OFFICE OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
Families and Children Letter #022

To: PCSA Directors, IV-E Courts

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Subject: Kinship Support Program Payment Increase for 2022

Background
The Kinship Support Program (KSP) was established on December 29, 2020 to provide payments to kinship caregivers that receive placement of a kinship child who is in the custody of a public children services agency (PCSA) or Title IV-E Agency. The payments are limited to a six-month period from the date of placement, or until the child is no longer in PCSA custody, is no longer placed in the kinship home, or until the kinship caregiver obtains foster care certification.

KSP Payment Amount
In accordance with section 5101.885 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is required to increase the payment amount on the first of January each year by the cost-of-living adjustment made in the immediately preceding December. Therefore, effective January 1, 2022, KSP payments have increased from $10.20 per day per child to $10.80 per day per child. The Ohio Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (Ohio SACWIS) is incorporating this increase in existing functionality, and it is expected to be reflected in KSP payments beginning in February 2022. This increase is retroactive to January 1, 2022. ODJFS will be issuing a communication to current kinship caregivers to inform them of this rate increase and retroactive payment.

Contact
Questions about this may be addressed to the OFC helpdesk at help-desk-ofc@jfs.ohio.gov or by phone through our toll-free Customer Inquiry Call Center, at 1-866-886-3537, option 4, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.