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APPENDIX I: IMPLEMENTATION CHRONOLOGY

October 7, 2008

- Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 became law.
- Provisions effective immediately:
 - Kinship Guardianship Assistance option, although states may elect the option at a later date
 - Family Connection Grants
 - Identification of and notice to relatives
 - Access to Federal Parent Locator Service
 - Sibling placement requirement
 - Option for case-by case exceptions for relatives for non-safety licensing standards
 - Transition plan requirement

- Educational stability and attendance requirements
- Health Oversight and Coordination Plan requirement
- Adoption Incentive Program expansion
- Adoption Tax Credit information to families adopting children from foster care
- Short-term training under Title IV-E for relative guardians, agency and court staff, and attorneys, court appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem begins to phase in at a reimbursement rate of 55%.
- HHS technical assistance to Indian tribes and states about the tribal changes in the law
- Implementation grants for Indian tribes that are preparing a Title IV-E plan for approval in order to access Title IV-B and IV-E funds directly

October 23, 2008

- Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-05 released, which describes the new law and requires states to submit certifications to the regional Children’s Bureau offices within 30 days stating whether or not they will require state legislation to implement provisions of the law.

October 24, 2008

- Information Memorandum ACYF-CB-IM-08-03 released, which notifies Indian Tribes of the opportunity to directly operate title IV-E programs for foster care maintenance payments, adoption assistance and kinship guardianship assistance and apply for grants to develop title IV-E plans and provides a brief overview of the law and the options available to Indian Tribes.

November 24, 2008

- Certifications due from all states to their regional Children’s Bureau offices regarding whether or not they require state legislation to implement the provisions of the law.

December 24, 2008

- Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-007 released, which provides information to state and tribal child welfare agencies on how to implement and operate the Guardianship Assistance Program plan option and includes a sample Title IV-E plan amendment.

January 1, 2009

- In the quarter that begins on this date, States deciding to take the kinship guardianship assistance option may obtain approval from HHS of their Title IV-E state plan amendments, and, once approved, begin to submit claims for reimbursement of eligible children back to the first day of the quarter in which approval was granted. (States also may opt in at a later time.)

October 1, 2009

- Indian tribes, tribal organizations and tribal consortia with an approved Title IV-E plan may begin directly claiming federal funds for foster care, adoption assistance or kinship guardianship assistance payments, or related costs, *or may decide to do so in the future*.
- The elimination of income and resource eligibility requirements for the federal adoption assistance program begins to be phased in, beginning with children 16 or older, children who have been in care for 60 consecutive months, and siblings of such children.
- Short-term training under Title IV-E for relative guardians, agency and court staff and attorneys, court appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem can now be reimbursed at 60%.

October 1, 2010

- States for the first time have the option to extend federally supported foster care payments to ages 19, 20, or 21 for youth in foster care who were in care at age 18 or to youth who had kinship guardianship or adoption assistance agreements that became effective after they reached age 16. (States also may opt in at a later time.)
- Short-term training under Title IV-E for relative guardians, agency and court staff and attorneys, court appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem can now be reimbursed at 65%.

- The elimination of income and resource eligibility requirements for the federal adoption assistance program continues to be phased in to cover children 14 and older, children in care for 60 consecutive months, and siblings of such children.

October 7, 2010

- The Secretary of HHS must submit no later than this date a report to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee a report that describes how the case-by case waivers of non-safety licensing standards for relatives have been implemented and recommends policy changes to increase the percentage of relative foster family homes that are licensed

October 1, 2011

- Short-term training under Title IV-E for relative guardians, agency and court staff and attorneys, court appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem can now be reimbursed at 70%.
- The elimination of income and resource requirements for the adoption assistance program covers children 12 and older, children in care for 60 consecutive months, and siblings of such children.

October 1, 2012

- Short-term training under Title IV-E for relative guardians, agency and court staff and attorneys, court appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem can now be reimbursed at 75%, the rate at which other Title IV-E training is reimbursed.
- The elimination of income and resource eligibility requirements for the federal adoption assistance program continues to be phased in to cover children 10 and older, children in care for 60 consecutive months, and siblings of such children.

October 1, 2013

- The elimination of income and resource requirements for the federal adoption assistance program continues to be phased in to cover children 8 and older, children in care for 60 consecutive months, and siblings of such children.
- Adoption Incentives Program must be reauthorized.
- Family Connection Grants expire.

October 1, 2014

- The elimination of income and resource requirements for the federal adoption assistance program continues to be phased in to cover children 6 and older, children in care for 60 consecutive months, and siblings of such children.

October 1, 2015

- The elimination of income and resource requirements for the federal adoption assistance program continues to be phased in to cover children 4 and older, children in care for 60 consecutive months, and siblings of such children.

October 1, 2016

- The elimination of income and resource requirements for the federal adoption assistance program continues to be phased in to cover children 2 and older, children in care for 60 consecutive months, and siblings of such children.

October 1, 2017

- The elimination of income and resource requirements for the federal adoption assistance program is now fully phased in for children of all ages, children in care for 60 consecutive months, and siblings of such children.

APPENDIX II: GLOSSARY *

Adoption Incentives Program – Provides fiscal incentives to states to increase annually, over an established baseline, the number of children adopted from foster care with special attention to older children and other children with special needs.

Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA), (P.L. 105-89) – Enacted in 1997 to enhance safety, permanence and well-being for children at risk of entering or in the child welfare system. Required that a child’s safety be the paramount consideration in any decision a state makes regarding a child in the system. Established expedited timelines for moving children into permanent homes, either by safely returning them home or by terminating parental rights and moving children into adoptive or other permanent placements, including guardianship or placement with a fit and willing relative. Reauthorized the Family Preservation and Support Services Program to expand its focus on adoption, and changed its name to the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program.

Congressional Budget Office (CBO) – Nonpartisan organization required by Congress to prepare annual budgets and economic outlooks for the country, estimates of the fiscal impact of the President’s proposed budget, and estimates of legislative proposals introduced in Congress.

Educational and Training Vouchers (ETV) Program – Provides resources through the states for vouchers for postsecondary training and education to assist youth otherwise eligible for services under the state’s John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (see definition below) including those who were adopted or entered kinship guardianship from foster care after attaining age 16. The vouchers, which are included as a sixth purpose in the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, make up to \$5,000 per year per youth available for secondary education and training to eligible youth.

Federal Fiscal Year (FY) – The accounting period of the federal government is the federal fiscal year. It begins on October 1st of each year and runs through September 30th of the next year. Each fiscal year is identified by the calendar year in which it ends. A state’s fiscal year may or may not coincide with the federal fiscal year; it may coincide with the calendar year or run from July 1st of the year to June 30th of the next year.

Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) – The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) is used in determining the amount of federal matching funds for state expenditures for assistance payments for certain social services, including the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs, and state medical and medical insurance expenditures. The Social Security Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to calculate and publish the FMAPs each year.

Foster Care Licensing Standards – Each state has licensing regulations to ensure children are cared for in physically and developmentally safe foster family homes, group homes, and child care institutions. Although some states have separate standards when care is to be provided by related caregivers rather than by non-related caregivers, HHS has interpreted federal law to require that, for purposes of federal reimbursement, the same licensing standards must be applied to all foster parents but does allow exceptions to be made on a case by case basis. The new act codifies this guidance.

Health & Human Services (HHS), Department of – Cabinet level department within the Executive Branch that is the United States’ principal governmental agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services across the country, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

- **Administration on Children & Families (ACF)** – Within HHS, ACF is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals and communities. Its 60-some program activities include adoption and foster care; child abuse and neglect; child care; child support; disabilities; energy assistance; Head Start; Healthy Marriage Initiative; Human Trafficking; Native American/Tribal supports; and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.
- **Children’s Bureau** – It is one of two bureaus within the Administration on Children & Families (ACF). It works with state and local agencies to develop programs that focus on preventing the abuse of children, protecting children from abuse, and promoting permanent families for children.

John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program – The Chafee Program has three components: (1) independent living services to help youth who are “likely to remain in foster care until the age of 18,” youth who leave foster care at 18 or older, and youth who were adopted or entered legal guardianship from foster care after attaining age 16 transition to self-sufficiency (basic independent living services); (2) assistance with “room and board” for those who exited foster care because they turned 18 but who have not yet turned 21; and (3) educational and training vouchers for youth otherwise eligible for services under that state’s Chafee Program including those who were adopted or entered kinship guardianship from foster care after attaining age 16.

Kinship Navigator Program – Programs that will assist kinship caregivers in learning about, finding, and using programs and services to meet the needs of the children they are raising and their own needs, and that will promote effective partnerships among public and private agencies to ensure kinship caregiver families are served.

Medicaid – Provides financial assistance to states for payments of medical assistance on behalf of cash assistance recipients, children, pregnant women, and the aged who meet income and resource requirements, and other categorically-eligible groups including children who are eligible for the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoptions Assistance programs and, under the new act, Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments. In certain states that elect to provide such coverage, medically needy persons, who, except for income and resources, would be eligible for cash assistance, may be eligible for medical assistance payments under this program.

Ombudsman – An advocate or spokesperson for a targeted group of individuals who are served by an organization to ensure that the organization's obligations, ethical duties, and rules are being followed; to investigate possible illegal, unethical activities or harmful unforeseen consequences of that organization's actions; and to facilitate negotiations or actions toward satisfactory solutions.

State Child Welfare Agency – State agencies that are mandated to respond to reports of child abuse and neglect and to intervene as needed to protect children. Typically they provide a range of child welfare services for children and families, including family preservation, child protection, out-of-home care, kinship care, and adoption. For links to child welfare agencies in each state see: http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/reslist/rl_dsp_website.cfm?rs_ID=16&rate_chno=AZ-0004E

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) – Provides grants to states, territories, the District of Columbia and federally recognized Indian Tribes operating their own Tribal TANF programs to assist needy families with children so that children can be cared for in their own homes; reduce dependency by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; reduce and prevent out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Title IV-B/Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program –

- **Child Welfare Services Program (Subpart 1)** – Promotes state flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families. Funds may be used for the following purposes: (i) protecting and promoting the welfare of all children; (ii) preventing the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children; (iii)

supporting at-risk families through services that allow children to remain with their families or return to their families in a timely manner; (iv) promoting the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and (v) providing training, professional development, and support to ensure a well-qualified workforce.

- **Promoting Safe & Stable Families (Subpart 2)** – Funds family preservation services that assist families at risk or in crisis; community-based family support services that promote the safety and well-being of children and families, to afford children a safe, stable and supportive family environment, to strengthen parental relationships and promote healthy marriages, and otherwise to enhance child development; time-limited family reunification services to facilitate the reunification of the child safely and appropriately within a timely fashion; and adoption promotion and support services designed to encourage more adoptions out of the foster care system, when adoption promotes the best interests of the child. In addition, a portion of funds is reserved in FY 2008 – FY 2011 for a separate formula grant for States and territories to support monthly caseworker visits with children who are in foster care. Funds also are reserved for research, evaluation and technical assistance, which may be awarded competitively through contracts or discretionary grants.

Title IV-E Adoption Assistance – Provides federal funding to states for adoption subsidy costs for the adoption of eligible children with special needs who meet certain eligibility tests; administrative costs to manage the program; and training for the public agency staff, adoptive parents, and certain private agency staff.

Title IV-E Foster Care – Provides federal funding to help states provide safe and stable out-of-home care for children under the jurisdiction of the state child welfare agency until the children are returned home safely, placed with adoptive families, or placed in other planned arrangements for permanency. The program provides funds to states to assist with the costs of foster care maintenance for eligible children; administrative costs to manage the program; and training for the public and private agency staff, foster parents and certain private agency staff.

Title IV-E Training – Provides federal funding to states to assist with training for public and private agency staff, court staff, attorneys, court appointed special advocates, and guardians ad litem, and foster and adoptive parents and relative caregivers.

Title IV-E Waivers – The Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration authority provided states with an opportunity to use federal Title IV-E funds more flexibly in order to test innovative approaches to child welfare service delivery and financing. States could design and demonstrate a wide range of

approaches to reform child welfare and improve outcomes in the areas of safety, permanency, and well-being and request waivers of Title IV-E rules to be able to implement them. Although the authority for new waivers ended in March 2007, 12 states are continuing waivers in different areas begun before that date. Six of these states are continuing kinship care waivers.

211 and 311 – A toll-free telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community. The availability of 211 and 311 and the services that are offered through 211 and 311 vary from community to community.

*Generally, definitions were drawn from the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) (http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.FIND_ASSISTANCE_PROGRAM_DYN.show) or the Glossary maintained by the Child Welfare Information Gateway (<http://www.childwelfare.gov/admin/glossary/index.cfm>).

APPENDIX III: SELECTED RESOURCES

General Resources on Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351):

- **Summaries of Public Law 110-351**
October 2008
 - **Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 Short Summary**
http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/DocServer/9_16_08_FCSAIAAct_1-pager_FINAL_with_new_logo.pdf?docID=8882
 - **Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 Detailed Summary**
http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/DocServer/FCSIAA_long_summary.pdf?docID=8841
 - **Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 Implications for Children Being Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives**
http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/DocServer/1_pager_on_Kinship_for_Grandparents.pdf?docID=8921
- **Congressional Research Service's Summary of Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (HR 6893)**
October 9, 2008
Summary of the legislation from the Congressional Research Service
http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL34704_20081009.pdf
- **Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate for H.R. 6893 Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008**
December 23, 2008
<http://www.cbo.gov/doc.cfm?index=9955>
- **Link to Public Law 110-351**
http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_public_laws&docid=f:publ351.110.pdf

- **Program Instruction October 23, 2008**
Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau
Program Instruction sent to state, tribal, and territorial agencies administering or supervising the administration of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, Indian Tribes and Indian Tribal Organizations to inform them of the enactment of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2008/pi0805.htm
- **Information Memorandum October 23, 2008**
Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau,
This Information Memorandum provides a brief overview of the law and the options available in Public Law 110-351 for Indian Tribes to operate directly Title IV-E programs for foster care maintenance payments, adoption assistance and kinship guardianship assistance and apply for grants to develop Title IV-E plans.
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/im/2008/im0803.htm
- **Child Welfare Information Gateway**
A service of the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the website provides access to print and electronic publications, websites, and online databases covering a wide range of topics from prevention to permanency, including child welfare, child abuse and neglect, adoption, search and reunion.
<http://www.childwelfare.gov/aboutus.cfm>
- **Examples of National Organizations With Websites That Include Resources on the New Law**

 - **American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law**
<http://www.abanet.org/child/>
 - **Center for Law and Social Policy**
<http://www.clasp.org/publications/fctsaiaact2008resources.htm>
 - **Child Welfare League of America**
<http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/adoptionhr6893resources.htm>
 - **Children’s Defense Fund**
http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/PageServer?pagename=priorities_childwelfare#foster
 - **Generations United**
<http://www.gu.org/Foste10161796.asp>

General Resources for Children Raised by Kinship/Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children:

- **Grandfamilies.org (Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center)**
Casey Family Programs, the American Bar Association's (ABA) Center on Children and the Law, and Generations United
The Resource Center serves as a national legal resource created to educate individuals about state laws, legislation and policy in support of grandfamilies and to assist interested state legislators, advocates, caregivers, attorneys, and other policymakers in exploring policy options to support relatives and the children in their care both within and outside the child welfare system. Additionally, the ABA and Generations United staff are available to provide technical assistance and training to state policymakers and advocates or other interested parties.
www.Grandfamilies.org
- **State Fact Sheets for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children**
AARP Foundation, Brookdale Foundation Group, Casey Family Programs, Child Welfare League of America, Children's Defense Fund, and Generations United
A national partnership has compiled and released state fact sheets and one national fact sheet that include Census data on the number of grandparent caregivers and the children they are raising, a comprehensive list of local programs, resources and services, state foster care policies for grandparent and other relative caregivers, information about key public benefit programs, important state laws, and national organizations that may be of help.
www.Grandfactsheets.org
- **Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children: Annotated Bibliography**
Generations United, 2002
This annotated bibliography summarizes a wide variety of resources, including books, factsheets, reports, journal articles, audiovisual sources, and training manuals.
<http://www.gu.org/documents/A0/AnnotatedBibliography.doc>
- **Is Kinship Care Good for Kids?**
Center for Law and Social Policy, 2007
This fact sheet examines whether kinship care is good for children and the research available to answer this question.
http://www.clasp.org/publications/is_kinship_care_good.pdf

- **Kinship Annotated Bibliography**
 Research to Practice, 2003
This annotated bibliography summarizes close to 70 articles, reports, and studies on kinship care. The bibliography includes a short description, methodology and key findings.
<http://www.cwla.org/programs/R2P/bibliokc.pdf>
- **The Kinship Report: Assessing the Needs of Relative Caregivers and the Children in Their Care**
 Ernestine Jones, Casey Family Programs, 2003
This report presents a picture of the difficulties faced by kinship care families and a better appreciation of the strengths they bring to their situation. The report also identifies the ways in which the financial, physical and social needs of the children and caregivers are being met or left unanswered.
http://www.casey.org/NR/rdonlyres/54020D5E-D726-463C-85F8-9EA1731C5EDE/81/casey_kinship_report.pdf
- **The Continuing Evolution of State Kinship Care Policies**
 Urban Institute, 2002
This study presents the findings of a 2001 survey of state policies regarding relative foster care.
http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310597_state_kinship_care.pdf
- **Resources for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**
This compilation of online resources is aimed at helping grandparents raise their kin.
http://www.caseyfamilyservices.org/news_08grandparents_res.html
- **Time for Reform: Support Relatives in Providing Foster Care and Permanent Families for Children**
 Kids Are Waiting, Generations United, Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2007
This report examines the role relative caregivers play in raising children in the foster care system. The report argues for a number of changes in federal law to support children and their relative caregivers, including subsidized guardianship.
http://www.gu.org/documents/A0/Time_for_Reform.pdf

Identification of and Notice to Grandparents and Other Relatives

- **Six Steps to Find a Family: A Practice Guide to Family Search and Engagement**
This guide from the National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning and the California Permanency for Youth Project provides detailed guidance on casework practice that supports family search and engagement in the quest to provide permanency for young people.
<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/SixSteps.pdf>
- **Making “Relative Search” Happen: A guide to finding and involving relatives at every stage of the child welfare process**
ChildFocus, 2007
This guide walks through many of the key questions for child welfare professionals to help locate potential relative caregivers.
<http://www.childfocuspartners.com/images/RelativeSearchGuide10-15.pdf>

Kinship Navigator Programs and Other Family Connection Grant Activities

- Kinship Navigator Programs
 - **Grandfamilies.org (Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center)**
Casey Family Programs, the American Bar Association’s Center on Children and the Law and Generations United
Website includes a searchable database of state kinship navigator programs, narrative analysis of kinship navigator programs, and personal stories from caregivers who benefited from these programs.
www.Grandfamilies.org
 - **State Fact Sheets for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children**
AARP Foundation, Brookdale Foundation Group, Casey Family Programs, Child Welfare League of America, Children's Defense Fund, and Generations United
Website contains fact sheets on every state, including information on kinship navigator programs already operating in the state.
www.Grandfactsheets.org

- **New Jersey Kinship Caregivers Navigator Network**
This is the website for New Jersey's state-run kinship navigator program, including toll-free number for caregivers.
<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/DHS%20Publications/kinshipbro1.html>

- **Kinship Navigator Pilot Project: Replication Manual**
 Casey Family Programs, TriWest Group, 2005
Casey Family Programs, in collaboration with the Washington State Kinship Oversight Committee, implemented the Kinship Navigator pilot project in July 2004 in the state of Washington. This manual is intended to help service providers and policymakers use the lessons learned in the Kinship Navigator Pilot to expand and improve programs that support kinship caregivers of children and youth.
<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/ea/kinship/KinshipNavigatorReplicationManual.pdf>

- Family Group Decision Making
 - **Tools for Permanency - Family Group Decision Making:**
 Hunter College School of Social Work of the City University of New York, 1998
This tool offers information about this family-focused, culturally sensitive approach to developing safety and permanency plans with families for children who are in foster care or who are at risk of entering foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.
<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/tools/fgdm-tool.pdf>

 - **National Center on Family Group Decision Making**
 American Humane
American Humane's National Center on Family Group Decision Making offers a wide range of resources and other services.
<http://www.americanhumane.org/protecting-children/programs/family-group-decision-making/national-center/>

 - **Family Group Decision Making in Child Welfare: Purpose, Values and Processes**
 American Humane, 2008
This fact sheet outlines the key concepts concerning family group decision making.
<http://www.americanhumane.org/assets/docs/PC-fgdm-statements.pdf>

- **Family Group Conferencing: Responses to the Most Commonly Asked Questions**
 American Humane, 2004
This document provides American Humane's responses to the most frequently asked questions about family group conferencing.
<http://www.americanhumane.org/assets/docs/PC-fgdm-faqs.pdf>

- **Learning with Families: A Synopsis of FGDM Research and Evaluation in Child Welfare**
 American Humane, 2003
This article provides a summary of research and evaluations from a variety of family group decision programs.
<http://www.americanhumane.org/assets/docs/PC-pc-article-fgdm-research.pdf>

- Intensive Family Finding

 Please see: **Identification of and Notice to Grandparents and Other Relatives**

- Residential Family Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs
 - **Cost Benefit Analysis of Family Based Treatment**
 Rebecca Project for Human Rights
This memorandum gives a cost benefit analysis of family based treatment programs for the federal government and states.
http://www.rebeccaproject.org/images/stories/policypapers/cba_cft_combined_final.pdf

 - **Child Outcome Data from Family Based Treatment Programs**
 Rebecca Project for Human Rights
This report offers child outcome data results from five family based treatment programs.
http://www.rebeccaproject.org/images/stories/files/outcome_data_for_comprehensive_family_treatment_programs.pdf

 - **List of Comprehensive Family Treatment Centers**
 Rebecca Project for Human Rights
This webpage provides a list of comprehensive family treatment centers broken down by state.
http://www.rebeccaproject.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=66&Itemid=182

- **Questions & Answers About New Grants under the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 – P.L. 109-288**

Collaborative effort of the American Public Human Services Association, Center for Law and Social Policy, Child Welfare League of America, Children’s Defense Fund, Legal Action Center, National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, and the Rebecca Project for Human Rights, 2007. This Q&A provides useful background and resources about substance abuse treatment.

http://www.clasp.org/publications/pssf_qa.htm

Subsidized Guardianship / Kinship Guardianship Assistance

- **Subsidized Guardianship: Testing the Effectiveness of an Idea Whose Time Has Finally Come**

Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2008

This report summarizes the results from three subsidized guardianship waiver demonstration projects.

[http://www.cfrc.illinois.edu/pubs/pdf.files/SG_Testing%20Effectiveness%20\(2008\).pdf](http://www.cfrc.illinois.edu/pubs/pdf.files/SG_Testing%20Effectiveness%20(2008).pdf)

- **States & Subsidized Guardianship Laws at a Glance**

Children’s Defense Fund, 2004

This report, which is being updated, compares elements from all the subsidized guardianship programs around the country.

http://cdf.convio.net/site/DocServer/guardianship_laws.pdf?docID=544

- **Using Subsidized Guardianship to Improve Outcomes for Children: Key Questions to Consider**

Children’s Defense Fund and Cornerstone Consulting Group, 2004

This publication answers the question - what is subsidized guardianship - in addition to ten other key questions concerning these programs.

<http://cdf.convio.net/site/DocServer/UsingSubsidizedGuardianship.pdf?docID=1521>

- **Expanding Permanency Options for Children: A Guide to Subsidized Guardianship Programs**

Children’s Defense Fund and Cornerstone Consulting Group, 2003

This publication outlines concrete approaches for states to consider in establishing new subsidized guardianship programs and in improving existing ones to better ensure safety and permanency.

http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/DocServer/subsidy_guide.pdf?docID=917

- **What We Know & Don't Know About Kinship Care**
Center for Law and Social Policy, September 2007
This paper from CLASP is an examination of what the research shows about the value of kinship care and how additional research and policies might illuminate outstanding questions. Paper was submitted in response to Senator Gordon Smith's July 26, 2007, Call for Papers to Examine the Needs of Grandparent and Other Relative Caregivers.
http://www.clasp.org/publications/kinship_call_9.07.pdf
- **Grandfamilies.org (Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center)**
Casey Family Programs, the American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law and Generations United
Website includes a searchable database of state subsidized guardianship programs, narrative analysis of state subsidized guardianship programs, and personal stories from caregivers who benefited from these programs.
<http://www.granfamilies.org/index.cfm?page=topics&topicid=42>
- **Grandfamilies: Subsidized Guardianship Programs**
Generations United, 2006
This fact sheet provides an introduction to subsidized guardianship programs and reviews the various subsidized guardianship programs around the country.
<http://ipath.gu.org/documents/A0/GU-GeneralFactSheetJune.pdf>
- **Family Ties: Supporting Permanence for Children in Safe and Stable Foster Care with Relatives and Other Caregivers**
Fostering Results, 2004
The focus of this report is how children in long-term foster care with relatives are prime candidates for permanence when supported through some form of subsidized guardianship.
http://www.fosteringresults.org/results/reports/pewreports_10-13-04_alreadyhome.pdf
- **All Children Deserve a Permanent Family: Subsidized Guardianship as a Common Sense Solution for Relatives in Long Term Foster Care**
Generations United, 2007
This report presents data showing the foster care system's significant reliance on relatives, and highlights the need for subsidized guardianships as another permanency option for children for whom reunification with parents or adoption is not viable. It also features data on Latino children.
http://www.gu.org/documents/A0/All_Children_Latino_English_w_rev.pdf.

- **Subsidized Guardianship in New England: An Analysis for Casey Family Services**
 Research Team, Master’s Degree Candidates, Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning,
 Tufts University, April 2006
This report explores some of the commonly held beliefs of stakeholders on subsidized guardianship, the legislative history of subsidized guardianship programming, and concludes with recommendations for improving and implementing subsidized guardianship programs in each New England state.
http://www.caseyfamilyservices.org/news_tufts_study.html
- **“Preventive” Subsidized Guardianship Programs: An Emerging Option for Permanent Kinship Care**
 ChildFocus Partners for Cornerstone Consulting Group, Inc., December 2006
This paper examines programs in six states (Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Jersey, Nevada, Ohio) and the District of Columbia that provide assistance to children who are living with permanent guardians and who may otherwise be at risk of placement in foster care. Because most states are funding these subsidies with federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds (TANF), the programs cross the lines between state child welfare and economic assistance systems. This paper describes the goals and potential outcomes for “preventive” subsidized guardianship, as well as program characteristics that are beginning to emerge. It concludes with a summary of the issues and challenges raised as agencies, advocates, and policymakers continue to explore the best strategies for supporting children living with relative caregivers.
<http://www.childfocuspartners.com/images/PSGandtables.pdf>
- **Illinois Subsidized Guardianship Waiver Demonstration: Final Evaluation Report**
 Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2003
This report presents final evaluation findings one of the largest and most successful of the federal waiver demonstrations: the Illinois Subsidized Guardianship Waiver Demonstration. Since its inception in May of 1997, Illinois courts have transferred (as of March 30, 2002) 6,820 foster children from public custody to the private guardianship of relatives and foster parents. Report includes quantitative data on the success of permanency placements and the number of placements.
<http://cfrcwww.social.uiuc.edu/pubs/Pdf.files/sgfinalreport.pdf>
- **Report to the Congress on Kinship Care**
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children’s Bureau, 2000
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/kinr2c00/full.pdf>

Maintaining Sibling Connections

- **The Sibling Bond: Its Importance in Foster Care and Adoptive Placement**
National Adoption Center for the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information Center
This document looks at the bonds of siblings and the importance of placing them together in adoption and foster care placements.
http://www.fyi3.com/training/upload/fosterclub_214.pdf
- **Sibling Issues in Foster Care and Adoption**
Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2007
The bulletin explores research, intervention strategies, and resources to assist professionals in preserving connections among siblings.
<http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/siblingissues/>
- **National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning's Sibling Resources**
This website includes several resources related to siblings, including a curriculum from the National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning that utilizes materials developed by Casey Family Programs.
http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/info_services/siblings.html
- **Conservation of Sibling Bonds**
Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2003
This fact sheet discusses the possible economic value, through increased social capital of keeping siblings together in kinship families.
<http://cfrcwww.social.uiuc.edu/pubs/briefpdfs/sibsbrief.pdf>
- **Siblings in Out-of-Home Care: An Overview**
Casey Family Programs National Center for Resource Family Support, 2003
This document looks at casework practice in to address the needs of siblings in the child welfare system.
http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/sibling_overview.pdf
- **Is Our Family Focus Wide Enough for Siblings?**
Kathy Barbell and Child Welfare League of America, 1995
This paper provides background on why it is important to maintain sibling groups together in placement and addresses some of the key steps agencies should take to support children's

connections with their siblings. It originally appeared in the Winter 1995 issue of Children's Voice magazine, and is reprinted by special permission of the Child Welfare League of America.
http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/cwla_article_siblings.pdf

Educational Stability for Children being Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives

- **Legal Center for Foster Care and Education**
American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, Casey Family Programs, Education Law Center – PA, & Juvenile Law Center
This website serves as a national technical assistance resource and information clearinghouse on legal and policy matters affecting the education of children in the foster care system. The website provides expertise to states and constituents, facilitates networking to advance promising practices and reforms, and provides technical assistance and training to respond to the ever-growing demands for legal support and guidance.
<http://www.abanet.org/child/education/home.shtml>
- **Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children: Access to Education**
Generations United, 2005
This two page fact sheet addresses how relatives can access educational enrollment, necessary immunizations, and special education services for children, in addition to “parental” activities.
http://www.gu.org/documents/A0/Education_11_05.pdf
- **Special Education Decision Making: Role of the Foster Parent**
American Bar Association
This fact sheet provides information for foster parents making decisions on special education.
<http://www.abanet.org/child/education/special%20ed%20series%20DM%20fosterparent.pdf>

Eligibility for Chafee Independent Living Services and Educational and Training Vouchers for Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives

- **The Chafee Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) Program: Six States’ Experiences**
National Foster Care Coalition, 2007
This publication examines how the Chafee educational and training vouchers and other state-based supports for higher education have been working for these young adults.
http://www.nationalfostercare.org/pdfs/chafee_etv_program_nfcc.pdf

- **Chafee Frequently Asked Question Series**
National Foster Care Coalition
This webpage includes three helpful Q&As for child welfare professionals, advocates, and young people to use and understand the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program and the Chafee Education and Training Voucher Program.
<http://www.nationalfostercare.org/facts/faq.php>
 - **FAQ I (February 2000)** focuses on Foster Care Independence Act (FCIA) basics, highlighting differences between FCIA and previous legislation. The FAQ includes information about program eligibility, funding amounts and administration, Medicaid, and accountability. <http://www.nationalfostercare.org/pdfs/ChafeeFAQI1.pdf>
 - **FAQ II (December 2000)** updates FAQ I, and provides new information about housing, youth involvement, convening stakeholders, young people with special needs, and tribal involvement. <http://www.nationalfostercare.org/pdfs/ChafeeFAQII1.pdf>
 - **FAQ III (May 2005)** updates FAQs I and II, and provides information about Education and Training Vouchers, other education and vocation supports, and youth development and engagement. <http://www.nationalfostercare.org/pdfs/ChafeeFAQIII1.pdf>

Licensing Homes of Grandparents and Other Relative Caregivers

- **Grandfamilies.org (Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center)**
Casey Family Programs, the American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law and Generations United
Website includes a searchable database of state kinship laws, including licensing. Website also includes a story about a child in foster care that would have benefited from different licensing standards
<http://www.grandfamilies.org/index.cfm?page=topics&topicid=42>
- **State Kinship Foster Care Licensing and Payment Policies**
Urban Institute, 2003
This chart compares foster care licensing and payment policies by state.
<http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/900611.pdf>

- **Training Kin to be Foster Parents: Best Practices from the Field**

ChildFocus, 2008

This issue brief explores the issue of providing foster parent training to kinship caregivers. Topics covered include: the interplay between federal licensing requirements and the unique needs and circumstances of kinship caregivers; state and county efforts to develop foster parent training programs tailored specifically for kin; and questions states and localities should consider as they develop kin-specific training.

http://www.childfocuspartners.com/images/Training_Kinship_Caregivers_0708.pdf

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