KSP Teams Live Event  
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Q & A

Q1: When a child AWOLs, SACWIS has them on leave but still placed in the home--will payment end or continue during leave time?

Payments will be issued for children who are on leave as long as the leave is less than 14 days and the child returns to the kinship placement.

Q2: Many will not want to be licensed as foster parents. Is it correct that there is not a requirement for them to become a licensed caregiver? And what will OhioKAN provide them? Is there funding through them? I'm not aware of any financial supports they offer at this time.

Correct, there is not a requirement for them to become licensed caregivers.

OhioKAN provides navigator services to assist kinship and post adoptive families with locating resources and supports for those placements. OhioKAN does not provide payments or funding directly to families but has limited flexible funding to support families on a case by case basis as needed.

Q3: What is the difference of Kinship Caregiver Program and the Kinship Support Program?

The Kinship Caregiver Program is funded by PRC and is administered by the Office of Family Assistance. Each county determines how they utilize these funds. The Kinship Support Program is a statewide program administered by the Office of Families and Children. It provides payments directly to eligible kinship caregivers for the care of kin children.

Q4: Will the retroactive payments (12/29/20-04/01/21), if applicable, be included in the April 2021 payment?

Yes.

Q5: Will the stop of the OWF be automatic or do people need to report that?

Prior to adverse action on April 16, 2021, ODJFS will terminate the OWF for children who were issued a KSP payment for April. The termination will be effective April 30, 2021. If the child is also on SNAP, the OWF case will automatically be removed from the SNAP budget and the SNAP benefits will be adjusted accordingly. Going forward, at initial application and recertification, caseworkers should
ask caretaker relatives applying for benefits for children if they are in receipt of KSP payments. Each month the Office of Family Assistance will send a report of children newly in receipt of KSP payments.

Q6: Are there any state hearing appeal rights for the KSP program?

The right to a state hearing must be provided for in statute and since the statute that creates the state hearing rights (ORC 5101.35) does not include recipients of KSP, individuals who receive KSP do not have state hearing appeal rights. However, there are appeal rights relative to the termination of OWF as a result of receiving KSP.

Q7: If the relative receives waivers, and their involvement with the child comes to a close, can the relative continue their certification or does it only apply to the child that was placed?

A kinship caregiver who becomes certified with an approved waiver will be certified to provide foster care to kinship children only. The caregiver and the recommending agency can discuss the option for continuing the certification.

If waivers were required for certification, then the caregiver may only care for kin. If the caregiver is able to later meet the requirement that was waived, an amendment to the homestudy could be completed to make the caregiver a regular foster parent able to take additional children.

Q8: So, the kin family are then only approved as foster parents for those kinship children?

The kinship caregiver who becomes certified as a result of obtaining a waiver is only able to accept placement of kinship children.

Q9: So, do they have to do any foster parent training? If so, how many hours are required?

A recommending agency may submit a waiver request to waive any training required to be a certified foster parent.

Q10: Can individuals receive child only cash and KSP from December 2020 through April 2021?

Yes, your understanding is correct.

Q11: Is there an option for the KSP to be direct deposited rather than by warrant alone?

Kinship caregivers can request EFT or check as the payment method. This can be entered on the Provider Payment Information within Ohio SACWIS.
Q12: Will requests to waive training requirements be approved on a case by case basis? Will agencies be “required” to waive training if requested to do so by the kinship provider?

Training waivers are to be requested on a case by case basis. Agencies are not required to waive training if the agency deems that training is appropriate. However, a caregiver may choose to be certified through another agency.

Q13: Are we to understand that there will be no way for counties to generate exception reports until the update rolls out in June?

Ohio SACWIS will generate the exceptions reports on the 1st of each month between April and June. Starting in July, agencies can search on demand for exceptions that exist and have not been resolved.

Q14: If a child is placed in a home for longer than 30 days, but is removed from the home prior to the kinship family assessment completion, will SACWIS still generate payments once the assessment is complete?

Once the Kinship Assessment is marked as completed in Ohio SACWIS, the kinship support payment will be issued for the duration of placement, even if the placement is now ended.

Q15: Will KSP payments impact caregivers receiving SSI/SSA payments, will they receive both? Also, does KSP impact income eligibility for OWF SNAP and Title XX?

For OWF and SNAP the policy is as follows: A child for whom KSP payments are being received cannot receive Ohio Works First (OWF) benefits. (Ohio Administrative Code 5101: 1-23-10). Additionally, assistance groups that include children for whom KSP payments are received have two options regarding how payments will affect their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits:

• Option 1: Include the child, for whom a KSP payment is received, as a member of the SNAP assistance group, which means the KSP payment will count as unearned income when determining eligibility for the assistance group’s SNAP benefits; or
• Option 2: Do not include the child for whom a KSP payment is received as a member of the assistance group, which means the KSP payment will not be considered when determining eligibility for SNAP benefits. (Ohio Administrative Code 5101: 4-6-03). Each month the Office of Family Assistance will send a report of children newly in receipt of KSP payments. The Kinship Support Program will not be included in the income calculation for determining eligibility for publicly funded child-care.

Q16: Will PRC funding continue for the Kinship Caregiver Program? If not when will this program end?
At this time, the status of future funding for the Kinship Caregiver Program is not known. The Office of Family Assistance will issue guidance as soon as it is known.

**Q17:** If the Kinship family is going to financially be relying on per diem of kinship youth being placed in the home, is that an issue? There are concerns that a family we are working on getting licensed as a foster parent, is going to show more expenses than income!

A foster home applicant shall have income sufficient to meet the basic needs of the household. Funds can be used by families for the care of their kin.

**Q18:** I understand we can waive the requirement for pre-service training. But will we be asked to waive the ongoing training that all other foster parents are required to attend in order to remain licensed?

A recommending agency may request to have ongoing training waived but is not required to waive training if the agency deems that training is appropriate.

**Q19:** Will this be a payment in check form or a debit card?

Kinship caregivers can request EFT or check as the payment method. This can be entered on the Provider Payment Information within Ohio SACWIS.

**Q20:** How would we know if a service authorization has been created for a kinship caregiver?

The service authorization will display under the authorize link on the placement and display the State - Kinship Support Program service.

**Q21:** In line with a previous question, the kinship caregiver who is licensed can only accept specific kin child (children). Would they be able to accept a different kin child if needed at a later date?

Yes, they are able to accept different kin at a later date. Any waivers granted should be re-evaluated to ensure they are still appropriate for the new kin being considered for placement. Any new waivers needed at that time will need to be submitted to ODJFS.

**Q22:** Good afternoon! I am wondering if KCP will be going away? If so, is there another funding source for initial costs to Kinship homes.

At this time, the status of future funding for the Kinship Caregiver Program is not known. The Office of Family Assistance will issue guidance as soon as it is known.
Q23: Once kinship providers are licensed, will the children placed with them be considered foster children or will they still be considered to be in kinship? The reason I ask is that foster families are under strict rules related to what they can disclose about the foster children. Our kinship families may not be as discrete.

Once the caregivers become certified, they will be foster children placed in the home to enable the family to receive the full foster care per diem.

Q24: Will the information be pulled into the 4280/4281 reports from somewhere in SACWIS or will the information need to be manually entered by a worker in the 4280/4281 reports? Thank you!

Kinship Support Program will display in the 4280 reports for expenditure information. This will not need to be manually entered.

Q25: For those who choose to become licensed and are foster parents can they get waiver for their ongoing training requirement?

All training can be waived for kinship caregivers who wish to become certified.

Q26: Is there any chance that SACWIS will be modified to allow agencies to identify those families as kinship families who have become licensed?

There will be new functionality in build 4.12 to allow agencies to record caregivers who are pursuing licensure. This will also be added to the 4281 reports which will add to the agency's Total Reimbursable Days.

Q27: So, this will not apply to those who have had kinship prior to December 29, correct?

If the kinship placement ended prior to December 29, 2020, the caregiver will not receive KSP payments. If placement began prior to December 29, 2020 and continues after December 29, 2020, KSP payments will be issued for applicable placement days.

Q28: Will agencies be able to continue operating the Kinship Caregiver Program? We've heard the funds for the KSP are coming out of the funds used for operating that program.

At this time, the status of future funding for the Kinship Caregiver Program is not known. The Office of Family Assistance will issue guidance as soon as it is known. KSP funding is a separate funding source?

Q29: From JFS perspective-If the Kinship payments will be retroactive, Will those be issued to kinship providers who have been receiving OWF for the children for those months as well?

Yes, therefore, a family is eligible to receive both OWF and KSP for a child from December through April.
Q30: Are the cutoff dates the same. Do we need to add KSI payments to service to maintain service?
Are you referring to the Adoption Subsidy cutoff dates? The service authorizations will use ODJFS' Service, so agencies should not create their own.

Q31: If an out of state ICPC was completed but they did not provide the ETN background check numbers will they get a payment?
As long as the ICPC record in Ohio SACWIS displays that the placement may be made, KSP payments will be issued.

Q32: Does receipt of the KSP impact eligibility for KCP stabilization services?
KCP is administered through a county's Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program and there is flexibility on which income can count for KCP services, such as stabilization. For stabilization, the assistance group is only the minor child residing with the caregiver. The KSP payments are made to the caregiver, therefore, this is not the child's income and should not be compared against the 200% FPL for KCP.

Q33: Will people be able to get the OWF back if they don’t get certified?
When a family is no longer able to receive KSP, they could potentially be eligible for OWF if eligibility requirements are met and an application is submitted.

Q34: What about Child Support matches in SACWIS. Would the kin complete the CSEA application?
KSP is only available to kinship caregiver who take placement of a child in a Title IV-E Agency's custody; therefore, child support referrals are still required to be submitted by the Title IV-E Agency.

Q35: So, we will need to add provider payee information for anyone on the exception report?
Yes, agencies will need to add provider payment information for all payment exceptions.

Q36: Clarification: Approved relatives receiving KSP funds cannot apply for or receive OWF assistance for placement until their KSP payment time line expires, correct?
Correct. A child for who KSP payments are being received cannot receive OWF. Therefore, the family may apply for OWF once KSP payments end.
Q37: Is the payee portion of SACWIS going to be editable? Currently once created you cannot modify the address in the payee section.

Provider payment information is not modifiable after created, but agencies can record a new record.

Q38: As an agency that does not train or license or own homes who will provide this training and licensure?

If a kinship caregiver chooses to pursue foster care certification, they should be referred to private agencies that certify foster homes.

Q39: For those who choose to become licensed and are foster parents can they get waiver for their ongoing training requirement?

Yes, all training requirements are able to be waived for kinship caregivers becoming certified.

Q40: OFA responded that "Prior to adverse action on April 16, 2021, ODJFS will terminate the OWF for children who were issued a KSP payment for April. The termination will be effective April 30, 2021. If the child is also on SNAP, the OWF case will automatically be removed from the SNAP budget and the SNAP benefits will be adjusted accordingly." So, 1. is KSP countable income for the SNAP budget (I think the answer is no, but want to be certain, and 2. termination of OWF is not automatic because SACWIS and OB do not directly interface, but counties are directed to take the action through a monthly exception report - is this correct?

For SNAP, KSP will be treated the same as it is for foster care- the assistance group can choose to include the child for whom KSP payments are being made in the AG or exclude them. If they are included, so are the KSP payments. OWF will be terminated by ODJFS this first go-round. After that, it should be asked at applications and recerts or reported by the individual due to OWF reporting requirements. Additionally, the report will be sent to counties to take action (incase the AG does not report the change) to prevent Ops.

Q41: Can you discuss the licensing assistance that ODJFS plans to provide?

Technical Assistance staff has been reaching out to counties to assist with identifying those assessments in pending status and offering any needed technical assistance. Additionally, OFC issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for resource home recruitment and home assessments. The primary goals of this RFP are to help with the certification of kinship caregivers as foster parents and support regional and/or state-wide activities to recruit foster and adoptive homes. At this time a vendor(s) has not been selected. We will provide more information when it is available.
Q42: What happens when the 6- or 9-month time period expires, and the caregiver chooses not to become a certified foster parent? If they are related they could get OWF, but if they're not related are we required to continue the payment out of our agency funds?

A child is eligible to receive OWF if they are residing with a parent, specified relative or legal guardian or custodian. So, if the family is interested in child only OWF when KSP runs out, they must meet the living arrangement requirement. The caretaker does not have to be a relative to receive child only OWF, but they would have to be a legal guardian or custodian.

Q43: Any word if the KCP program will continue? I know this program is beneficial to kinship families after our involvement/custody is given to the family?

At this time, the status of future funding for the Kinship Caregiver Program is not known. The Office of Family Assistance will issue guidance as soon as it is known.

Q44: Should all agency level authorizations be end dated as of 4/1/2021?

Ohio SACWIS will not be ending agency level service authorizations. It will be at each agency's discretion as to whether they choose to pay the kinship caregivers on top of the KSP payments.

Q45: How will a TANF worker know if the caregiver is receiving/applied for KSP?

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Q46: Are they going to have the option between OWF and Kinship?

No. A child for whom KSP payments are being received cannot receive OWF.

Q47: If County A has custody and the children are placed with a relative in County B, who completes the kinship home assessment (County A or County B)?
The PCSA that has custody of the child is responsible for completing a kinship home assessment. If the home is in a different county, the PCSA with custody may ask the other PCSA to complete a courtesy home assessment.

**Q48: If PCSA never took a stance of custody and gave right to kinship family the temp/legal/ permanent custody would those families then be ineligible for retro pay?**

In order to be eligible for KSP payments, the PCSA must have custody of the child or the child must be in the care and placement responsibility of a Title IV-E agency.

**Q49: Clarification ~ Do KIN receive payment if they do not desire to pursue FP licensure?**

Yes, eligible kinship caregivers will receive KSP payments as long as the child remains placed in the home, or up to the applicable time frame, even if the caregiver does not pursue foster care certification.

**Q50: Will people be able to get the OWF back if they don't get certified?**

The family can get OWF again (will have to reapply) as long as the child is not in receipt of foster care maintenance payments or KSP.

**Q51: Are there instructions for submitting waivers as my agency has not done that before?**

Here is the SACWIS Knowledge Base for submitting waivers: https://jfskb.com/sacwis/index.php/provider/102-other/382-creating-a-waiver-request.

**Q52: Will the County JFS need to add Kinship Payment Program to their current PRC Plan?**

No, the KSP program does not need added to the county PRC plan. The KSP program is not funded by PRC.

**Q53: How long does the waiver process usually take?**

Waivers will be reviewed as they are received.

**Q54: KSP is in addition to a receiving the kinship stipend?**

Some counties have county-specific programs where they provide funds to kinship families. It is up to the county agency to decide to continue with the kinship funds while the family receives KSP.
**Q55: Did I understand correctly that all new placements made with relative or kin where the agency retains custody will be placed on track to become a foster care placement and OWF will not be available and the agency needs to pursue licensure. Or, can they opt out and receive OWF only?**

KSP payments are required by statute to be made to kinship caregivers with placement of children in PCSA custody. They will receive these payments for six to nine months, which will give them time to pursue foster care certification. They have the choice to become certified but are not required to be certified. There is no option to waive the KSP in lieu of the child-only OWF benefits. However, if they do not become certified by the end of the specified time frame, they may apply for child-only OWF benefits at that time.

**Q56: If a kinship family receives the KSP money, will it affect the families benefits for food stamps/ day care assistance through JFS?**

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- Option 2: Do not include the child for whom a KSP payment is received as a member of the assistance group, which means the KSP payment will not be considered when determining eligibility for SNAP benefits. (Ohio Administrative Code 5101: 4-6-03) Each month the Office of Family Assistance will send a report of children newly in receipt of KSP payments. The Kinship Support Program will not be included in the income calculation for determining eligibility for publicly funded childcare.

**Q57: Can a foster parent for a private agency take placement as a kinship care giver and receive KSP or should they be paid the foster parent per diem.**

If a caregiver is certified as a foster parent, the placement is a foster care placement and the home needs to be paid accordingly.

**Q58: Am I understanding this correctly, individuals can receive child only OWF and KSP from December 2020 through April 2021?**

Individuals can receive them both from 12/29/20 through 3/31/21.

**Q59: If I'm remembering correctly, didn't the current Executive Budget zero out the funding for Kinship Caregiver?**
At this time, the status of future funding for the Kinship Caregiver Program is not known. The Office of Family Assistance will issue guidance as soon as it is known.

Q60: We have a family member getting licensed to adopt a child in the Permanent Custody of the agency. Family is working on getting licensed to receive foster care per diem. This family is going to be financially relying on per diem to help meet needs of a youth. Is this an issue? There are concerns on the financial form that expenses are going to be more than monthly income.

A foster home applicant shall have income sufficient to meet the basic needs of the household. Funds can be used by families for the care of their kin.

Q61: Do kinship homes applying to be certified foster parents have to do any foster parent training? If so, how many hours are required?

Any training hours may be waived for kinship caregivers who become certified foster parents.

Q62: I am wondering if KCP is going away. If yes, will there be another funding source to defray costs to Kinship Providers?

At this time, the status of future funding for the Kinship Caregiver Program is not known. The Office of Family Assistance will issue guidance as soon as it is known.

Q63: Do Kinship Caregivers receive payment if they do not desire to pursue Foster Parent Certification?

Yes. If the placement began before 9/29/2021, they would receive KSP for up to 9 months. If the placement begins on or after 9/29/21, they will receive KSP payments for up to 6 months.

Q64: Are we expected to enter the home study received from another state via ICPC? (Placement triggers an assessment; assessment is needed for payment)

Functionality has been designed to look at the ICPC record starting in Phase 2 (July); however, agencies will need to either record a status of Court Approved on the provider or copy the home study completed from the other state into the Kinship Assessment.

Q65: In line with a previous question, the kinship caregiver who is licensed can only accept a specific kin child (children). Would they be able to accept a different kin child if needed at a later date?

Yes, they would.

Q66: Will the Kinship Payment be included in the SNAP budget?
Assistance groups that include children for whom KSP payments are received have two options regarding how payments will affect their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits:

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• Option 2: Do not include the child for whom a KSP payment is received as a member of the assistance group, which means the KSP payment will not be considered when determining eligibility for SNAP benefits. (Ohio Administrative Code 5101: 4-6-03) Each month the Office of Family Assistance will send a report of children newly in receipt of KSP payments. The Kinship Support Program will not be included in the income calculation for determining eligibility for publicly funded childcare.

Q67: Will families who are currently receiving OWF funds need to notify JFS of that to have them stopped for future past 4/1 or will JFS know they are receiving Kinship Support payments and stop?

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Q68: How long is this program expected to last? Will this need to be renewed and added to the state budget each year?

We have not received any information about how long this program will last.

Q69: How will that be handled in stand-alone agencies, i.e., notifying the county agency re: kinship caregivers who receive SNAP and/or OWF?

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Q70: To whom will the report of children receiving OWF and now eligible for KSP be sent?

The reports will be sent to the Points of Contact (POCs) maintained by the Office of Family Assistance Help Desk.

Q71: How will TANF worker know if client is receiving or not? Is verification only through client statement?
Prior to adverse action on April 16, 2021, ODJFS will terminate the OWF for children who were issued a KSP payment for April. The termination will be effective April 30, 2021. If the child is also on SNAP, the OWF case will automatically be removed from the SNAP budget and the SNAP benefits will be adjusted accordingly. Going forward, at initial application and recertification, caseworkers should ask caretaker relatives applying for benefits for children if they are in receipt of KSP payments. Each month the Office of Family Assistance will send a report of children newly in receipt of KSP payments. Verification could be any form of documentation or collateral contact.

**Q72: So ICPC kinship homestudies are eligible for this program too?**

Yes, a kinship caregiver in another state who has placement of a child in the custody of an Ohio PCSA is eligible to receive KSP payments.

**Q73: Will the Kinship Permanency Incentive Program still be administered by PCSA?**

Yes. There are no changes to the Kinship Permanency Incentive Program.

**Q74: If a kin provider initially decides not to go through the home study process but then later decided to pursue, I assume they would get the payment for 6 months and then nothing until they were licensed?**

That is correct but they could apply for local benefits to determine if they qualify for other assistance.

**Q75: When will counties become responsible for paying KSP and can we use PRC to make these payments?**

Counties will not be responsible for making KSP payments, it is an ODJFS program.

**Q76: Sometimes children are placed emergently and in SACWIS that is given a provisional approval. Will the KSP payments be paid to that kinship caregiver from that provisional approval date or the actual approval date after all paperwork and assessment with the family are received?**

Once the kinship assessment is completed within Ohio SACWIS, payments will be provided the kinship caregiver back to the Placement Begin Date, not the approval date of the assessment.

**Q77: Some kinship providers who recently obtained custody do not want to participate in a HS nor do they desire to have the back paid KSP funds. What are we doing in these situations?**
KSP payments will be paid to all eligible kinship caregivers as required by statute. Kinship caregivers who obtain legal custody are not eligible for KSP.

Q78: Would you please send out the Q&A?

We will send out an email to all registrations containing the Q&A and link to the recording once they are available.

Q79: Would a PCSA have to accept a kin-only foster homestudy for a child in another PCSA’s custody?

The kinship caregiver ultimately decides where to apply to become a certified foster parent.

Q80: I thought the state was paying these at first but eventually the counties would be responsible

No, the KSP program is an ODJFS program and payments will be from the state. There is no expectation that PCSA will be responsible for KSP payments.

Q81: Is there a knowledge base article on how to enter payment information?

Yes - it may be found at https://jfskb.com/sacwis/index.php/financial/105-payment/70-adding-payment-information-for-a-provider

Q82: Will KCP be going away? If yes, will there be another way to access funds to help Kinship providers defray initial costs

At this time, the status of future funding for the Kinship Caregiver Program is not known. The Office of Family Assistance will issue guidance as soon as it is known.

Q83: How will the agencies receive the reports to enter the provider address and information?

The exceptions reports are generated from the Create Payment Requests screen in Ohio SACWIS. The following Knowledge Base article reviews where exceptions reports display: https://jfskb.com/sacwis/index.php/financial/105-payment/945-payment-processing-of-non-adoption-payments

Q84: Given that there are counties that grant TC to relatives without the PCSA ever holding custody, will there be any guidance from ODJFS about how to handle these situations moving forward?

As this is based on county practice, we would suggest that a PCSA and the Court works together to achieve the best possible outcome for the children.
However, all kinship caregivers, regardless of custody status, are eligible for navigation services through OhioKAN. Navigators will identify resources and supports within the family’s community. OhioKAN can be contacted at 844-OhioKAN or at the website: https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/

Q85: If a kinship home is approved by a PCPA (rather than the PCSA), I assume the home belongs to the private agency and the rates are determined by the PCPA?

If the kinship caregiver gets certified by a private agency, then the rate should be determined by negotiation between the private agency and the PCSA with custody of the child.

Q86: Can you exclude the child from the SNAP household?

Yes, if the family chooses to do so. The child and the KSP payments would be excluded from the SNAP assistance group.

Q87: If a kinship family loses a check who do they report it to for a replacement?

If there are any issues with a payment being lost, stolen, etc., please use the instructions listed in the following Knowledge Base article: https://jfskb.com/sacwis/index.php/financial/105-payment/1017-process-for-returned-voided-fraudulently-redeemed-warrants.

Q88: If the kinship caregiver only has placement for a few days, does a home assessment still need to be completed for them to get KSP.

If the placement is less than 30 days and no Kinship Assessment is completed, the caregiver will be issued a KSP payment(s).

Q89: Besides waivers for training, are there waivers for things such as criminal history?

Waivers may be requested for any non-safety requirements.