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To: Directors, PCSA, Private Agencies, IV-E Courts

From: Jeffery Van Deusen, Deputy Director
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Subject: Kinship Support Program

Background

On Tuesday, December 29, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed SB 310, which authorizes the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to pay eligible kinship caregivers. On Wednesday, December 30, 2020, the Governor signed Executive Order (EO) 2020-43D requiring ODJFS to develop a system to pay eligible kinship caregivers no later than June 1, 2021. The EO also requires ODJFS to pay caregivers retroactively from the date the bill was signed.

Eligibility

Kinship caregivers eligible to receive payments are those who have placement of a kin child who is in the custody of a PCSA or under the care and placement of a Title IV-E agency with a subgrant agreement in place.

The first payments for this program will be issued no later than June 2021. Payments will be made back to the date of December 29, 2020 for all eligible kinship placements

Rules

Rules to establish the Kinship Support Program (KSP) in support of the SB 310 changes, will go into clearance on Thursday, December 31, 2020 for 14 days.

Questions

If you have questions regarding this program, please contact the OFC Help Desk by email at Help-Desk-OCF@jfs.ohio.gov or by telephone at 1-866-886-3537, option 4.