

Kinship Support Plan

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| Child Name Kate Smith | Referral Date 5-1-25 |
| State ID 44444A | Kinship Support Plan Date 6-1-25 |
| County Lee County | Kinship Caregiver(s) Name John and Jill Smith |
| Date Kinship Support Plan Provided to Kinship Caregiver(s) 6-3-25 | HHS Worker Name Mel Johnson |
| Kinship Specialist Name Amber Busch | |

| Children involved in Plan (Names)/living with this Caregiver | Date of Birth / Age |
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| Kate Smith | 3-7-21 (4 years old) |
| Billy Smith | 2-1-24 (1 year old) |
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What strengths and family/community supports does this kinship family have?

Who is one person you would call if you were sick and needed someone to take care of the children? If you are stranded on the side of the road who would come get you? If minimal supports are identified, how can we help you build supports? Refer to the development of the Social Network Map and the results of the Family Resource Scale. Consider whether there are any updates that need to be made to the kinship caregiver's Social Network Map.

Kinship Specialist worked collaboratively alongside John and Jill Smith over the initial month of services to complete the Home Assessment Part two, Kinship Caregiver Family Resource Scale and Social Network Map. Using these tools we identified great strengths for the Smith family, as well as areas we can support them in through services. John and Jill have access to stable housing and are able to meet the financial needs of their home currently. The addition of two children is new for their family, as they do not have children of their own. John and Jill have expressed their commitment to caring for Kate and Billy as long as is needed but have many questions regarding what that looks like and means for them. John and Jill have been communicative with this Specialist and remain active in services.

John and Jill identified positive support from their church family, specifically Pastor Rob. They are well connected to Jill's parents, Tom and Sandy (Kate and Billy's grandparents) and have identified them as their primary support at this time. Sandy has been coming over in the morning to help with daycare drop off for Billy and Jill is taking Kate to her preschool class. Tom and Sandy are identified

as alternative approved caretakers for Kate and Billy. The Smith's live in a small community and spend time with their neighbors, The James family and Jill Johnson. John and Jill are interested in connecting with other families providing Kinship Care to build a support community, however they feel the need to settle a bit first.

What is the caregiver commitment to keep the child (ren) connected to their family of origin and their siblings?

How are caregivers supporting reunification? Consider siblings who are not living together- is there some type of contact to support this relationship? How are caregivers participating in the family interaction plan? How are caregivers and parents communicating? Identify barriers to commitment to ongoing family connections, if any. Refer to the completed Kinship Caregiver Home Assessment Part 2.

John and Jill have been informed of the interaction plan for the family and have also received explanation regarding the current safety plan and level of supervision. They have not ruled out assisting with interactions, however need some time to settle in their new normal before supervising independently. All siblings are placed together. John and Jill have communicated their desire to ensure Kate and Billy are still able to see their paternal family. They have scheduled a time for them to spend the day with their paternal grandparents soon.

What are the concerns or needs for this Family / Caregiver?

Initial needs include emotional support, assistance with entitlement applications and locating a crib for Billy. Some of these needs were immediate, so were addressed soon after being identified. This includes locating a crib. John and Jill were able to utilize support from their church to meet that need.

What steps are or will be in place to help the Family / Caregiver meet this need? Include resources that will be utilized.

Kinship Services will provide emotional support to John and Jill as they navigate their changing family dynamics and involvement in the child welfare system.

Who is responsible for putting the above steps in place to help the Family / Caregiver meet their need?

Kinship Specialist will utilize the Kinship Caregiver Manual to provide education on services and systems accessible to the family. Kinship Specialist will assist in supporting positive and open communication between members of the team. Kinship Specialist will utilize Casey Family Program Curriculum to provide emotional support. John and Jill agree to communicate any new or unmet needs they experience to the team.

What is the target date to have this need met?

Ongoing Need

90 Day Review: What progress has been made? What additional supports are needed?

Initial Support Plan so NA.

What are the concerns or needs for this Family/Caregiver?

John and Jill need assistance in completing applications to access medical benefits, WIC, child care assistance and AEA services for the children.

What steps are or will be in place to help the Family / Caregiver meet this need? Include resources that will be utilized.

Application for Title XIX, Childcare Assistance, WIC.
Locating a childcare provider. Locating a crib for Billy.
Referral to RRTS

Who is responsible for putting the above steps in place to help the Family / Caregiver meet their need?

John and Jill were provided an entitlement application packet . Kinship Specialist walked through the packet with them and assisted in its completion. The packet was mailed on 5-20-25. John and Jill utilized resources from their church to locate a crib. Kinship Specialist will continue to work with the family on locating a child care provider that is state approved and can accept Billy. Their current provider is only an inhome that is not state approved.

What is the target date to have this need met?

Application completed for Title XIX and crib located for Billy.
Referral for RRTS sent - follow up in one week
Locating new child care within thirty days

90 Day Review: What progress has been made? What additional supports are needed?

Initial Support Plan so NA.

Add more boxes for a plan to address any additional needs identified.