

*How the Welfare Division can help:*

The Welfare Division can help you qualify for Kinship Care by:

- assisting you in the application and verification process;
- referring you to legal counsel, contracted with the State of Nevada, who will assist you in pursuing guardianship at no cost to you;
- reimbursing you up to \$10 for each fingerprint card; and
- paying for the criminal background check.

#### **Other Assistance**

There are other financial and medical programs available for families caring for children.

If for some reason you do not meet all of the requirements for Kinship Care, or you do not wish to pursue guardianship or submit to a criminal background check, you may still qualify for cash (lower grant) and medical assistance under another TANF program.

For more information or to find a Welfare Division office near you, call 1-800-992-0900 or visit [www.welfare.state.nv.us](http://www.welfare.state.nv.us)

# **KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM**



## **Financial Assistance for Children Living with Grandparents and Relatives**

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The Nevada State Welfare Division administers a program called Kinship Care under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provision.

The Kinship Care program provides financial, medical and supportive services to children who are being cared for by certain relatives.

***This program may provide cash assistance up to:***

- **\$534** per month for eldest child 12 years old and younger, or
- **\$616** per month for eldest child age 13 and older, and
- **\$100** per child thereafter.

Actual payment amounts will be determined based on the child's countable income, if any.

A child's countable income may include child support payments, Social Security Administration benefits and certain types of earnings.

***Supportive Services:***

Supportive Services may include child care, respite care, qualifying transportation costs, and case management services. The services are offered through a contract case manager (licensed social worker).

***To be eligible for Kinship Care, you must:***

- be age 62 or older;
- be a non-parent, non-needy caretaker (NNCT) relative; (A non-needy caretaker is a relative who is not requesting assistance for themselves.)
- be able to verify you have been caring for a child who is related by blood, adoption or marriage for at least six months;
- file for and obtain court approval of legal guardianship;
- comply with court imposed requirements;
- submit to and pass a personal and criminal history background check, and
- relative household members must have combined income below 275% federal poverty level.

AND

The child(ren) must meet the age, citizenship, and resource eligibility requirements for the TANF program.



***Criminal Background Check***

Caretakers must submit a complete set of fingerprints.

The fingerprints will be sent to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history and then submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain a report.

Caretakers will not be eligible for Kinship Care assistance when a record reveals a felony conviction for:

- child abuse or neglect;
- spousal abuse;
- a crime against children, including child pornography, or
- a crime of rape, sexual assault or homicide.

OR

A felony was committed within the past five (5) years for:

- physical assault;
- battery, or
- a drug-related offense.