

Kinship Home Assessment Tool - Overview and Part 1 Instructions

The Kinship Home Assessment Tool has been developed to ensure that Caseworkers and/or Kinship Specialists have thoroughly assessed the Kinship Caregiver's ability and willingness to ensure safety, permanency, and well-being for the child(ren) placed in their care.

Part 1 of this Tool is meant to cover the minimum information needed to determine whether a placement is appropriate. The HHS Placement Worker will complete Home Assessment Part 1 to provide with the referral to Kinship Navigator Services within 3 days of placement with the Kinship Caregiver.

Part 2 of this Tool is a kinship-specific tool to be utilized for discussion in greater depth during the needs assessment process through initiation of Kinship Navigator Services and in the development of the Kinship Support Plan. The Kinship Specialist will complete Home Assessment Part 2 within 30 days of the Kinship Caregiver accepting services.

Part 1 Instructions: Please check the response that most accurately answers each of the questions below. This information may be obtained via Kinship Caregiver interviews, case records review, background checks, a walk-through of the caregiver's home, etc.

Provide the completed Home Assessment Part 1 document with the **Child Welfare Referral Services Form 470-5150** to refer the caregiver to Kinship Navigator Services within 3 days of placement.