



2024 Annual Report

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INTRODUCTION



2.5 million children nationwide

are growing up without the care of their parents. Whether they are absent, unwilling, or unable to effectively raise their children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives boldly intervene to provide these children with full-time, long-term care in an arrangement known as **kinship care**.

30,000 children in Nevada

are living in kinship care and the vast majority—26,000 children—reside in Clark County (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2023). These children have endured **unthinkable hardships**—surviving abuse, neglect, parental addiction, domestic and gun violence, incarceration, and even the loss of a parent. Despite these challenges, kinship caregivers step in, offering the stability, love, and healing that only family can provide.

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 Nevada's **only** organization dedicated solely to kinship families, providing critical support to nearly 6,000 children every year.

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.

Foster Kinship helps "**keep home in the family**" and envisions a **vibrant future for all children in kinship care**.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE FOUNDER

In 2024, Foster Kinship expanded our impact, reaching more families at every stage of their journey, kinship caregivers, parents working toward reunification or co-parenting, and families who have achieved permanency. While stability remains a cornerstone of our work, our focus has deepened to emphasize healing, helping families navigate trauma, strengthen relationships, and build brighter futures.

This year also marked exciting milestones: the expansion of our Navigator Program into 5 states beyond Nevada, allowing us to support more children in kinship care across the nation. Seeing more families receive the advocacy and resources they need has been truly inspiring and reaffirms our belief that all families deserve the tools to thrive.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated kinship families, donors, partners, and community. Your support fuels our mission, making it possible to serve more families and transform more lives. Together, we will continue creating a **more vibrant future** where every child in kinship care feels safe, supported, and loved.

Dr. Ali Caliendo

Founder and Executive Director
Foster Kinship



PROGRAMMING

Foster Kinship delivers 5 free programs to offer families wrap-around, comprehensive support—from immediate stabilization to long-term healing.



Kinship Navigator Program

An evidence-based family stabilization program that increases the stability, safety, and well-being of kinship families.

Marcie's Heart Resource Center

An on-site resource center offering clothing, diapers, car seats, cribs, and other emergency resources to kinship families.



Child and Youth Interventions

Trauma-informed services designed to promote children's mental and emotional health as well as caregiver well-being.



Thriving Together Academy

Specialized trainings for caregivers and professionals, disseminating over 50 years of professional expertise, best practices, and evidence-based interventions.



Kinship Advocacy Network

A platform to amplify the voices of youth and caregivers to positively influence local, state, and national policy for kinship families.



♥ YEAR IN REVIEW ♥

March

We served our 10,000th kinship family in Nevada!

May

We hosted our annual Block Party to celebrate over 250 caregivers and children.

June

We became a Recovery Friendly Workplace, reinforcing a culture where everyone is valued & supported.

September

We toasted to our new headquarters with a Ribbon Cutting, inviting the community to join us in our mission.

September

We launched our "Kids Deserve Family" fundraiser, raising over \$55,000 from community support!

October

We partied with over 300 kids, caregivers, and partners for our Halloween Trunk or Treat.

December

We sang a heartfelt Happy Birthday to celebrate Foster Kinship's 13th year!



OUR OUTCOMES

In 2024, we provided over 58,000 services to 3,244 unique kinship families.

1,604

NEW FAMILIES SERVED

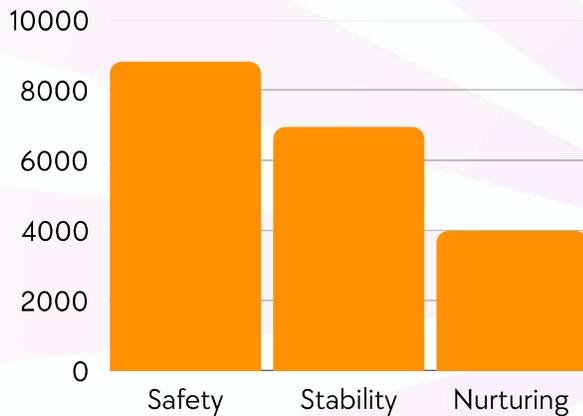
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EMERGENCY RESOURCES DISTRIBUTED

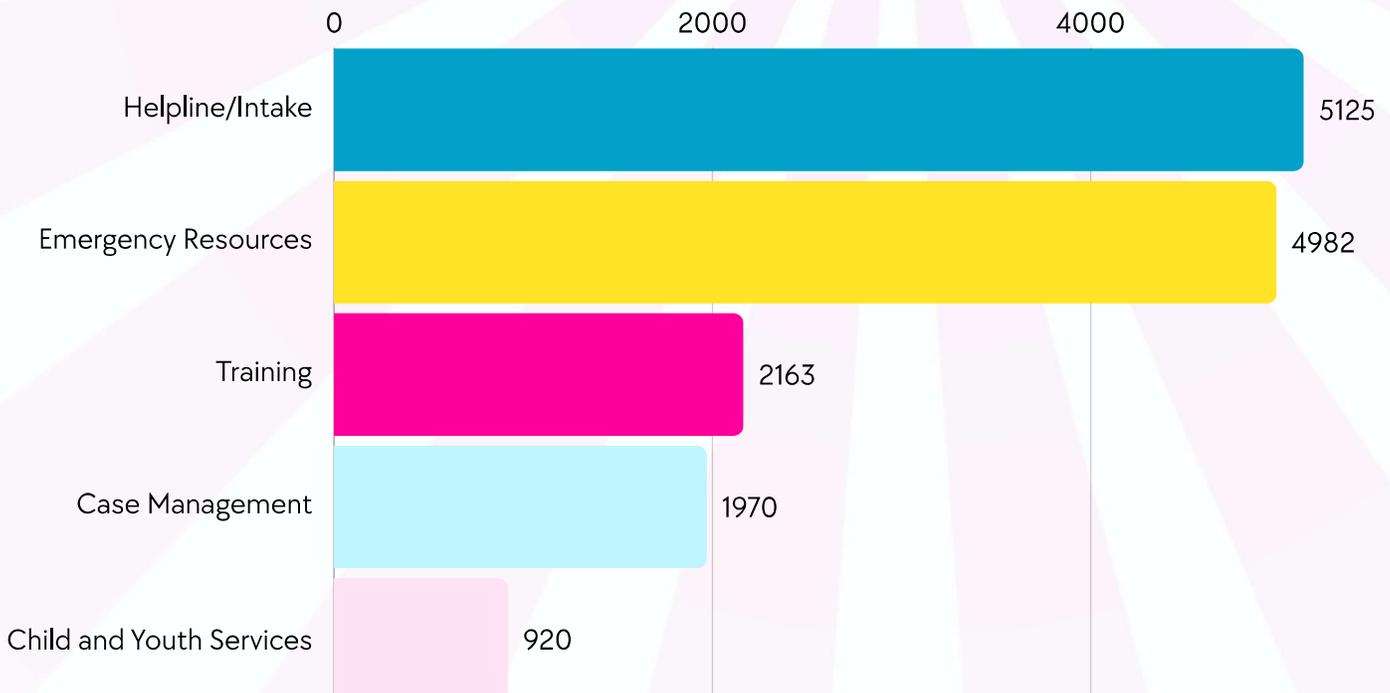
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CHILDREN HELPED TO DATE

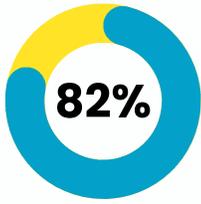
Number of Services Provided



Number of Families Served



OUR IMPACT



families obtained **legal capacity**
(Benchmark: 80%)



families achieved **financial stability**
(Benchmark: 80%)



families received **parenting and child connection**
(Benchmark: 90%)



families experienced **emotional support**
(Benchmark: 90%)

FOSTER KINSHIP'S STAFF PROVIDES OVER

250

years of combined **professional** experience serving kinship families
+
personal experience as kinship caregivers, former kinship children, or foster/adoptive parents.



Title IV-E Prevention Services CLEARINGHOUSE

Our flagship Navigator Program is **1 of 4** functioning, evidence-based Navigator models in the nation. Our services are proven to:



INCREASE CAREGIVER'S ACCESS TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



DECREASE RATES OF CHILDREN ENTERING TRADITIONAL FOSTER CARE WITH STRANGERS



Our Hearts + Services are Expanding

Since our Kinship Navigator Program became evidence-based in 2023, we have expanded our model and services into 5 other states... and counting!

We are honored to work with other dedicated kinship professionals and **together** serve more children across the nation.



“ With Foster Kinship not only did we get assistance in getting guardianship of [our grandson], but, through the TBRI classes, we have learned so much about the behaviors he displays, where they might come from, and how we can alter our own thinking to be better caretakers and loving providers for him. This was what I was begging for – to know why and just to hear there was a way to help even the worst cases through compassion and empathy. ”

-Testimonial from a kinship caregiver

Thank you

to our donors and supporters for believing in our mission and investing in our children + to kinship families for keeping home in the family.

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