



## Benefits of Kinship Foster Care Approval

Kinship caregivers may also apply to become approved for kinship foster care by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to provide care for children court ordered to placement in their care. Kinship caregivers have a relative or kin relationship to children who have experienced abuse or neglect and for safety reasons need placement in out of home care. Kinship foster care provides an opportunity to more quickly complete the approval process and receive additional financial support and benefits to best support the child(ren) placed in your care. This is a time to learn more about caring for the child(ren) and ask any questions you may have.

### How to Apply

For more information or to learn how to apply for Kinship foster care approval, talk with your kinship navigator services provider or the child's HHS worker.

### Kinship Foster Care Process

Reach out to the child's HHS worker if you have questions about these benefits.



### Tangible benefits of becoming approved for kinship foster care include:

- A per-child per-diem stipend, paid monthly, which is provided the length of placement a child is in your home.
- Medicaid coverage for medical, mental health and dental care of the child placed in your home.
- Payments received for family foster care are tax-free income.
- Childcare subsidies for the child placed in your home. Subsidies are not based on your family's income.
- 24 days of paid respite care for the child placed in your home.
- Financial assistance with clothing.