

Kinship Caregiver Family Resource Scale Instructions

Instructions for Kinship Specialist:

1. This is a set of instructions on how to administer the Kinship Caregiver Family Resource Scale to the kinship caregiver. The first page is information on family and child identification and should be completed by the Kinship Specialist completing the Kinship Support Plan. Always complete or update the information on the first page for each Family Resource Scale completed.
2. The Family Resource Scale (FRS) questionnaire should be completed by the kinship caregiver(s), one per kinship household, within the first 30 days of the kinship caregiver accepting Kinship Navigator services and readministered at a minimum of every 90 calendar days. If the caregiver(s) needs help in understanding the questions or how to complete the FRS, the Kinship Specialist can assist the caregiver(s) in completing the form. This may be especially important for caregivers for whom English is not their first language, if the caregiver has difficulty with reading or understanding the items on the FRS, etc. It will be important to explain to the kinship caregiver(s) the purpose of the FRS to gain insight into their needs for support.
3. The FRS is intended for assessment of the kinship caregiver's current family needs at a point in time. Based upon a thorough discussion with the caregiver, the FRS will guide the development of the Kinship Support Plan and in reviewing progress of the support plan every 90 days. The Kinship Specialist will review the completed FRS and ask follow-up questions to consider how placement of a child(ren) may or has impacted the caregiver's ability to meet the child's needs when priority needs have been identified in the assessment.