

Effective March 21, 2019, the Kinship Caregiver Program will fund services that provide relief of child care functions so that kinship caregivers can provide and maintain a home for a child placed in the care of a kinship caregiver.

The Kinship Caregiver Program will operate from March 22, 2019 until June 30, 2019 in accordance with the requirements of H.B. 541. If the funds are exhausted before June 30, 2019, the program will end at that time.

Here are the highlights:

- A PRC application must be submitted by the kinship caregiver to the individual administering the program. *Initial applications should be submitted to reception. They will log the receipt of the application and forward to Red Bank/Dawn Furniss for review and eligibility determination.*
- PRC applications are available in our lobby as well as with reception and can be found on the Innerweb IM 36 PRC Application.
- Each child living with a kinship caregiver shall make up a PRC assistance group of one and the income of the child shall not exceed 200% of the FPL. *If the child is in receipt of income, those resources will need to be reported with the application.*
- Individuals may be eligible for services under the Kinship Child Care Program as well as the Kinship Caregiver Program operated through the county PRC plan.
- Payment for services will be paid directly to the vendor. *Payment and Vendor information will need to be provided with the PRC application. There will be specific paperwork that will need to be submitted by the "vendor" as proof of service for payment. As soon as this is approved it will be made available.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Worker Dawn Furniss 330-308-7738 or Supervisor Debbie Whitney 330-308-7743.