

## 2022 Kinship Policy Survey

Thank you for participating in the 2022 Kinship Policy Survey.

This survey is intended for [\[state\]](#). If you are a representative from a different state or territory, please contact Megan Fischer at [mfischer@childtrends.org](mailto:mfischer@childtrends.org) to ensure you receive the correct survey link.

Your participation will help us understand the policies that guide your state’s work with kinship caregivers (relatives and fictive kin) of children who come to the attention of the child welfare system. We expect it will take 30-45 minutes to complete this survey.

The survey asks about your state’s policies on:

- Identifying, notifying, and assessing kinship caregivers;
- Licensing, approval, or provisional licensure standards for kinship caregivers;
- Services and supports provided to kinship caregivers and the children they care for; and
- Legal options for kinship caregivers who want to permanently care for children in the custody of the state/local child welfare agency

When reporting on your state’s policies, please include policies that exist in law, agency regulations, and other written policy guidance. For county-administered states, please answer per your state-level policies. Because states’ policies differ, we have designed this survey to capture variations. However, we strongly encourage you to use the spaces provided for additional comments to record features of your state’s approach that will help us fully understand your response. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Fischer at [mfischer@childtrends.org](mailto:mfischer@childtrends.org).

### Definitions of Key Terms

For the purposes of this survey, we will use the following definitions of key terms. Throughout the survey, we will also offer you opportunities to provide state-level definitions from your policy on the definition of “relative(s).”

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| Relative(s)                                | Only includes familial relatives or those related to a child by marriage, adoption, or guardianship.   |
| Fictive kin                                | Persons who are not familial relatives of the child or related through marriage, adoption, or guardianship but have a relationship with the child or child’s family including godparents, close friends, neighbors, and others.  |
| Kinship caregiver(s)                       | Kinship caregivers are relatives or fictive kin caring for children no longer in the physical and/or legal custody of their parent(s) with or without child welfare agency involvement.  |
| Parent(s)                                  | Parents include birth parents, adoptive parents, or legal guardians.   |
| Facilitated kinship caregiving arrangement | This refers to an arrangement that a caseworker facilitates between a kinship caregiver and child when the child comes to the attention of the child welfare system and a caseworker has concerns about the child’s safety but the child is not removed from the legal custody of their parent(s). |

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| Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 | Enacted in 2008, this act amends Title IV-B and Title IV-E to increase supports for and connection with relative caregivers of children in foster care among other provisions to improve outcomes for children in care. <sup>1</sup>   |
| Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (FFA)                    | Enacted in 2018, this act provides new federal funds for prevention activities through Title IV-E for states that develop an approved prevention plan with a focus on mental health supports, substance use treatment, and improved parenting skills. <sup>2</sup> It also provides for ongoing federal reimbursement for kinship navigator programs that meet evidence-based standards. |
| Policies  | When reporting on your state’s policies, include policies that exist in law, agency regulations, and other written policy guidance.  |

In the spaces below, please provide your contact information so we can follow up with you if we have any questions about your responses. If you would like additional people to be cc-ed on correspondence about this survey, please list their email addresses in the “email address” field.

Name: [textbox]

Title: [textbox]

Agency: [textbox]

Email address: [textbox]

If you would like additional people to be cc-ed on correspondence about this survey, please list their email address(es): [textbox]

Phone number: [textbox]

State or territory you are completing this survey on behalf of: [textbox]

Before asking about state policies related to kinship care, do county or local agencies in your state have the authority to implement policies that differ from state policies in the following areas? *If so, please select all that apply.*

- Identifying relatives when a child comes to the attention of the child welfare agency
- Whether the agency holds family meetings
- When family meetings are held
- Who is invited to attend family meetings
- Notifying relatives of a child’s removal from the custody of their parent(s)
- Facilitating a kinship caregiving arrangement without formally removing a child from the legal custody of their parent(s)
- Agency prioritization for child placement with relatives, kinship caregivers, and non-relative foster parents
- Relative foster care licensing, including training standards
- Assessment of relatives who want to be placement resources for children taken into state/county custody
- Caseworker training, supportive services, and case supervision

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/federal/fosteringconnections/#:~:text=FCA%20amended%20parts%20B%20and,law%20on%20October%207%2C%202008.>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/federal/family-first/>

- \_\_\_ Permanency options when a child is unable to safely return home to their parent(s)
- \_\_\_ Post-permanency supports and services for kinship caregivers
- \_\_\_ County/local agencies do not have the authority to implement policies that differ from state policies

**In the following section, we ask about your state’s policies on identifying relatives when a child comes to the attention of the child welfare agency; about your state’s policies on when family meetings are held and who is invited to attend; and about your state’s policies on notifying relatives when a child is removed from the custody of their parent(s).**

1. When a child comes to the attention of the child welfare agency, but has not been removed from the physical custody of their parent(s), does your state require adult relatives to be identified?
  - Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAYS if Q1 = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 1: [textbox]*

[DISPLAY IF Q1 = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**1a.** What is the purpose of identifying adult relatives when a child comes to the attention of the child welfare agency, but has not been removed from the physical custody of their parent(s)? *Please select all that apply.*

- To notify if the child is removed from the parent’s home
- To invite to a family meeting
- To provide support to the parent or other adult relative
- As a potential placement resource for the child
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q1a = “Other”] *Please specify why you selected “Other” as your response to question 1a: [textbox]*
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q1a = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 1a: [textbox]*

[DISPLAY IF Q1 = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**1b.** How does your state define “relative” for the purpose of identifying adult relatives when a child comes to the attention of the child welfare agency, but has not been removed from the physical custody of their parent(s)? [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q1 = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**1bi.** Does this definition include fictive kin?

- Yes
- No

2. When a child comes to the attention of the child welfare agency, does your state require a family meeting?
  - Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q2 = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 2: [textbox]*

3. At which point(s) in time are family meetings required? *Please select all that apply.*

- During an investigation of child maltreatment
- Before a child is separated from their parents, without court action
- When there has been a substantiation of child maltreatment
- When a case is opened with the child welfare agency
- When a child is removed from the custody of their parent(s)
- Before there is a placement change (regardless of whether child is in legal custody of child welfare agency)
- To determine a recommended permanency goal for the child for consideration by the court
- Ongoing at a regular point in time (e.g., every four weeks)
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q3 = "Other"] *Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 3: [textbox]*
- My state does not require family meetings at any point in time

[DISPLAY IF Q2 = "Yes" or "It depends" OR IF ANY RESPONSE TO Q3 EXCEPT "My state does not require family meetings at any point in time"]

3a. Who is invited to participate in family meetings? *Please select all that apply.*

- Parent(s)
- Non-custodial parent
- Child or youth
- Relatives
  - [DISPLAY IF Q3a = "Relatives"]
    - **3ai.** How does your state define "relative" when determining who is invited to family meetings? [textbox]
- Fictive kin
  - [DISPLAY IF Q3a = "Fictive kin"]
    - **3a ii.** How does your state define "fictive kin" when determining who is invited to family meetings? [textbox]
- Other supportive adults in the child's network such as church members, teachers, or counselors
- Caseworker(s)
  - [DISPLAY IF Q3a = "Caseworker(s)"]
    - 3a iii.** Are caseworkers required to participate in family meetings?
      - Yes
      - No
      - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q3a iii = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 3a iii: [textbox]*
- Caseworker supervisor(s)
  - [DISPLAY IF Q3a = "Caseworker supervisor(s)"]
    - 3a iv.** Are supervisors required to participate in family meetings?
      - Yes
      - No
      - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q3a iv = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 3a iv: [textbox]*

- Other [DISPLAY IF Q3a = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 3a: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q2 = "Yes" or "It depends" OR IF ANY RESPONSE TO Q3 EXCEPT "My state does not require family meetings at any point in time"]

4. Does your state use a specific model for family meetings?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q4 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 4: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q4 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

4a. Which model(s) of family meetings does your state use? Please select all that apply.

- Team Decision Making
- Family Group Decision Making
- Family Group Conferencing
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q4a = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 4a: [textbox]

5. When a child is removed from the custody of their parent(s) due to an allegation of maltreatment, does your state require that adult relatives be notified more quickly than within 30 days of removal as required by the Fostering Connections Act?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAYS if Q5 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 5: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q5 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

5a. What is the required timeframe for notifying adult relatives when children are removed from the custody of their parent(s)? [textbox]

6. In determining who to notify, does your state require any documentation of the relationship to the child or family?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAYS if Q6 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 6: [textbox]

7. How does your state define a child's tribe for the purpose of notification when an American Indian or Alaska Native child is removed from the custody of their parent(s)? [textbox]

8. What method(s) does your state require for notifying relatives? Please select all that apply.

- United States Postal Service or another mail delivery service, like UPS or FedEx [DISPLAY IF Q8 = "United States Postal Service or another mail delivery service, like UPS or FedEx"]

**8a.** Does your state require sending the notification letter through United States Postal Services certified mail or otherwise require confirmation of receipt?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q8a = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 8a: [textbox]

- Email
- Phone contact
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q8 = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 8: [textbox]
- My state does not require a specific method of notification

**9.** What information is included in the notification to relatives? Please select all that apply.

- Child has been or is being removed from the custody of their parent(s)
- Relative has the option to play a supportive role in the child's life
- Relative has the option to be a placement resource for the child
- Relative is invited to participate in family meetings
- Date of the next family meeting
- Date of the next court hearing
- Requirements for becoming an approved placement for the child
- Availability of financial and other support as a placement for the child
- Process for becoming a licensed foster parent
- Process for receiving kinship guardianship assistance
- Process for visiting the child
- Process for calling or writing letters to the child
- Explanation of any options that may be lost by not responding to the notification
- Contact information for the state agency
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q9 = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 9: [textbox]

**10.** In searching for relatives to notify, does your state require that noncustodial parents receive priority for notification before other relatives?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAYS if Q10 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 10: [textbox]

**11.** After a child has been removed from their parent(s)' custody, what diligent search (i.e., family finding) activities to notify relatives are required by your state? Please select all that apply.

- Looking for relatives on social media
- Using an electronic search engine tool (e.g., Accurint, Seneca)
- Asking the parent(s) to provide names and contact information of potential placement options

- Asking the child/youth for names and contact information of potential placement options or supportive adults in their network

[DISPLAY IF Q11 = "Asking the child/youth for potential placement options"]

**11a.** Is there a minimum age for when a child/youth is consulted?

- Yes [DISPLAY IF Q11a = "Yes"] Please specify the minimum age for when a child/youth is consulted: [textbox]
- No

[DISPLAY IF Q11 = "Asking the child/youth for potential placement options" selected]:

**11b.** Does your state require that children/youth be asked to identify potential placement options or supportive adults in their network at multiple points?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q11b = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 11b: [textbox]

- Asking all identified relatives about other supportive adults who could serve as potential placements or ongoing connections
- Conducting diligent search (i.e., family finding) as an ongoing activity throughout the child welfare case (i.e., not only at the beginning of the case)
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q11 = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 11: [textbox]
- My state does not require any specific diligent search activities

**12.** Are any of the previously listed diligent search activities required at any point in the case before a child is removed from the legal custody of their parent(s)?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q12 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 12: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q12 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**12a.** What diligent search activities does your state require before a child is removed from the legal custody of their parent(s)? Please select all that apply.

- Looking for relatives on social media
- Using an electronic search engine tool (e.g., Accurint, Seneca)
- Asking the parent(s) to provide names and contact information of potential placement options
- Asking the child/youth for names and contact information of potential placement options or supportive adults in their network

[DISPLAY IF Q12a = "Asking the child/youth for potential placement options"]:

**12ai.** Is there a minimum age for when a child/youth is consulted?

- Yes [DISPLAY IF Q12ai = "Yes"] Please specify the minimum age for when a child/youth is consulted regarding diligent search: [textbox]
- No

[DISPLAY IF Q12a = "Asking the child/youth for potential placement options"]:

**12a.ii.** Does your state require that children/youth be asked to identify potential placement options or supportive adults in their network at multiple points?

- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q12a.ii = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 12a.ii: [textbox]
- Asking all identified relatives about other supportive adults who could serve as potential placements or ongoing connections
  - Conducting diligent search (i.e., family finding) as an ongoing activity throughout the child welfare case (not just at the beginning)
  - Other [DISPLAY IF Q12a = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 12a: [textbox]
  - My state does not require any specific diligent search activities

**13.** Does your state conduct diligent search for relatives across state lines?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q13 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 13: [textbox]

**14.** Does your state require specialized training for caseworkers who engage in diligent search for relatives?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q14 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 14: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q14 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**14a.** Please describe the required training(s): [textbox]

**15.** Does your state partner with tribes to locate relatives if a child is American Indian or Alaska Native and a member of a tribe or the biological child of a member of a tribe?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q15 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 15: [textbox]

**16.** Does your state child welfare agency's case management system track information about relative notifications when a child has been removed from the legal custody of their parent(s)?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q16 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 16: [textbox]



[DISPLAY IF Q16 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**16a.** What data are tracked? [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q16 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**16b.** Is information on relatives (e.g., name, address, relation to child) identified prior to a child's removal from the custody of their parent(s) also available in your child welfare agency's case management system?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q16b = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 16b:* [textbox]

**In the following section, we ask about your state's policies on facilitating a kinship caregiving arrangement when a child is not formally removed from the legal custody of their parent(s).**

**17.** If a child comes to the attention of the child welfare agency and a caseworker has concerns about the child's safety, does your state allow the worker to facilitate a kinship caregiving arrangement for the child without formally removing the child from the legal custody of their parent(s)?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [IF Q17 = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response option for question 17:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**17a.** How does your state define "relative" for the purpose of facilitating a kinship caregiving arrangement without formally removing the child from the legal custody of their parent(s)? [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**17ai.** Does this definition include fictive kin?

- Yes
- No

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**18.** If a child comes to the attention of the child welfare agency and a caseworker has concerns about a child's safety, does your state require the worker to try to facilitate a kinship caregiving arrangement without formally removing the child from the legal custody of their parent(s)?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [IF Q18 = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 18:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q18 = "No" or "It depends"]

**19.** Does your state encourage caseworkers to try to facilitate a kinship caregiving arrangement for a child without formally removing the child from the legal custody of their parent(s), when possible?

- Yes
- No

- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q19 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 19: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "No"]

**20.** In practice, do caseworkers facilitate kinship caregiving arrangements for children who have not been formally removed from the legal custody of their parent(s)?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q20 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 20: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q20 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**20a.** Does your state offer any training or guidance for caseworkers on this practice?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q20a = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 20a: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**21.** If a caseworker facilitates a kinship caregiving arrangement without formally removing the child from the legal custody of their parent(s), under what circumstances may the child return to the physical custody of their parent(s)? [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**22.** In facilitating a kinship caregiving arrangement for a child without formally removing the child from the custody of their parent(s), does your state require that priority be given to relatives over fictive kin?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [IF Q22 = "Yes" or "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 22: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**23.** If a child comes to the attention of the child welfare agency and a caseworker facilitates a kinship caregiving arrangement for the child without the child being formally removed from the legal custody of their parent(s), does your state require the following:

|  | Yes | No | It depends  |
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| <b>23a.</b> An investigation of abuse or neglect (e.g., general protective services, safety assessment, differential response) |     |    | Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 23a: [textbox] |
| <b>23b.</b> A written safety plan  |     |    | Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your                                      |

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|  |  |  | <i>response for question 23b:</i><br>[textbox]  |
| <b>23c.</b> A case to be opened  |  |  | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 23c:</i><br>[textbox] |
| <b>23d.</b> Court oversight  |  |  | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 23d:</i><br>[textbox] |
| <b>23e.</b> The child welfare agency helps the caregiver obtain legal custody of the child if the relative chooses   |  |  | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 23e:</i><br>[textbox] |
| <b>23f.</b> The child welfare agency provides direct assistance to the caregiver or child  |  |  | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 23f:</i><br>[textbox] |
| <b>23g.</b> The child welfare agency informs the relative caregiver of the services and supports they may be eligible for, such as kinship navigation services |  |  | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 23g:</i><br>[textbox] |
| <b>23h.</b> The child welfare agency refers or helps the caregiver or child to apply for services not offered through the child welfare agency                 |  |  | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 23h:</i><br>[textbox] |
| <b>23i.</b> The child welfare agency notifies the caregiver when the kinship caregiving arrangement is no longer necessary                                     |  |  | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 23i:</i><br>[textbox] |

[DISPLAY IF ANY Q21a-Q21i = "No"]

**Q23ai-Q23ji.** We understand that your state does not require this practice – does your state encourage this practice?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q23ai-Q23ji = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 23ai-23ji:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23a = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**23aii.** Does your state require an investigation of abuse or neglect to be completed before a caseworker can try to facilitate a kinship caregiving arrangement for a child without the child being formally removed from the legal custody of their parent(s)?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q23aii = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 23aii:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23b = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**23bii.** What individuals are required by your state to sign the written safety plan? *Please select all that apply.*

- Parent(s)
- Non-custodial parent
- Kinship caregiver
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q23bii = “Other”] *Please specify why you selected “Other” as your response to question 23bii:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23c = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**23cii.** Is there a minimum amount of time that a case must remain open?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q23cii = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 23cii:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23cii = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**23cii1.** Please specify the minimum amount of time that a case must remain open: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23c = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**23ciii.** Is there a maximum amount of time that a case may remain open?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q23ciii = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 23ciii:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23ciii = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**23ciii1.** Please specify the maximum amount of time that a case may remain open: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23f = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**23fii.** What types of assistance does your state child welfare agency provide to a child and caregiver in a kinship caregiving arrangement? *Please select all that apply.*

- Financial assistance  
[DISPLAY IF Q23fii = "Financial assistance"] *Please specify the amount of financial assistance:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23fii = "Financial assistance"] *Please specify the source of funds for the financial assistance:* [textbox]

**23fiii.** Is the financial assistance time limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q23fiii = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 23fiii:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23fiii = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**23fiv.** Please describe how the financial assistance is time limited: [textbox]

- Medicaid health insurance
- Legal services
- Respite care
- Childcare
- Clothing allowance
- Furniture
- Mental health services
- Transportation
- Independent living/life skills programs
- Housing assistance
- Chafee funding supports
- Education and training vouchers
- Support groups/peer groups
- Caregiver trainings, specific to kinship caregivers
- Kinship navigation services
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q23fii = "Other"] *Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 23fii:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23h = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**23hii.** What types of assistance does your state child welfare agency provide referrals to or help the child and/or caregiver obtain? *Please select all that apply.*

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) child-only payments
- Other financial assistance  
[DISPLAY IF Q23hii = "Other financial assistance"] *Please specify the amount of financial assistance:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23hii = "Other financial assistance"] *Please specify the source of funds for the financial assistance:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23hii = "Other financial assistance"]

**23hiii.** Is the financial assistance time limited?

- Yes

- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q23hiii = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 23hiii: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23hiii = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**23hiv.** Please describe how the financial assistance is time limited: [textbox]

- Medicaid health insurance
- Legal services
- Aging services
- Respite care
- Childcare
- Clothing allowance
- Mental health services
- Transportation
- Independent living/life skills programs
- Transitional housing services
- Chafee funding supports
- Education and training vouchers
- Support groups/peer groups
- Kinship navigation services
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q23hii = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 23hii: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q23h = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**23hv.** Does your state require any follow-up to confirm that the child and/or caregiver have received the services to which the child welfare agency referred them to?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q23hv = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 23hv: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**24.** If a child is not formally removed from the legal custody of their parent(s), what action(s) is the child welfare agency required to take before a relative caregiver begins caring for a child? Please select all that apply:

- Conduct local criminal background check of caregiver
- Conduct state criminal background check of caregiver
- Conduct federal criminal background check of caregiver
- Require caregiver to be fingerprinted
- Check state child abuse and neglect registry for caregiver
- Check with other states' child abuse and neglect registries for caregiver
- Conduct assessment or home study of caregiver

[DISPLAY IF Q24 = "Conduct home study of caregiver"] Please describe the requirements for the home study: [textbox]

- Verify that caregiver's income is sufficient to meet the child's needs

- Consider the best interests of the child including any special needs when determining arrangement
- Consider preference of the parent(s) when determining placement
- Consider preference of the child(ren) or youth(s)
- Consider whether siblings or half-siblings can be placed together
- Consider strength of relationship between caregiver and child(ren) or youth(s)
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q24 = "Other"] *Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 24:* [textbox]
- My state does not require any actions to be taken

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**25.** Is there a limit on the length of time a facilitated kinship caregiving arrangement may be in place without formally removing a child from the legal custody of their parent(s)?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q25 = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 25:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q25 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**25a.** Is there a minimum length of time that a facilitated kinship caregiving arrangement must remain in place?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q25a = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 25a:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q25 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**25b.** Is there a maximum length of time that a facilitated kinship caregiving arrangement may remain in place?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q25b = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 25b:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**26.** Who is involved in the decision-making process about whether a child enters into a facilitated kinship caregiving arrangement? *Please select all that apply.*

- Parents
- Relatives
- Agency officials
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q26 = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 26:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**27.** Who makes the final decision about whether a child enters into a facilitated kinship caregiving arrangement?

- Parents
- Relatives
- Agency officials
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q27 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 27: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**28.** Are facilitated kinship caregiving arrangements without formally removing a child from the legal custody of their parent(s) tracked in your state administrative data system?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q28 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 28: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q28 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**28a.** Are these cases tracked as in-home services cases in your data system?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [[DISPLAY IF Q28a = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 28a: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q28 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**28b.** What data are tracked? Please select all that apply.

- Case opening and closing date
- Location of child at case closure
- Contact information for parent(s) no longer living with child
- Child race
- Child ethnicity
- Child age
- Child geographic location
- Caregiver race
- Caregiver ethnicity
- Caregiver age
- Caregiver geographic location
- Legal relationship between child and caregiver if child is not returning to custody of family of origin
- Referrals to services for child
- Referrals to services for caregiver
- Results of caregiver assessments
- Safety plans
- Services child receives
- Services caregiver receives
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q28b = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 28b: [textbox]



[DISPLAY IF Q28 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**28c.** How does your state use these data? *Please select all that apply.*

- To inform agency practice
- To inform state policy
- To track case outcomes
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q28c = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 28c:* [textbox]
- My state does not use these data
- My state does not yet use these data, but plan to use it moving forward

[DISPLAY IF Q28c = "To inform agency practice" or "To inform state policy" or "To track case outcomes" or "Other" or "My state does not yet use these data, but plans to use it moving forward"]

**28ci.** Please tell us more about how the collected data are used/will be used in your state:  
[textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q28 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**28d.** Are these data analyzed by race and ethnicity?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q28d = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 28d:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q28d = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**28di.** Please tell us more about how data analyzed by race and ethnicity are used/will be used in your state: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q17 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**29.** Is there anything else that would be helpful for us to know about your state's policies when facilitating a kinship caregiving arrangement without formally removing a child from the custody of their parent(s)? [textbox]

**In the following section, we ask about your state's policies related to prioritizing placement with kinship caregivers and non-relative foster parents when a child enters the custody of the state/county child welfare agency:**

**30.** Does your state prioritize placement with relatives who meet necessary state requirements?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAYS IF Q30 = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 30:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q30 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**30a.** How does your state define "relative" for the purpose of determining prioritization for kin placement? [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q30 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**30ai.** Does this definition include fictive kin?

- Yes
- No

**31.** If a child's non-custodial parent is identified, does your state require that priority be given to the non-custodial parent (over other relatives) for placement?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAYS IF Q31 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 31: [textbox]

**In the following section, we ask about the policies in your state regarding the assessment of relatives who want to be placement resources for children taken into state/county custody.**

**32.** How does your state define "relative" for the purpose of foster parent licensure? [textbox]

**32a.** Does this definition include fictive kin?

- Yes
- No

**33.** If a relative is required or wants to become a licensed relative foster placement to care for a related child who is taken into state custody, what standards must be met for licensure? Please select all that apply.

- Local criminal background check
- State criminal background check
- Federal criminal background check
- Fingerprinting
- State child abuse and neglect registry check
- Check with other states' child abuse and neglect registries
- Home study [DISPLAY IF Q33 = "Home study"] Please describe the requirements for the home study: [textbox]
- Safety plan
- Verification that income is sufficient to meet the child's needs
- Caregiver training
- Space requirements
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q33 = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 33: [textbox]
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q33 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 33: [textbox]

**34.** Does your state require relatives to be licensed based on the same standards as non-relative foster parents?

- Yes – No standards may be waived or modified for relatives
- No – Some standards can be waived or modified for relatives

[DISPLAY IF Q34 = "No – Some standards can be waived or modified for relatives"]

**34a.** What licensure standards may be waived or modified? *Please select all that apply.*

- Square footage requirements
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be waived
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be modified
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] Does your state consider this a non-safety standard?
    - Yes
    - No
- Required number of rooms
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be waived
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be modified
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] Does your state consider this a non-safety standard?
    - Yes
    - No
- Caregiver age
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be waived
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be modified
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] Does your state consider this a non-safety standard?
    - Yes
    - No
- Caregiver income
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be waived
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be modified
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] Does your state consider this a non-safety standard?
    - Yes
    - No
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q34a = "Other"] *Please specify what other licensure standard(s) may be waived or modified:* [textbox]
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be waived
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] May be modified
  - [DISPLAY IF SELECTED] Does your state consider this a non-safety standard?
    - Yes
    - No

[DISPLAY IF Q34a = "Other – May be waived" or "Other – May be modified"] *Please specify which licensure standard(s) listed for "Other" may be waived or modified:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q34a = "Other – Does your state consider this a non-safety standard? – Yes"] *Please specify which licensure standard(s) listed for "Other" are considered non-safety standards:* [textbox]

**35.** Does your state require relatives to complete the foster parent licensure process within a specific timeframe?

- Yes
- No

- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q35 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 35: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q35 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**35a.** What is the timeframe in which relative foster parents must complete the licensure process? [textbox]

**36.** Does your state require relatives to complete the same trainings as non-relative foster parents for licensure?

- Yes – Relatives complete the same trainings as non-relative foster parents
- Yes, but relatives also complete additional trainings specifically for relatives
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q36 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 36: [textbox]

**37.** If a relative becomes a LICENSED relative foster placement, does your state require that:

|  | Yes | No | It depends   |
|--|-----|----|--|
| <b>37a.</b> The child welfare agency provides direct assistance to the relative foster parent and/or child   |     |    | Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 37a: [textbox] |
| <b>37b.</b> The child welfare agency refers or helps the relative foster parent or child apply for services not offered through the child welfare agency |     |    | Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 37b: [textbox] |

[DISPLAY IF Q37a = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**37ai.** What types of assistance does your state child welfare agency provide to a licensed relative foster parent and/or child? Please select all that apply.

- Financial assistance  
 [DISPLAY IF Q37ai = "Financial assistance"] Please specify the amount of financial assistance: [textbox]  
 [DISPLAY IF Q37ai = "Financial assistance"] Please specify the source of funds for the financial assistance: [textbox]  
 [DISPLAY IF Q37ai = "Financial assistance"]

**37aai.** Is the financial assistance time limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q37aai = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 37aai: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q37aai = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**37aiii.** Please describe how the financial assistance is time limited: [textbox]

- Medicaid health insurance
- Legal services
- Respite care
- Childcare
- Clothing allowance
- Furniture
- Mental health services
- Transportation
- Independent living/life skills programs
- Housing assistance
- Chafee funding supports
- Education and training vouchers
- Support groups/peer groups
- Caregiver trainings, specific to kinship caregivers
- Kinship navigation services
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q37ai = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 37ai: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q37b = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**37bi.** What types of assistance does your state child welfare agency provide referrals to or help the child and/or licensed relative foster parent obtain? Please select all that apply.

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) child-only payments
- Other financial assistance

[DISPLAY IF Q37bi = "Other financial assistance"] Please specify the amount of financial assistance: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q37bi = "Other financial assistance"] Please specify the source of funds for the financial assistance: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q37bi = "Other financial assistance"]

**37bii.** Is the financial assistance time limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q37bii = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 37bii: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q37bii = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**37biii.** Please describe how the financial assistance is time limited: [textbox]

- Medicaid health insurance
- Legal services
- Aging services
- Respite care
- Childcare
- Clothing allowance
- Mental health services
- Transportation

- Independent living/life skills programs
- Transitional housing services
- Chafee funding supports
- Education and training vouchers
- Support groups/peer groups
- Kinship navigation services
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q37bi = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 37bi: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q37b = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**37c.** Does your state require any follow-up to confirm that the child and/or licensed relative foster parent have received the services to which the child welfare agency referred them to?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q37c = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 37c: [textbox]

**38.** What types of financial assistance, if any, are LICENSED relative foster parents in your state eligible to receive when they care for a child who is:

|   | Title IV-E eligible   | Not Title IV-E eligible   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>38a/e.</b> Foster care board payments through the child welfare agency   | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]: Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38a: [textbox]          | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]: Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38e: [textbox]          |
| <b>38b/f.</b> Monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families child-only payments   | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]: Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38b: [textbox]          | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]: Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38f: [textbox]          |
| <b>38c/g.</b> Other ongoing financial assistance through the child welfare agency   | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "Yes" or "It depends"]: Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38c: [textbox] | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "Yes" or "It depends"]: Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38g: [textbox] |
| <b>38d/h.</b> Other<br>Please specify what other type(s) of financial assistance licensed relatives foster parents caring for a child who <u>is/is not</u> Title IV-E eligible may receive: [textbox] | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "Yes" or "It depends"]: Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38d: [textbox] | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "Yes" or "It depends"]: Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38h: [textbox] |

[DISPLAY IF Q38a = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**38ai.** For licensed relative foster parents caring for a child who is Title IV-E eligible, are the foster care board payments through the child welfare agency time-limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q38ai = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38ai: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q38ai = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**38aii.** Please describe how the foster care board payments are time-limited: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q38e = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**38ei.** For licensed relative foster parents caring for a child who is not Title IV-E eligible, are the "foster care board payments through the child welfare agency" time limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q38ei = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 38ei: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q38ei = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**38eii.** Please describe how the foster care board payments are time limited: [textbox]

**39.** If a relative wants to be a placement resource and does not become a licensed foster placement, does your state allow the relative to complete a separate approval process in order to care for the child?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q39 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 39: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q39 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**40.** If a relative wants to be a placement resource and does not become a licensed foster placement, must the relative:

|   | Yes | No | It depends   |
|---|-----|----|--|
| <b>40a.</b> Meet the same standards as fully licensed relative foster parents     |     |    | Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 40a: [textbox] |
| <b>40b.</b> Complete the same trainings as fully licensed relative foster parents |     |    | Please specify why you selected "It depends" as  |

|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
|   |  |  | <i>your response to question 40b:</i><br>[textbox]   |
| <b>40c.</b> Meet applicable standards within a specific timeframe |  |  | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 40c:</i><br>[textbox] |

[DISPLAY IF Q40a = "No" or "It depends"]

**40ai.** What standards do licensed relative foster parents not have to meet? *Please select all that apply.*

- Local criminal background check
- State criminal background check
- Federal criminal background check
- Fingerprinting
- State child abuse and neglect registry check
- Check with other states' child abuse and neglect registries
- Home study
- Safety plan
- Verification that income is sufficient to meet the child's needs
- Caregiver training
- Space requirements
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q40ai = "Other"] *Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 40ai:* [textbox]
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q40ai = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 40ai:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q40b = "No" or "It depends"]

**40bi.** How do trainings for unlicensed relative placements differ from trainings for licensed relative foster placements? [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q40c = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**40ci.** What is the timeframe in which relative foster parents must complete the approval process? [textbox]

**41.** If a relative becomes a placement resource and is UNLICENSED, does your state require that:

|  | Yes | No | It depends  |
|--|-----|----|---|
| <b>41a.</b> The child welfare agency provides direct assistance to the relative and/or child |     |    | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 41a:</i> [textbox] |
| <b>41b.</b> The child welfare agency refers or helps the                                     |     |    | <i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as</i>  |



|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| relative or child apply for services not offered through the child welfare agency |  |  | your response to question 41b: [textbox] |
|---|--|--|--|

[DISPLAY IF Q41a = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**41ai.** What types of assistance does your state child welfare agency provide to a relative placement resource who does not become a licensed foster parent? *Please select all that apply.*

- Financial assistance

[DISPLAY IF Q41ai = "Financial assistance"] *Please specify the amount of financial assistance:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q41ai = "Financial assistance"] *Please specify the source of funds for the financial assistance:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q41ai = "Financial assistance"]

**41aii.** Is the financial assistance time-limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q41a = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 41a: [textbox]*

[DISPLAY IF Q41a = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**41aiii.** Please describe how the financial assistance is time-limited: [textbox]

- Medicaid health insurance
- Legal services
- Respite care
- Childcare
- Clothing allowance
- Furniture
- Mental health services
- Transportation
- Independent living/life skills programs
- Housing assistance
- Chafee funding supports
- Education and training vouchers
- Support groups/peer groups
- Caregiver trainings, specific to kinship caregivers
- Kinship navigation services
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q41ai = "Other"] *Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 41ai: [textbox]*

[DISPLAY IF Q41b = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**41bi.** What types of assistance does your state child welfare agency provide referrals to or help the child and/or relative placement resource who does not become a licensed foster parent obtain? *Please select all that apply.*

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) child-only payments
- Other financial assistance

[DISPLAY IF Q41bi = "Other financial assistance"] Please specify the amount of financial assistance: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q41bi = "Other financial assistance"] Please specify the source of funds for the financial assistance: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q41bi = "Other financial assistance"]

**41bii.** Is the financial assistance time-limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q41bii = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 41bii: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q41bii = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**41biii.** Please describe how the financial assistance is time-limited: [textbox]

- Medicaid health insurance
- Legal services
- Aging services
- Respite care
- Childcare
- Clothing allowance
- Mental health services
- Transportation
- Independent living/life skills programs
- Transitional housing services
- Chafee funding supports
- Education and training vouchers
- Support groups/peer groups
- Kinship navigation services
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q41bi = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 41bi: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q41b = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**41c.** Does your state require any follow-up to confirm that the child and/or relative placement resource who does not become a licensed foster parent have received the services to which the child welfare agency referred them to?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q41c = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 41c: [textbox]

**42.** What types of financial assistance, if any, are UNLICENSED relative foster parents in your state eligible to receive when they care for a child who is:

|   | Title IV-E eligible   | Not Title IV-E eligible   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>42a/e.</b> Foster care board payments through the child welfare agency | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]:<br>Please specify why you | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]:<br>Please specify why you |

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | <i>selected "It depends" as your response to question 42a: [textbox]</i>   | <i>selected "It depends" as your response to question 42e: [textbox]</i>   |
| <b>42b/f.</b> Monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families child-only payments  | Yes/No/It depends [IF "It depends"]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 42b: [textbox]</i>          | Yes/No/It depends [IF "It depends"]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 42f: [textbox]</i>          |
| <b>42c/g.</b> Other ongoing financial assistance through the child welfare agency  | Yes/No/It depends [IF "Yes" or "It depends"]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 42c: [textbox]</i> | Yes/No/It depends [IF "Yes" or "It depends"]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 42g: [textbox]</i> |
| <b>42d/h.</b> Other<br><i>Please specify what other type(s) of financial assistance unlicensed relatives foster parents caring for a child who <u>is/is not</u> Title IV-E eligible may receive: [textbox]</i> | Yes/No/It depends [IF "Yes" or "It depends"]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 42d: [textbox]</i> | Yes/No/It depends [IF "Yes" or "It depends"]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 42h: [textbox]</i> |

[DISPLAY IF Q42a = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**42ai.** For unlicensed relative foster parents caring for a child who is Title IV-E eligible, are the "foster board payments through the child welfare agency" time limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q42ai = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 42ai: [textbox]*

[DISPLAY IF Q42ai = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**42aii.** Please describe how the foster care payments are time limited: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q42e = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**42ei.** For unlicensed relative foster parents caring for a child who is not Title IV-E eligible, are the "foster care board payments through the child welfare agency" time limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q42ei = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 42ei: [textbox]*

[DISPLAY IF Q42ei = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**42eii.** Please describe how the foster care payments are time limited: [textbox]

43. Does your state require that trainings for licensed relative foster parents include how to effectively work with the child’s birth parents to best meet the needs of the child?
- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q43 = “It depends”]: Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 43: [textbox]
44. Does your state prioritize placement with relatives who are willing to become licensed foster parents over relatives who are not?
- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q44 = “It depends”]: Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 44: [textbox]
45. Does your state give preference for placement to members of a tribe if a child is American Indian or Alaska Native and a member of the tribe or the biological child of a member of the tribe?
- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q45 = “It depends”]: Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 45: [textbox]

**In some states, relatives who want to act as licensed foster parents of children taken into state/county custody can begin caring for a child before all required standards are met. This is often referred to as provisional licensing. Please answer the following questions relating to how and when relatives may be provisionally licensed/approved to care for a child in state/county custody.**

46. Must relatives meet all foster care licensing standards before they begin caring for a child, or can they start caring for a child once provisionally licensed?
- Must meet all standards before caring for a child
  - May be provisionally licensed/approved
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q46 = “It depends”] Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 46: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q46 = “May be provisionally licensed/approved” or “It depends”]

47. Can fictive kin also be provisionally licensed to act as foster parents?
- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q47= “It depends”] Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 47: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q46 = “May be provisionally licensed/approved” or “It depends”]

48. Is there a timeframe during which a relative caregiver must meet approval standards to become provisionally licensed?
- Yes
  - No

[DISPLAY IF Q48 = "Yes"]

48a. Please describe the timeframe: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q46 = "May be provisionally licensed/approved" or "It depends"]

49. What standards must be met before issuing provisional licensure? Please select all that apply.

- Local criminal background check
- State criminal background check
- Federal criminal background check
- Fingerprinting
- State child abuse and neglect registry check
- Check with other states' child abuse and neglect registries
- Home study [DISPLAY IF Q49 = "Home study"] Please describe the requirements for the home study: [textbox]
- Safety plan
- Verification that income is sufficient to meet the child's needs
- Caregiver training
- Space requirements
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q49 = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 49: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q46 = "May be provisionally licensed/approved" or "It depends"]

50. If relatives are provisionally licensed, how long do they have to complete the full licensing process? [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q46 = "May be provisionally licensed/approved" or "It depends"]

51. If relatives do not complete the full licensing/approval process within required time constraints, what are the next steps required by your state? [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q46 = "May be provisionally licensed/approved" or "It depends"]

52. If a relative is PROVISIONALLY licensed or approved as a relative foster parent, does your state require that:

|  | Yes | No | It depends   |
|--|-----|----|--|
| 52a. The child welfare agency provides direct assistance to the provisionally licensed relative foster parent or child   |     |    | Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 52a: [textbox] |
| 52b. The child welfare agency refers or helps the provisionally licensed relative foster parent or child apply for services not offered through the child welfare agency |     |    | Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 52b: [textbox] |

[DISPLAY IF Q52a = "Yes" or "It depends"]

52ai. What types of assistance does your state child welfare agency provide to a provisionally licensed relative foster parent? Please select all that apply.

- Financial assistance  
 [DISPLAY IF Q52ai = "Financial assistance"] Please specify the amount of financial assistance: [textbox]  
 [DISPLAY IF Q52ai = "Financial assistance"] Please specify the source of funds for the financial assistance: [textbox]  
 [DISPLAY IF Q52ai = "Financial assistance"]  
**52aii.** Is the financial assistance time limited?
  - Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q52aii = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response for question 52aii: [textbox]  
 [DISPLAY IF Q52aii = "Yes" or "It depends"]  
**52aiii.** Please describe how the financial assistance is time limited: [textbox]
- Medicaid health insurance
- Legal services
- Respite care
- Childcare
- Clothing allowance
- Furniture
- Mental health services
- Transportation
- Independent living/life skills programs
- Housing assistance
- Chafee funding supports
- Education and training vouchers
- Support groups/peer groups
- Caregiver trainings, specific to kinship caregivers
- Kinship navigation services
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q52ai = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 52ai: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q52b = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**52bi.** What types of assistance does your state child welfare agency provide referrals to or help the child and/or a provisionally licensed relative foster parent obtain? Please select all that apply.

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) child-only payments
- Other financial assistance  
 [DISPLAY IF Q52bi = "Other financial assistance"] Please specify the amount of financial assistance: [textbox]  
 [DISPLAY IF Q52bi = "Other financial assistance"] Please specify the source of funds for the financial assistance: [textbox]  
 [DISPLAY IF Q52bi = "Other financial assistance"]  
**52bii.** Is the financial assistance time limited?
  - Yes
  - No

- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q52bii = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 52bii: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q52bii = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**52biii.** Please describe how the financial assistance is time limited: [textbox]

- Medicaid health insurance
- Legal services
- Aging services
- Respite care
- Childcare
- Clothing allowance
- Mental health services
- Transportation
- Independent living/life skills programs
- Transitional housing services
- Chafee funding supports
- Education and training vouchers
- Support groups/peer groups
- Kinship navigation services
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q52bi = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 52bi: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q52b = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**52biv.** Does your state require any follow-up to confirm that the child and/or a provisionally licensed/approved relative foster parent have received the services to which the child welfare agency referred them to?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q52biv = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 52biv: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q46 = "May be provisionally licensed/approved" or "It depends"]

**53.** What types of financial assistance, if any, are relatives who are provisionally licensed eligible to receive, when they become foster parents for a child who is:

|   | <b>Title IV-E eligible</b>  | <b>Not Title IV-E eligible</b>  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>53a/e.</b> Foster care board payments through the child welfare agency         | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]:<br>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 53a: [textbox] | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]:<br>Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 53e: [textbox] |
| <b>53b/f.</b> Monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families child-only payments | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]:<br>Please specify why you selected "It depends"   | Yes/No/It depends<br>[IF "It depends"]:<br>Please specify why you selected "It depends"   |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | <i>as your response to question 53b</i> [textbox]   | <i>as your response to question 53f</i> : [textbox]   |
| <b>53c/g.</b> Other ongoing financial assistance through the child welfare agency   | Yes/No/It depends [IF “It depends”]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 53c:</i> [textbox] | Yes/No/It depends [IF “It depends”]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 53g:</i> [textbox] |
| <b>53d/h.</b> Other<br><i>Please specify what other type(s) of financial assistance provisionally licensed relatives caring for a child who <u>is/is not</u> Title IV-E eligible may receive:</i> [textbox] | Yes/No/It depends [IF “It depends”]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 53d:</i> [textbox] | Yes/No/It depends [IF “It depends”]:<br><i>Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 53h:</i> [textbox] |

[DISPLAY IF Q53a = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**53ai.** For provisionally licensed relatives caring for a child who is Title IV-E eligible, are the foster care board payments through the child welfare agency time limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q53ai = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 53ai:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q53ai = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**53aii.** Please describe how the foster care board payments are time limited: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q53e = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**53ei.** For provisionally licensed relatives caring for a child who is not Title IV-E eligible, are the “foster care board payments through the child welfare agency” time limited?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q53ei = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 53ei:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q53ei = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**53eii.** Please describe how the foster care board payments are time limited: [textbox]

**In the following section, we ask about the policies in your state regarding the training of caseworkers who work with kinship caregivers; support services your state child welfare agency is required to provide; and ongoing case supervision for kinship caregivers.**

**54.** What types of dedicated staff is your child welfare agency required to have? *Please select all that apply.*

- Specialized caseworkers for kinship caregiving arrangements without formal removal of the child from the legal custody of their parent(s)
- Specialized caseworkers for unlicensed relative foster placements



- Specialized caseworkers for licensed relative foster placements
  - Specialized caseworkers to help relatives with the licensure process
  - Kinship navigators
  - Other kinship caregiving dedicated staff [DISPLAY IF Q54 = "Other kinship caregiving dedicated staff"]: *Please specify what other kinship caregiving dedicated staff your child welfare agency is required to have:* [textbox]
  - My state does not require the child welfare agency to have any of the dedicated staff listed above
- 55.** Do unlicensed relative foster parents have the same level of ongoing case supervision as licensed relative foster parents?
- Yes
  - No [DISPLAY IF Q55 = "No"] *Please describe how ongoing supervision differs between unlicensed relative foster parents and fully licensed relative foster parents:* [textbox]
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q55 = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 55:* [textbox]
- 56.** Do licensed relative foster parents have the same level of ongoing case supervision as licensed non-relative foster parents?
- Yes
  - No [DISPLAY IF Q56 = "No"] *Please describe how ongoing supervision differs between licensed relative foster parents and licensed non-relative foster parents:* [textbox]
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q56 = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 56:* [textbox]
- 57.** Which of the following services and practices is your state child welfare agency required to engage in to support licensed relative foster parents in your state? *Please select all that apply.*
- Hiring staff with lived experience in kinship caregiving
  - Providing peer-to-peer support for kinship caregivers
  - Working with a kinship caregiving advisory board
  - Other [DISPLAY IF Q57 = "Other"] *Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 57:* [textbox]
  - My state does not require any of the services or practices listed above
- 58.** Are there any services that licensed non-relative foster parents are eligible to receive through the child welfare agency that licensed relative foster parents are not eligible to receive?
- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q58 = "It depends"] *Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 58:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q58 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**58a.** Please describe the services that licensed non-relative foster parents are eligible to receive through the child welfare agency that licensed relative foster parents are not eligible to receive: [textbox]

- 59.** Are unlicensed relative foster parents eligible for the same types of services as licensed relative foster parents?
- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q59 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 59: [textbox]
- 60.** Does your state require that trainings for staff who work with kinship caregivers include strategies on how to support caregivers in their relationship with a child's parents?
- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q60 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 60: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q60 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**60a.** Are these trainings specialized for staff who work with kinship caregivers?

- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q60a = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 60a: [textbox]
- 61.** If your state is developing or has an approved Family First Prevention Services Act plan, are kinship caregivers eligible to receive federally-reimbursed prevention services through Title IV-E?
- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q61 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 61: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q61 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**61a.** What prevention services will/are kinship caregivers eligible to receive through your state's Family First Prevention Services Act plan? [textbox]

- 62.** Does your state have a kinship navigator program?
- Yes – Available statewide
  - Yes – Available in some areas
  - No

[DISPLAY IF Q62 = "Yes – available statewide" or "Yes – available in some areas"]

**62a.** Does your state currently have or plan to seek Title IV-E reimbursement for the kinship navigator program under the Family First Prevention Services Act?

- Yes

- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q62a = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 62a: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q62 = "Yes – available statewide" or "Yes – available in some areas"]

**62b.** How is the kinship navigator program in your state administered?

- Through the child welfare agency
- Through a community partner
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q62b = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 62b: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q62b = "Through the child welfare agency"]

**62bi.** Does your state work with existing kinship caregiving providers to hire peers for the kinship navigator program?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q62bi = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 62bi: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q62b = "Through a community partner"]

**62bii.** Does the child welfare agency provide financial support for the community partner to administer the kinship navigator program?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q62bii = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 62bii: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q62 = "Yes – available statewide" or "Yes – available in some areas"]

**62c.** Are kinship navigation services available to families without child welfare system involvement?

- Yes
- No – Only families working with the child welfare agency are eligible for services

**63.** In determining or designing services for kinship caregivers and their families, are the perspectives of youth, caregivers, and/or birth parents with lived experience in kinship caregiving incorporated into the decision-making process for policies that impact them?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q63 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 63: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q63 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**63a.** Please describe how the perspectives of youth, caregivers, and/or birth parents with lived experience in kinship caregiving are incorporated into the decision-making process: [textbox]

- 64.** Does your state’s child welfare agency work with a kinship caregiving advisory board or committee that has members with lived experience in kinship caregiving?
- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q64 = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 64:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q64 = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**64a.** Please describe how your state child welfare agency works with a kinship caregiving advisory board or committee: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q64 = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**64b.** Are kinship caregivers who serve on the advisory board or committee compensated for their time?

- Yes
  - No
  - It depends [DISPLAY IF Q64b = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 64b:* [textbox]
- 65.** Which of the following agencies in your state does your state’s child welfare agency regularly coordinate with to secure services and supports for kinship families? *Please select all that apply.*
- Department of Aging
  - Department of Juvenile Justice
  - Department of Health
  - Department of Mental Health
  - Department of Early Care and Education
  - Department of Education
  - Department of Housing
  - Agency that administers Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
  - Agency that administers supplemental food assistance
  - Other [DISPLAY IF Q65 = “Other”] *Please specify why you selected “Other” as your response to question 65:* [textbox]
  - My agency does not regularly coordinate with any of the agencies listed above

[DISPLAY IF ANY RESPONSE TO Q65 BESIDES “My agency does not regularly coordinate with any of these agencies”]

**65a.** What does this coordination consist of? [textbox]

- 66.** Please tell us about any other staff trainings, supportive services for kinship caregivers, or supervision policies that your state child welfare agency implements that we have not asked about in the previous questions: [textbox]

**In the following section, we ask about differences in state policies regarding permanent legal guardianship and adoption of foster children. States may use alternative language for permanent legal**

**guardianship such as legal guardianship with the intent of caring for the child indefinitely, conservatorship, or other terms.**

**67.** How does your state define “relative” for the purpose of guardianship? [textbox]

**67a.** Does this definition include fictive kin?

- Yes
- No

**68.** How does your state define “relative” for the purpose of adoption? [textbox]

**68a.** Does this definition include fictive kin?

- Yes
- No

**69.** Under what circumstances does your state report “living with other relatives” as a discharge reason for children to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)?<sup>3</sup> [textbox]

**70.** Is legal guardianship a permanency option for relatives in your state?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q70 = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 70:* [textbox]

**71.** Does your state offer a subsidy for relatives who assume legal guardianship of a child from state/county custody?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q71 = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 71:* [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q71 = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**71a.** Does your state receive Title IV-E federal guardianship funds for the subsidy?

- Yes
- No

[DISPLAY IF Q71 = “Yes” or “It depends”]

**71b.** Does your state use state-level funds for the subsidy?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q71b = “It depends”] *Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 71b:* [textbox]

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/datasets/pdfs\\_user\\_guides/afcars-foster-care-file-codebook.pdf](https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/datasets/pdfs_user_guides/afcars-foster-care-file-codebook.pdf)

[DISPLAY IF Q71 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**71c.** Is the amount of the subsidy offered to relatives who assume legal guardianship of a child from state/county custody more, less, or the same as the monthly foster care maintenance payment amount the child would have received in your state?

- More
- Less
- The same
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q71c = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 71c: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q71 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**71d.** Is the amount of the subsidy offered to relatives who assume legal guardianship of a child from state/county custody more, less, or the same as the subsidy amount for fictive kin who assume legal guardianship of a child from state/county custody?

- More
- Less
- The same
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q71d = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 71d: [textbox]

**72.** Does your state offer a subsidy to relatives who adopt a child from state/county custody?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q72 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 72: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q72 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**72a.** Is the amount of the subsidy offered to relatives who adopt a child from state/county custody more, less, or the same as the monthly foster care maintenance payment amount for relatives in your state?

- More
- Less
- The same
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q72a = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 72a: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q72 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**72b.** Is the amount of the subsidy offered to relatives who adopt a child from state/county custody more, less, or the same as the subsidy amount for non-relatives who adopt a child in your state?

- More
- Less
- The same
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q72b = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 72b: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q72 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**72c.** Is the amount of the subsidy offered to relatives who adopt a child from state/county custody more, less, or the same as the subsidy amount for relatives who assume legal guardianship of a child in your state?

- More
- Less
- The same
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q72c = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 72c: [textbox]

**73.** Are the criteria used to determine whether a relative can be a permanent legal guardian of a child in state/county custody the same as the criteria used to determine whether a relative can adopt that same child:

- Yes
- No - There are eligibility criteria for assuming permanent legal guardianship that are not required for adoption
- No - There are eligibility criteria for adopting a child that are not required for assuming permanent legal guardianship

[DISPLAY IF Q73 = "No..."]

**73a.** Please describe how the criteria differ: [textbox]

**74.** Is preference for adoption or guardianship given to members of a tribe if a child is American Indian or Alaska Native and a member of the tribe or the biological child of a member of the tribe?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q74 = "Yes" or "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 74: [textbox]

**75.** Is tribal customary adoption considered a permanency option for children who are American Indian or Alaska Native and a member of a tribe or the biological child of a member of a tribe?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q75 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 75: [textbox]

**In the following section, we ask about services and supports available to kinship caregivers and children post-adoption and post-legal guardianship. States may use alternative language for permanent legal guardianship such as legal guardianship with the intent of caring for the child indefinitely, conservatorship, or other terms.**

**76.** How does your state define "relative" for the purpose of determining eligibility for post-permanency supports and services? [textbox]

**76a.** Does this definition include fictive kin?

- Yes

- No

**77.** Are post-permanency services available to relatives who assume legal guardianship of a child from state/county custody?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q77 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 77: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q77 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**77a.** Please describe the post-permanency services available to relatives who assume legal guardianship of a child from state/county custody: [textbox]

**78.** Do post-permanency services for fictive kin who assume legal guardianship of a child differ from the services available to relatives who assume legal guardianship?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q78 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 78: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q78 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**78a.** Please describe how these services differ: [textbox]

**79.** Are children who exit foster care to permanent legal guardianship automatically eligible for Medicaid?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q79 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 79: [textbox]

**80.** Does a child or young person lose access to any services (e.g., health services, Chafee eligibility) if they are adopted by a kinship caregiver from foster care?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q80 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 80: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q80 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**80a.** What services does the young person lose access to when they are adopted by a kinship caregiver from foster care? [textbox]

**81.** Does a child or young person lose access to any services (e.g., health services, Chafee eligibility) if they enter into a legal guardianship with a kinship caregiver from foster care?

- Yes
- No



- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q81 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 81: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q81 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**81a.** What services does the young person lose access to when they enter into a legal guardianship with a kinship caregiver from foster care? [textbox]

**82.** If a child is American Indian or Alaska Native and a member of a tribe or the biological child of a member of a tribe, can the child’s tribe request post-permanency assistance?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q82 = "It depends"] Please specify why you selected "It depends" as your response to question 82: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q82 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**82a.** Please describe the post-permanency assistance available: [textbox]

**In this final section, we ask about miscellaneous kinship caregiving policies in your state.**

**83.** What challenges does your state child welfare agency face when placing children with relatives across state lines? Please select all that apply.

- Differences in licensing standards
- Differences in financial assistance provided to relatives
- Differences in provision of support services to relatives
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q83 = "Other"] Please specify why you selected "Other" as your response to question 82: [textbox]
- My state does not face any challenges when placing children with relatives across state lines

**84.** What data does your state track for the following categories of caregiving arrangements? Please select all that apply.

|   | Unlicensed relatives | Licensed relatives | Licensed non-relatives |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>84a.</b> Case opening and closing date                                 |                      |                    |                        |
| <b>84b.</b> Location of child at case closure                             |                      |                    |                        |
| <b>84c.</b> Contact information for parent(s) no longer living with child |                      |                    |                        |
| <b>84d.</b> Child’s race  |                      |                    |                        |
| <b>84e.</b> Child’s ethnicity   |                      |                    |                        |
| <b>84f.</b> Child’s age   |                      |                    |                        |
| <b>84g.</b> Child’s geographic location                                   |                      |                    |                        |
| <b>84h.</b> Caregiver’s race  |                      |                    |                        |
| <b>84i.</b> Caregiver’s ethnicity   |                      |                    |                        |
| <b>84j.</b> Caregiver’s age   |                      |                    |                        |

|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <b>84k.</b> Caregiver’s geographic location   |  |  |  |
| <b>84l.</b> Legal relationship between child and caregiver if child is not returning to the custody of their family of origin   |  |  |  |
| <b>84m.</b> Referrals to services for child   |  |  |  |
| <b>84n.</b> Referrals to services for caregiver   |  |  |  |
| <b>84o.</b> Results of caregiver assessments  |  |  |  |
| <b>84p.</b> Safety plans  |  |  |  |
| <b>84q.</b> Services child receives   |  |  |  |
| <b>84r.</b> Services caregiver receives   |  |  |  |
| <b>84s.</b> Other [DISPLAY IF Q84s = “Other”] Please specify what “Other” data your state tracks for caregiving arrangements with [unlicensed relatives/licensed relatives/licensed non-relatives]: [textbox] |  |  |  |

[DISPLAY IF ANY RESPONSE SELECTED IN Q84]

**85.** How do you use these data? Please select all that apply.

- To inform agency practice
- To inform state policy
- To track case outcomes
- Other [DISPLAY IF Q85 = “Other”] Please specify why you selected “Other” as your response to question 85: [textbox]
- My state does not use these data
- My state does not yet use these data, but plan to use them moving forward

[DISPLAY IF Q85 = “To inform agency practice” or “To inform state policy” or “To track case outcomes” or “Other” or “My state does not yet use these data, but plan to use them moving forward”]

**85a.** Please tell us more about how the collected data are used/will be used in your state: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF ANY RESPONSE SELECTED IN Q84]

**86.** Are these data analyzed by race and ethnicity?

- Yes
- No
- It depends [DISPLAY IF Q86 = “Yes”] Please specify why you selected “It depends” as your response to question 86: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q86 = "Yes" or "It depends"]

**86a.** Please tell us more about how data analyzed by race and ethnicity are used/will be used in your state: [textbox]

**87.** Has your state identified disparities in service provision between:

|  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>87a.</b> Licensed non-relative foster parents and licensed relative foster parents  |     |    |
| <b>87b.</b> Licensed relative foster parents and unlicensed relative foster parents  |     |    |
| <b>87c.</b> Licensed relative foster parents and relative caregivers in a kinship caregiving arrangement without formal removal of a child from the legal custody of their parent(s) |     |    |

[DISPLAY IF Q87a = "Yes"]

**87ai.** Please describe the identified disparities in service provision between licensed non-relative foster parents and licensed relative foster parents: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q87b = "Yes"]

**87bi.** Please describe the identified disparities in service provision between licensed relative foster parents and unlicensed relative foster parents: [textbox]

[DISPLAY IF Q87c = "Yes"]

**87ci.** Please describe the identified disparities in service provision between licensed relative foster parents and relative caregivers in a kinship caregiving arrangement without formal removal of a child from the legal custody of their parent(s): [textbox]

**88.** Has your state identified disparities in service outcomes between:

|  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>88a.</b> Licensed non-relative foster parents and licensed relative foster parents  |     |    |
| <b>88b.</b> Licensed relative foster parents and unlicensed relative foster parents  |     |    |
| <b>88c.</b> Licensed relative foster parents and relative caregivers in a kinship caregiving arrangement without formal removal of a child from the legal custody of their parent(s) |     |    |

[DISPLAY IF Q88a = "Yes"]

**88ai.** Please describe the identified disparities in service outcomes between licensed non-relative foster parents and licensed relative foster parents have been identified: [\[textbox\]](#)

[DISPLAY IF Q88b = "Yes"]

**88bi.** Please describe the identified disparities in service outcomes between licensed relative foster parents and unlicensed relative foster parents: [\[textbox\]](#)

[DISPLAY IF Q88c = "Yes"]

**88ci.** Please describe the identified disparities in service outcomes between licensed relative foster parents and relative caregivers in a kinship caregiving arrangement without formal removal of a child from the legal custody of their parent(s): [\[textbox\]](#)

**89.** Has your state changed or terminated any policies that contributed to racial or ethnic disparities among kinship caregivers in your state, such as barriers to licensure?

- Yes
- No

[DISPLAY IF Q89 = "Yes"]

**89a.** Please describe the policies that were changed or terminated because they contributed to racial or ethnic disparities among kinship caregivers: [\[textbox\]](#)

**90.** Does your state have any commissions or working groups specifically tasked with addressing disparities among kinship caregivers?

- Yes
- No

[DISPLAY IF Q90 = "Yes"]

**90a.** Please describe these commissions and/or working groups: [\[textbox\]](#)

**91.** Please describe any additional policies that impact kinship caregiving in your state that we did not ask about but would be helpful for us to know about: [\[textbox\]](#)

**92.** Please provide any additional information that will help us understand your state's responses to this survey: [\[textbox\]](#)

[DISPLAY AFTER Q92]

Thank you for completing our survey! We have one final question below. If your responses are complete, select the "Submit" button. Please note that you will be unable to edit your responses through this survey link after they have been submitted.

At the beginning of this survey, we requested contact information for any individuals who should be included on correspondence, should there be any questions regarding your state's responses. If any additional individuals should be included, please provide their email addresses here: [\[textbox\]](#)

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Thank you for completing our survey! Your responses have been submitted, and we encourage you to download a PDF copy of the survey that reflects your submitted responses, for your records. We are reviewing responses on an ongoing basis and will follow up over the next several weeks with any questions we may have about your responses. We sincerely appreciate your time and efforts! If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Megan Fischer at [mfischer@childtrends.org](mailto:mfischer@childtrends.org) or (240)223-9284.