 survey. Some participating states did not answer every question.

3 Allen, T., DeVooght K., & Geen, R. (2008, December). *State kinship care policies for children that come to the attention of child welfare agencies*. Rockville, MD: Child Trends. Retrieved from https://cms.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/State-Assistance-to-Kin_ChildTrends_2008.pdf

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N/A — Due to its responses to a previous question, the state was not asked for this information.

NOT SELECTED — When presented with multiple answer choices, the state did not choose this option.

MISSING — The state did not answer this question.

Table 1: Kinship navigator program availability

State	State has a kinship navigator program	Navigator program serves children outside the child welfare system
Alabama	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Alaska	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
Arizona	No	N/A
Arkansas	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
California	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Colorado	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
Connecticut	Yes - Available statewide	No - Only families working with the child welfare agency are eligible for services
Delaware	Yes - Available statewide	No - Only families working with the child welfare agency are eligible for services
District of Columbia	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Florida	No	N/A
Georgia	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Hawaii	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
Idaho	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Illinois	Yes - Available statewide	Missing
Indiana	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Iowa	Yes - Available statewide	No - Only families working with the child welfare agency are eligible for services
Kansas	Yes - Available statewide	No - Only families working with the child welfare agency are eligible for services
Kentucky	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
Louisiana	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Maine	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Maryland	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Michigan	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Minnesota	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
Mississippi	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
Missouri	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Montana	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Nebraska	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
Nevada	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
New Hampshire	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey

State	State has a kinship navigator program	Navigator program serves children outside the child welfare system
New Jersey	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
New Mexico	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
New York	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
North Carolina	No	N/A
North Dakota	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Ohio	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes - Available in some areas	No - Only families working with the child welfare agency are eligible for services
Oregon	Yes - Available in some areas	Missing
Pennsylvania	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Puerto Rico	No	N/A
Rhode Island	Missing	Missing
South Carolina	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
South Dakota	Yes - Available statewide	Yes
Tennessee	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
Texas	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
Utah	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
Vermont	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
Virginia	Yes - Available in some areas	Yes
Washington	Missing	Missing
West Virginia	Yes - Available statewide	No - Only families working with the child welfare agency are eligible for services
Wisconsin	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
Wyoming	Yes - Available statewide	Yes

Table 2: Strategies to incorporate perspectives of kin, youth and birth parents in policy development and systems change

State	Incorporates the perspectives of youth, caregivers, and/or birth parents with lived experience in kinship caregiving into the decision making process	Advisory board or committee with lived experience representation	Child welfare agency required to do the following to support licensed relative foster parents:	
			Provide peer-to-peer support for kin caregivers	Hire caregivers or youth with lived experience
Alabama	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Alaska	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Arizona	It depends	No	Not selected	Not selected
Arkansas	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
California	Yes	Yes	Missing	Missing
Colorado	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Connecticut	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not selected
Delaware	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
District of Columbia	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Florida	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Hawaii	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
Idaho	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Illinois	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Indiana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not selected
Iowa	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Kansas	No	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Kentucky	No	No	Not selected	Not selected
Louisiana	No	No	Not selected	Not selected
Maine	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Maryland	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Massachusetts	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Michigan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not selected
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Mississippi	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Missouri	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Montana	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
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New Hampshire	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
New Jersey	Yes	No	Yes	Not selected
New Mexico	No	No	Not selected	Not selected
New York	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
North Dakota	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Ohio	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Oklahoma	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Oregon	Missing	Missing	Yes	Not selected
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	Not selected	Not selected
Puerto Rico	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not selected
South Dakota	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Tennessee	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
Texas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not selected
Utah	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not selected
Vermont	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
Virginia	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Washington	Yes	Yes	Missing	Missing
West Virginia	Yes	No	Not selected	Not selected
Wisconsin	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
Wyoming	No	No	Not selected	Not selected

Table 3: States that report analyzing data by race and ethnicity

State	Analyzes disaggregated data	State has changed or terminated policies that contributed to racial or ethnic disparities among kinship caregivers	State has commissions or working groups tasked with addressing disparities among kinship caregivers
Alabama	Yes	No	No
Alaska	Yes	No	No
Arizona	Yes	Yes	No
Arkansas	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
California	Yes	Yes	Missing
Colorado	Yes	No	Yes
Connecticut	Yes	No	No
Delaware	Yes	No	Yes
District of Columbia	Yes	No	No
Florida	No	No	No
Georgia	No	No	No
Hawaii	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
Idaho	Yes	No	No
Illinois	It depends	Yes	Yes
Indiana	No	No	No
Iowa	It depends	Yes	No
Kansas	It depends	No	No
Kentucky	Yes	No	No
Louisiana	No	No	No
Maine	It depends	No	Yes
Maryland	No	No	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	No
Michigan	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Puerto Rico	No	No	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes	No	No
South Carolina	Yes	No	No
South Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tennessee	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey	State did not complete survey
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