

Kinship Caregiver Home Assessment Tool

Part 2: To be completed by the Kinship Navigator Specialist within 30 days of the Kinship Caregiver accepting services.

Date Completed: 5-28-25 Kinship Specialist: Amber Busch

Kinship Caregiver Name: John & Jill Smith

Child's Name: Kate Smith State ID: 44444A

No.	Caregiver Assessment Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
1.	Have the caregiver(s) helped these family members in the past? How?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never as a placement, but often have babysat and helped with daycare pick up and drop off.
2.	Do the caregivers have a relationship with the child(ren) placed in their care?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John and Jill are Kate and Billy's Aunt and Uncle. They are close and see each other often during the week.
3.	Have the caregiver(s) cared for these child(ren) over an extended period of time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Placed on 4-28-25. They have not been formally placed or stayed with the caregivers long term previously.
4.	Do the caregiver(s) have a good relationship with the parents/other custodian?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship has historically been good. John and Jill are experiencing high emotions right now and are navigating those emotions around how the parents have gotten here.
5.	Do the caregiver(s) know why the child(ren) may be/have been removed from the care of parents/custodian?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John and Jill verbalized the concerns that have been shared with them. They have also had some discussion with the parents and HHS placement worker.

6.	Can the caregiver(s) meet the basic, supervision, educational, and emotional needs of the child(ren) placed in their care?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reviewed plans for daycare, preschool and other activities. We discussed interactions and how transitions between them can be hard for some children. If Kate or Billy are struggling John and Jill are aware to reach out to Kinship Specialist for support and planning.
7.	Will the health of the caregiver(s) impact on their ability to care for the child(ren)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John and Jill report no major health concerns.
8.	Do any of the caregiver(s) have an interest/capacity to become a licensed or approved foster parent/approved adoptive parent?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John and Jill are willing to hear more information around this and what the process entails.
9.	Are the caregiver(s) willing and able to provide long-term care?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.	Are the caregiver(s) willing and able to assist with family interactions/other reunification efforts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	They are willing to assist some, but want to have some time to settle into their new normal first. They are willing to drop children off for interactions and do some phone calls.
11.	Are any caregiver(s) willing and able to provide a permanent legal home for the child or children as adoptive parents or legal guardians if this should become necessary?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

12.	Will the caregiver have ongoing support from extended family or friends?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed Social Network Map.
13.	Does the caregiver understand their role in supporting the family case plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	They have a high-level understanding. Will need additional review of specifics once more information is available.
14.	Are the financial resources of the caregiver(s) sufficient to meet or exceed current/anticipated expenses?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning to apply for childcare assistance and insurance for Kate and Billy. We reviewed home finances and the family reports monthly bills to be current. They are unsure what additional cost w e with adding the two children in their home. We agreed to stay in good communication on ongoing needs.
15.	Do the caregiver(s) have space for the child(ren)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We toured the home and observed the bedroom spaces for the children.
16.	Will the child(ren) stay in the same school district?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	