

OHIO GRANDPARENTS KINSHIP CARE COALITION STRATEGIC PLAN

2019-2021

INITIATIVE I

Identify and develop education that supports better understanding of legislation, programs and services to kinship families

Education committee

Objectives

One: Identify policies and practices impacting kinship care providers and kin-children

Two: Continue to evaluate and update OGKC website information on programs, information and services

Three: Identify the needs including but not limited to housing, health, mental health, employment and education for kinship providers and kin children, while working with systems to develop and improve access to services and supports.

Four: Continue to update and evaluate information on the web site.

Five: Review and document the integration and placement process of children being placed in kin homes from time of removal from bio-homes.

INITIATIVE II

Develop a strategy that engages all stakeholders in advocating for changes in laws and administrative policies affecting the success of children being placed in kinship homes in a timely manner.

Advocacy/resource committee

Objectives

One: Develop relationship with those who make the laws to better understand the process for change and advocacy

Two: Review the local laws determined by the Education Committee and determine those that the Committee will recommend for advocacy

Three: Develop process to include all stakeholders in the advocacy process.

Four: Identify administrative policies that create barriers for children to be placed in relative homes. Recommend possible changes/modifications to improve the policy(ies).

INITIATIVE III

Promote state and federal legislation that improves the process and culture of kinship care placements

Legislative committee

Objective

One: Develop a platform to identify, develop and support federal and state legislative policy issues relating to the kinship care placements and its impact and influence on kinship policies and issues.

INITIATIVE IV

Develop communication process to increase awareness and support for grandparents and other kinship care providers

To become a major hub and resource for all of those who are engaged in the process of promoting the placement of children in kinship homes

Community Awareness Committee

Objectives

One: Identify communication methodologies for each stakeholder to increase engagement

Two: Determine the distribution process for all stakeholders

Three: Determine timeline/timeframe for distribution of communication