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C-KIN: CT's Kinship Navigator Program

PARTNERING TO RAISE RESILIENT CHILDREN.

Why Kinship Navigation?

ConnectiKIN (C-KIN) provides connections, supports, and resources needed to raise resilient children who thrive. Kinship caregivers provide comfort, familiarity, and stability when a child needs it most. It's a vital, challenging role to help ensure caregivers can access resources and services they need to succeed.

What Does C-KIN do?

Kinship Navigators take direction from caregivers, based on their needs, and offer support. Kinship Navigators offer:

- Access to public and private resources that can help with essential needs, including guidance in finding child care; resources and donations for diapers, clothing, and food.
- Support with accessing financial assistance as well as access to physical and mental health services and navigating the educational system.
- Support with finding community resources, including connection with legal assistance.
- Navigating the child welfare system, for example, links with other kinship caregivers for peer support.

VOLUNTARY & FLEXIBLE

Caregivers choose the amount of support they receive, ranging from no support, information only (brief/short term), to a more hands-on partnership with ongoing, interactions.

UNDERSTANDING

Caregivers are connected to dedicated Kinship Navigators who are empathetic, family-focused, strengths-based and knowledgeable about:

- Self-Care
- Permanency and Reunification
- DCF / Foster Care Licensing
- Referrals to Community Services
- Grief and Loss
- Family Dynamics and Role Changes
- Traumatized Children
- Intergenerational Trauma
- Stress Management
- Parenting Techniques and Attachment
- Addiction and Recovery
- Intimate Partner Violence

Serving families in: Avon, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, Farmington, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Plymouth, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Southington, Wethersfield, Meriden, Cheshire, and Wallingford.

Your Starting Point

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Location

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Funding Source

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INDIVIDUALIZED

Kinship Navigators assess caregiver and children's needs together with families to create customized goals and support plans.

Our Visual Identity

Our visual identity portrays two hearts joining together and forming a home. It represents the essential relationships we form every day and our core belief in the power and resilience of family. The two hearts can stand for the connection between CKIN and families, families and children or biological families and the extended family or friends who help them.



About Our C-KIN Team

ANNE, PROGRAM MANAGER, KINSHIP NAVIGATION



My role is to oversee the Kinship Navigation Program. I supervise and assist navigators in delivering effective, support services for families. I enjoy the work I do because it is important to me to help children and families in my community. In my free time I enjoy spending time with friends and family.

LOVELY, KINSHIP NAVIGATOR



I provide essential assistance and resources to families navigating kinship care. My personal journey as a youth in foster care drives my commitment to empower families through support, compassion, and understanding. I believe that by creating safe, healing environments, families can thrive.

YADIRA, KINSHIP NAVIGATOR



What I like about my role as a Kinship Navigator is that I am able to witness families reconnect, develop new skills, and heal together. In my free time, I like to paint and travel to new places with my family.

MADISON, KINSHIP NAVIGATOR



As a kinship navigator, I can offer support for families in making connections, finding resources, and achieving family harmony. I feel honored to be part of a family's growth and healing.

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