

Ohio Kinship Support Groups by County

Latest Update 1/26/09

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
ASHLAND	X		Erin Schlechty	419-281-9591	kinshipcoordinator@yahoo.com

Notes: Catholic Charities Community Services Kinship - CCCS Kinship Support Group
Groups held: Trinity Lutheran Church 1260 S. Center St. Ashland, Ohio 44805
When: The 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Every other support group meeting we feature guest speakers. The other meetings we feature round table open discussions along with dinner for the caregivers.

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
ASHTABULA		X	Katie Lane	440.998.1811 ext. 160	LANEK02@odjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: At the present time there is no group. Katie does home studies for KPI and advocates in court hearings when kinship families apply for custody. She is also a shoulder to lean on while applying for services.

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
AUGLAIZE		X	Denise Kantner	419.739.6505	kantnd@okjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: None that the agency is aware of.

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
BELMONT		X	Linda Mayberry	740.695.1075 ext. 1340	maybel@odjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: None

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
BROWN			Sue Cochran	937.378.6104	COCHRS01@odjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: "I have no idea"

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
BUTLER	X		Mary Gressle	513.785.6891	mgressle2001@yahoo.com

Notes: Both educational and open sharing meetings and family activities during the year.
Location: Janet Clemmons Center 282 N. Fair Ave. Hamilton, OH - 6:30 - 8 p.m.
 Meets the last Thursday of each month - Childcare and dinner provided
Location: Zion Lutheran Church - Middletown, OH - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 - Childcare provided
Location: Marshal Elementary & Kramer Elementary - Oxford - Meets once a month

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
CHAMPAIGN		X	Kay Burkett	937.484.1500	burkek02@odjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: None - however we can refer to Midwest Ohio Adoption/Foster Care Support Group - Clark Co.

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
CLARK		X	Mary Manning	937.327.1799 ext. 1792	

Notes: KPI only - contact the "Intake Line" at: 937.327.1748

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
CLERMONT	X		Brenda Cox	513.732.5034	brendacox414@hotmail.com

Notes: Educational and open sharing meetings that take place in different locations in the county.
 The meetings run 2 hours beginning at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
CLINTON	X		Dawn Yeakley Lilsa Sweetman	937.382.5935 ext. 1236 937.382.5935 ext. 1345	yeakld@odjfs.state.oh.us sweetl@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: Groups are monthly - both educational and open sharing. Childcare and a meal is provided. <u>Location:</u> Clinton County Community Services Bldg. 1025 S. South St. Wilmington 6 - 8:00 p.m.					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
COLUMBIANA		X	Debbie Steffel	330.424.7781 ext. 3144	
Notes: KPI only ***The YWCA does have "Kin & Kids" Support Groups for family members raising other family members children. 330.332.9944					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
CRAWFORD		X	Erika Fuson	419.468.3255 ext. 222	fusone@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: None					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
CUYAHOGA	X		David Larsen Natasha Pietrocola	216.432.3339 216.420.6721	dlarsen@cuyahoga.us yovicn@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: David handles KPI and Emergency Assistance for Kinship Families. Natasha works for the Grandparent/Kinship Care Program in Cuyahoga Co. Dept. of Senior & Adult services. They have several support groups. Usually the third or fourth Thursday of each month they hold an educational support group lunch where they have speakers and invite all clients who wish to participate (free of charge). <u>Location:</u> Reserve Square Bldg. Cleveland 1701 East 12th St. LL					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
DARKE		X	Rebecca James	937.548.4132 ext. 282	jamesr@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: None					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
DEFIANCE		X	Amy Linebrink Michelle Reinhart	419.782.3881 419.782.3881	lineba@odjfs.state.oh.us Social Services Supervisor
Notes: None that are agency run					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
DELAWARE		X	Angla Hughes	740.833.2368	rosaca@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: None					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
FAIRFIELD	X		Jenny Ruff	740.687.6832 OR 740.687.6710	RUFFJ@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: 2 Support groups quarterly; first is a caregiver support group - the second is EMPACT - a support group that assists families with children who have varying limitations/disabilities. Speakers present at the groups and are asked by the direct suggestions of the caregivers. <u>Location:</u> Job & Family Service Agency 239 W. Main St. Lancaster, OH We also feature family fun events throughout the year - all activities are at no cost to our Kinship families.					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
FAYETTE		X	Amanda Campbell	740.335.0350	
Notes: None					

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
FRANKLIN	X		Rebecca Lawrence Chris Stuntz - West Robin Norris - North	614.221.6766 ext 135 614.272.7194 614.221.6766 ext. 135	kinshipnavigator@firstlink.org angeleyes62@att.net

Notes: Columbus Kinship Connection Support Groups (Sponsored by Firstlink Kinship Navigator Program) Groups are both Sharing and Educational - meet once a month
Location: Westside - Columbus - Dodge Recreation Center, 667 Sullivant Ave. - 6 p.m. - 8 Tues.
Northside - Columbus - Firstlink, 195 North Grant Ave. - 3:00 - 4:00 - Saturday

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
FULTON		X	Sarah Stubblefield	419.337.0010	stubbs01@odjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: There are no support groups in Fulton Co. We do run a Kinship Navigator program.

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
GALLIA		X	Chandra Shrader	740.446.4963	shradc@odjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: No support groups. They do still have KPI assistance

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	Yes	No			
GEAUGA		X	Dawn Bates	440.285.9141 ext.102 or 800.209.7590 ext. 102	batesd@odjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: Not Currently. Dawn tried in the past but did not have long-term success.

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	Yes	No			
GREENE	X		KB VonDerau	937.376.5486	kb@gcco.org

Notes: RAP (Relatives as Parents) Groups: No speakers both are open sharing. We also provide extra educational programs with expert speakers twice yearly. Meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month
Location: Morning Group - 10 - 11:30 a.m. Greene Co. Council on Aging
140-A Rogers St., Xenia, OH
Evening Group - 7 - 8:30 p.m. at The Fairborn Senior Center
325 N. Third St. Fairborn, OH
** Locations may be changing in the future**

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
GUERNSEY	X		Nancy Gress	740.439.5555	gressn@odjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: We have a monthly support on the 4th Monday of each month. From 6 - 8 p.m.
We often have educational speakers and group discussions - sometimes a picnic to share
Location: Children Services - 274 Highland Ave. Cambridge, OH

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
HAMILTON	X		Dave Lenning	513.272.2800 ext. 4554	dlenning@thechildrenshomecinti.org

Notes: Two support groups per month at different locations. They are mostly open sharing. There are other groups called workshops, which offer educational information on various subjects.
Meetings run from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. RSVP for groups with Pam Ross 513.272.2800 ext. 4518
Location: Children's Home of Cincinnati (5050 Madison Rd.)
Emmanuel Community Center in Over-the-Rhine (1308 Race St.)

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
HURON	X		Ashley Seville Jon Cooper	419.668.8126 ext. 3203 419.668.8126 ext. 3230	sevila@odjfs.oh.state.gov

Notes: Educational and Open Sharing - times and dates vary
Location: Huron Co. Department of Jobs & Family Services. 185 Shady Lane Dr. Norwalk, OH

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
KNOX		X	Darcy Henthorn	740.397.7177	darcyhenthorn@yahoo.com
Notes: None					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
LAWRENCE		X	Teneka Ferguson	740.532.3324 ext. 342	fergut02@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: None, that I am aware of.					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
LICKING		X	Sandy Williams	740.670.8735	willis09@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: Not at this time					
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	Yes	No			
LUCAS	X		Jamie Richardson	419-725.7039	jrichardson@areaofficeonaging.com
Notes: Each club meets once a month. Professional speakers and open sharing are available. A meal and childcare is provided at each club and educational event. Besides 3 educational workshops, there are also fun events for the entire family throughout the year. <u>Location:</u> Mayores Kinship Club: Mayores Senior Center, 2 Aurora L. Gonzalez Dr. Toledo 43609 (Generally the first Thursday of the month 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) <u>Location:</u> North Kinship Club: Chester J. Zablocki Senior Center, 3015 Lagrange St. Toledo 43608 (Generally the second Wednesday of the month 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) <u>Location:</u> East Toledo Kinship Club: Garfield School 1103 N. Ravine Pkwy. Toledo 43605 (Generally the third Thursday of the month 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.) <u>Location:</u> West Kinship Club: Sylvania Senior Center, 7140 Sylvania, OH 43560 (Generally the third Friday of the month 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.) <u>Location:</u> South Kinship Club: Margaret Hunt Senior Center, 2121 Garden Lake Pkwy Toledo 43609 (Generally the fourth Wednesday of the month 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.) <u>Location:</u> Open Dorr Kinship Club: Open Dorr Community Center 1205 King Rd. Toledo 43617 (Generally the fourth Thursday of the month 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
MADISON		X	Michele Lidle	740.852.6013	lidlem@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: None					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
MIAMI	X		Christina Doty	937.335.4103	dotyc@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: Open sharing and speakers - mainly speakers so far. Begin at 5:30 and last 2 hours. <u>Location:</u> Piqua					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail / Website</u>
	Yes	No			
MONTGOMERY	X		Shirley Schumacher	937.298.4720	grandparentsraisinggrandkids.weebly.com
Notes: Meeting held the 1st Wednesday of each month, 9 - 11:00 a.m. Open Sharing and speakers. <u>Location:</u> Town & Country Shopping Center, Community Room 300 E. Stroop Rd. (corner of Far Hills & Stroop), Kettering, OH 45429					
	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
MORGAN	X		Carolyn Jenkins	740.962.3827	cjenkins@wmcap.org
Notes: Meetings are held monthly, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and usually last an hour. Speakers attend and address various subjects and open sharing. <u>Location:</u> Malta United Methodist Church					

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	Yes	No			
MUSKINGUM	X		Patrick Donovan	740.455.6710	DONAVP@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: The meetings usually involve doing something fun (e.g., skating, bowling) They meet as often as possible, but usually about every other month. (as often as we can afford to have them).					
PAULDING		X	Alice Gerber	419-.399.3756	gerbea@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: None					
PUTNAM		X	Jennifer Horstman	419.523.4580 ext. 146	
Notes: None					
SANDUSKY	X		Joyce Garvey	419.334.2720	jgarvey@uwsandco.org
Notes: Meetings held every other month beginning at 6:00 p.m. and last 1 1/2 - 2 hours. Both professional speakers and open sharing. <u>Location:</u> United Way First Call for Help Office 103 S. Front St., Fremont					
SCIOTO		X	Lesley Jordan	740.456.4164	jordal@state.oh.us
Notes: Not to my knowledge - Area Agency on Aging used to provide support groups but attendance was low.					
SENECA		X	Melissa Bennett	800.825.5011 ext. 366	BENNEM03@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: There are no support groups that I am aware of in our county.					
SHELBY		X	Angela Young	937.498.4981 ext 261	younga@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: If contacting via e-mail call first with your e-mail address so it can be cleared through quarantine andq she can receive it.					
SUMMIT	X		Barbara Harvey	330.375.1695 330.996.1798 OR	Bharvey@summitkids.org Toll Free: 866.996.1798
Notes: There are 2 groups monthly groups that are educational and there are special events. Childcare and snacks are provided and meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 4 - 6 p.m. <u>Location:</u> The Family Place Intergenerational Support Center: (Sponsored by Summit Co. Children Services. S. Arlington United Methodist Church 790 S. Arlington St., Akron. <u>Location:</u> Crouse Caring Communities of Summit County offers the Grandparents on the Rise Support Group as follows: 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:30 - 1p.m. 1000 Diagonal Rd., Akron These meetings have educational topics and they hold special events. Contact names for this support group as follows: Vera Thomas: v.thomasmaom@yahoo.com Gloria Porter: twiggs86@yahoo.com					
UNION		X	Doris Nicol	937.644.1010 ext. 2245	nicold@odjfs.state.oh.us
Notes: None					

	<u>Kinship Program</u>		<u>Contact Person:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
	Yes	No			
WARREN		X	Anne Juergens	513.695.1520	juerga@odjfs.state.oh.us

Notes: None that I know of.

Counties Don't have Information back from: (Some of these, there is no contact info for).

Adams (no contact info)	Medina
Allen (waiting a response)	Meigs
Athens (waiting a response)	Mercer
Carroll (no Contact info)	Monroe (no contact info)
Coshocton (waiting a response)	Morrow
Erie (waiting a response)	Noble (no contact info)
Hancock (no contact info)	Ottawa (no contact info)
Hardin (no contact info)	Perry
Harrison (no contact info)	Pickaway (no contact info)
Henry (waiting a response)	Pike
Highland (no contact info)	Portage
Hocking	Preble
Holmes (no contact info)	Richland
Jackson	Ross
Jefferson (no contact info)	Stark (no contact info)
Lake	Trumbull
Logan	Tuscarawas
Lorain	Van Wert
Mahoning	Vinton (no contact info)
Marion (no contact info)	Washington
	Wayne (no contact info)
	Williams
	Wood (no contact info)
	Wyandot