**KINSHIP NAVIGATION**

**GOALS**

1. Children are safe while residing with caretakers.
2. Child (ren) well-being is supported while residing with caretakers
3. Child (ren) experience permanence- are connected to safe, nurturing and enduring relationship

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Caretakers will develop a child safety plan.
2. Caretakers will participate in Safe Care or Nurturing Parenting skill program.
3. Caretakers will support reunification efforts between the child(ren) and the parent.
4. Caretakers will meet child(ren)’s physical and mental health needs.
5. Caretakers will learn how to access services in their community to help support the child(ren)’s well- being.
6. Caretakers will participate in a local caregiver support group with other parents who assists in caring for children who are placed in their home.
7. Caretakers will work to better understand grief and loss and the effects on their family and children.
8. Caretakers will understand the importance of positive supports and how this preserves and impacts their new family dynamics.

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

1. Kinship Caregiver will complete an Eco Map with the Kinship Specialist to identify family connections.
2. Kinship Caregivers will identify respite options and make plans to utilize these supports.
3. Kinship Specialist and the Kinship Caregiver will develop a Kinship Care Plan to help the Caregivers best meet the child(ren)’s needs.
4. Kinship Specialist will provide community resources to the Kinship Caregiver and assist in accessing these resources.
5. Kinship Specialist will provide the parenting curriculum SafeCare to the Kinship Caregiver(s).
6. Kinship Specialist will provide an assessment of the Kinship Caregiver home using the North Carolina Functional Assessment.
7. Kinship Specialist will collaborate and assist the Kinship Caregivers in navigating the child welfare system.
8. Kinship Specialist will explore with the Kinship Caregiver’s long-term commitments seeking foster care licensing.
9. Kinship Specialist will educate the Kinship Caregiver’s on understanding grief and loss surrounding kinship placement.