



Our Goal

is to strengthen and sustain formal and informal Kinship Families in San Bernardino. We are committed to assuring that children stay connected to their families, culture, language and traditions, while living in safe, healthy and stable homes.

“Our support group meets regularly and helps us to stay connected and encouraged... we look forward to sharing and exchanging ideas.” - Caregiver

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Kinship Support Services



What is Kinship?

Kinship Support Services lend a hand to those who lend their heart. In other words, Kinship Support Services help relative caregivers and non-relative extended family members, also known as kin caregivers. Kinship Support Services offers these families the help and support they need to stay together as a family. Through kinship placements, families are maintained, traditions upheld, children move less and experience fewer behavioral, educational and/or health problems.

Services are designed to combat the isolation, stress and needs kinship families encounter in their day-to-day lives. They include support groups, informational workshops, caregiver respite, children's activities, and family recreation. Additional services are developed or referrals are made in response to individual caregiver and kin-child needs.



Our Services

Support Services:

- Case Management
- Family Conferencing
- Support Groups
- Basic Needs Assistance
- Caregiver Workshops
- Mentoring
- Transportation Assistance
- Respite Care
- Advocacy
- Warm Line

Family and Youth Activities

- Family Gatherings
- Recreational Activities
- Youth Life Skills Education
- Tutoring/Homework Club

Information and Referral

- Counseling
- Health Care
- Dental and Vision Care
- Legal Aid
- Other Services as needed

"This Kinship program has impacted my family in a positive way and has enabled us to do things as a family... This program has also helped me understand that I am not alone and other people understand my struggles." - Caregiver

Locations

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