"KIN-CARE" CHILDREN FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

WHAT IS KIN CARE?

Kin Care is when relatives or close friends take care of children when their parents are unable to do so. Kin Care subsidy is a mandated Child Protection matter and is usually supported financially by Ogwadeni:deo Services, or Child Protection Services located off-reserve. Another financial support option available through these services is Customary Care.

However, the Kin-out of care or Family Placements do not provide consistent support, so other resources are sometimes necessary.

ONTARIO WORKS

Families who are receiving Temporary Care Assistance may be eligible for discretionary supports for children in their care. Families who are not receiving Temporary Care Assistance may be able to access support through the Transition Support Fund (TSF).

Ontario Works does not typically provide funding for back-to-school items, and families are generally directed to alternative community resources for those needs.

For inquiries, contact Ontario Works: **(519) 445-2084**

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

Jordan's Principle does not allow a monthly allowance, but requests can be positioned around child specific unmet needs that were created or intensified by the care arrangements. Examples include:

- Respite or caregiver supports where the child has significant needs
- Transportation connected to the child's needs
- Clothing or essential items where a child-specific need is established
- Furniture or equipment required because of the child's needs
- Counselling/mental-health supports
- Culturally based or land based supports
- Educational supports
- Specialized childcare
- Other reasonable supports necessary to keep the child safely within the kinship placement

For inquiries, contact our Jordan's Principle office: **(519) 445-4983**

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SUPPORTS AVAILABLE VIA OGWADENI:DEO

Ogwadeni:deo can provide either Kinship Care or Kin In Care, depending on legal status. Here are some additional details and differences between the two.

KINSHIP CARE

RESPONSIBILITY

Child is voluntarily placed with kin under a signed voluntary agreement. Caregiver provides daily care to the child while the child remains in the legal care of their parent.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

As the caregiver of the child, the caregiver can apply for various benefits, such as;

CANADA CHILD BENEFIT (income based)
Children under 6 - up to $679.75/month
Children ages 6-18 - up to $573.58/month

ONTARIO CHILD BENEFIT
Ages 0-18 - Up to $143.91/month

ONTARIO WORKS TEMPORARY CARE ALLOWANCE
$274/month based on eligibility

OGWADENI:DEO'S ASSISTANCE
$1,000.00 one-time initial start-up
$1,000.00/fiscal year for eligible expenses

DIFFERENCES

- Background checks and home inspection occur
- Kin caregiver input is highly considered
- Relaxed timelines and requirements
- Child remains out of the care of a Society

KIN IN CARE

RESPONSIBILITY

Child is in the legal care of Ogwadeni:deo under a court order or legal agreement. Ogwadeni:deo has all decision making authority of child, with caregiver carrying out daily care.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Caregivers receive per diems from Ogwadeni:deo for providing care to the child

PER DAY - $38.31
30 DAY MONTH - $1149.30

In addition to per diems, Ogwadeni:deo covers all costs associated with caring for the child, such as daycare, extracurricular activities, special equipment etc.

DIFFERENCES

- Background checks and in-depth home study required
- Caregiver must follow all of Ogwadeni:deo's recommendations for the care of the child
- Ogwadeni:deo ensures all transportation and other needs are met
- Timelines are in effect that may result in the child needing ongoing permanency

For inquiries, contact Ogwadeni:deo: **(519) 445-1864**

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