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Help Keep Home in the Family



HISTORY & MISSION

Over **30,000 children in Nevada** cannot live with either biological parent due to abuse, neglect, substance misuse, homelessness, mental illness, domestic violence, or other traumatic issues.

Most of these children live with their grandmother or other relatives in an arrangement known as **kinship care**.

Foster Kinship was founded in 2011 with a mission to strengthen kinship caregivers' capacity to provide **safe, stable, and nurturing** homes for these vulnerable children.

We are the only organization in Nevada exclusively serving kinship families, and we serve approximately **3,000 children annually**.

The two foundational beliefs of Foster Kinship are:

1. Children should live with their family when they can't live with their parents; and,
2. All kinship caregivers should have the support, tools, and training to raise healthy children who can **break generational cycles** of abuse and neglect.



HOW WE HELP

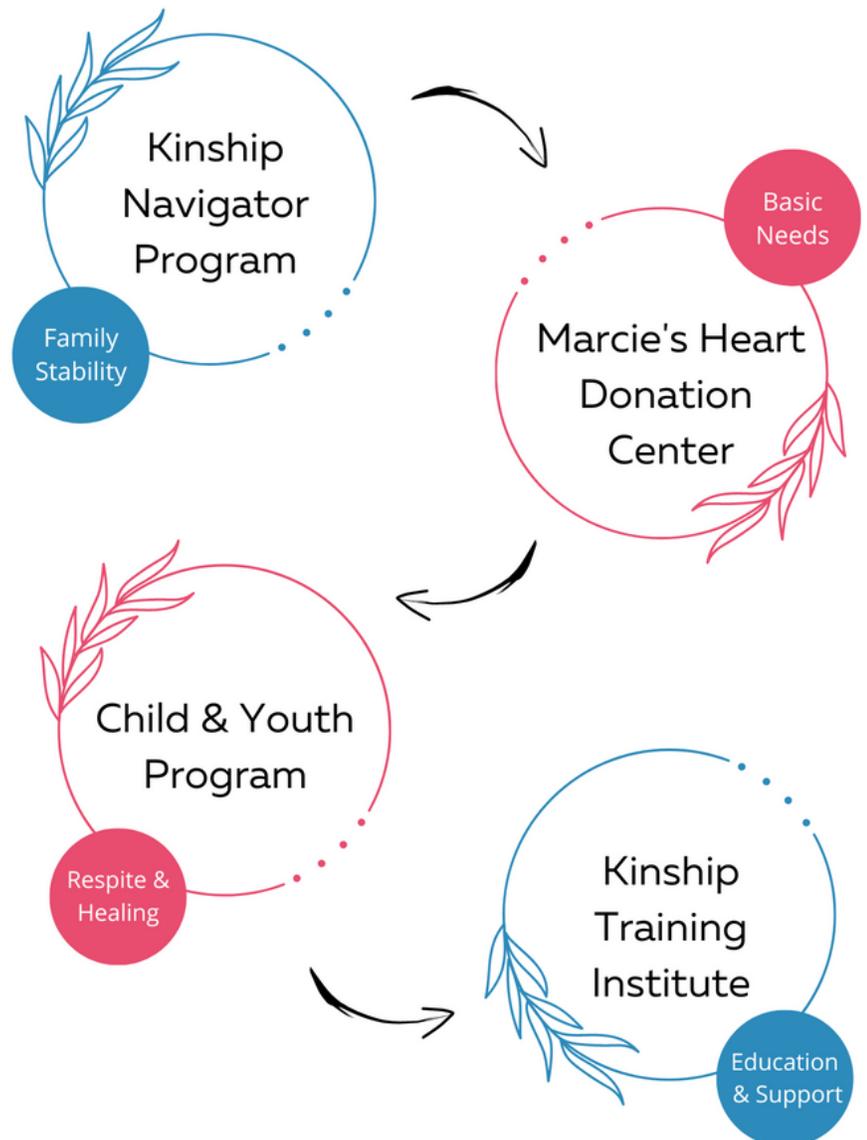
Foster Kinship helps kinship families throughout the state of Nevada.

We offer four free programs:

1. The Kinship Navigator Program,
2. Marcie's Heart Donation Center,
3. Child and Youth Program, &
4. The Kinship Training Institute.

Our services address the **immediate needs** of kinship children, achieve the **most permanent legal status** for the family, ensure families receive **financial support**, and increase the **quality of parenting** kinship caregivers provide.

Our free programs help those in greatest need by supporting the entire kinship family.





THE KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

Evidence-Based, Family Stabilization

The Kinship Navigator Program is an evidence-based family stabilization program designed to increase the stability and well-being of the kinship family by providing targeted information, referral, support, basic needs, case management, and direct childcare services.

Exceeds Annual Benchmarks

In 2022, we provided over 30,000 services to 2,275 unique kinship families and 5,232 children.

- **92%** obtained legal capacity (Benchmark: 80%),
- **90%** achieved financial stability (Benchmark: 80%),
- **99%** received parenting and child community connection (Benchmark: 90%), and
- **99%** experienced emotional support (Benchmark: 90%).



Our Kinship Navigator Program is **one of four** models in the country rated as evidence-based by the Federal Prevention Services Clearinghouse.



Marcie's Heart is a donation center and market at Foster Kinship. Marcie's Heart runs on donations, time, and love from the community.

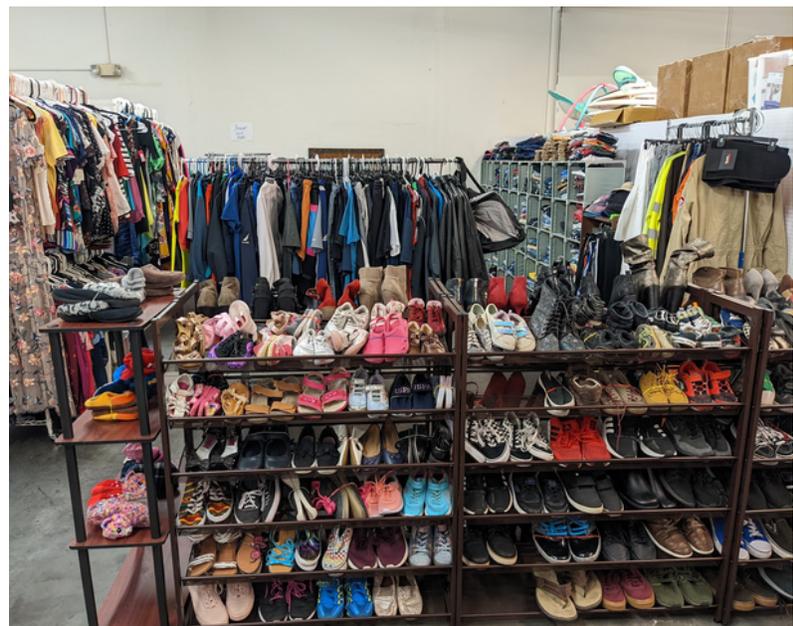
Basic Needs Resources

Kinship families often begin caring for children with little notice or preparation. We make sure children and families have their basic needs met by providing them with diapers, cribs/beds, formula, clothes, and other household items needed to meet their day-to-day needs.

Caregiver Corner Markets

Kinship caregivers often lack time to shop or care for themselves once they begin caring for their relatives' children.

We provide Caregiver Corner Markets where caregivers can shop for themselves as well as for household items, teen and adult clothing and shoes, jewelry and accessories, books, gently used toys, and seasonal and specialty items.





CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM

Foster Kinship delivers direct child and youth services grounded in Trust Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) which is an evidence-based practice that promotes children's socioemotional development when they have undergone significant trauma.

Cubs and Tots Pre-K Respite

- Helps young children prepare for kindergarten with a trauma- and disability-informed curriculum

Nurture Group Respite

- Helps children address the trauma of parental separation, learn emotional regulation, and develop nurturing relationships

Youth Support Groups

- Helps youth discuss coping mechanisms, critical thinking skills, and problem-solving through communication

Grandparent Respite

- Grandparents and other relatives often stop caring for themselves when they become the full-time caregivers for abused and neglected children. Each of these childcare services provide kinship caregivers with a *free and safe* opportunity to practice self-care regularly—which is an **investment in family preservation**.





KINSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

The Kinship Training Institute provides specialized training free of cost to all kinship caregivers and to professionals working with kinship families.

We disseminate over 50 years of professional expertise, best practices, and evidence-based interventions to empower kinship families. Services include recorded video trainings, monthly in-person and online workshops, TBRI® training series and 1:1 consultations, and specialized kinship conferences hosted by our agency.



Kinship Youth Conference

Teach kinship youth interdependent living skills



Kinship Conference

Disseminate best practices to interdisciplinary professionals



Kinship Resource Fair

Connect families with resources for trauma and stability support



A vibrant **future**
for all *Children*

Thank You!

Made Possible by Partnerships



The heart of Foster Kinship's work is to provide kinship caregivers and children with tools to break generational cycles of abuse and neglect.

Our evidence-based and trauma-informed services empower kinship families with specialized education, functional skills, and sustainable community resources.

With the support of our community partners and donors, Foster Kinship is able to help children end the cycle of abuse and neglect and achieve intergenerational healing.