

OhioKAN

Kinship & Adoption Navigator Program

Getting to Know Our New Statewide Program



Getting to know OhioKAN



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What is OhioKAN?

OhioKAN is a new statewide flexible and responsive kinship and adoption navigator program designed to assist children, caregivers, families.



Who will OhioKAN serve?

Any kinship
and adoptive
family residing
in Ohio

Both formal
and informal
kinship
families

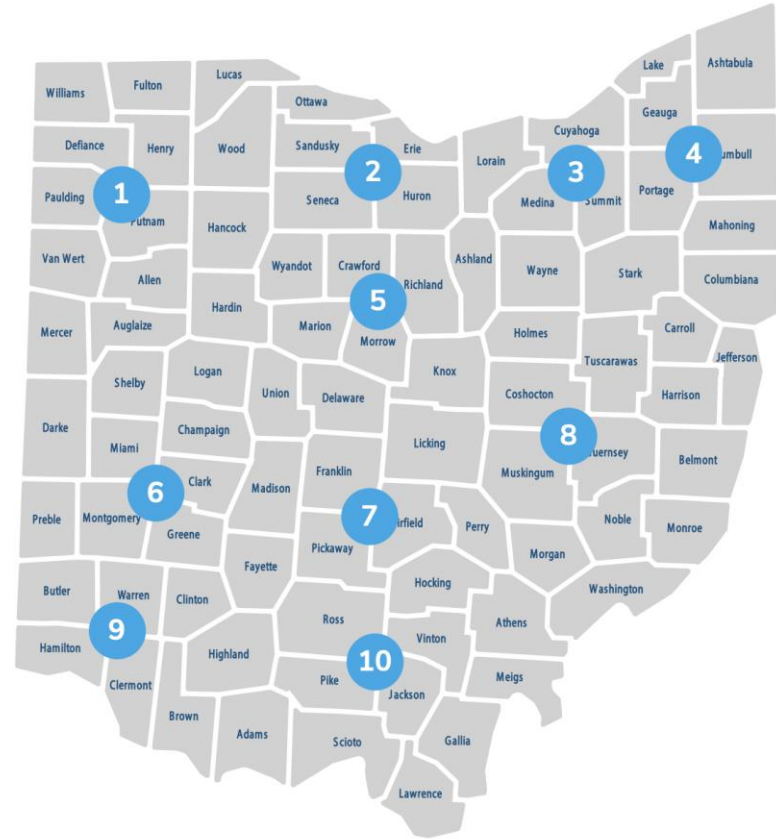
Families who
have adopted
privately,
publicly or
internationally

What do you need to believe to be true to participate?

We believe that families are
inherently capable of finding
solutions to the circumstances
and challenges they face.

OhioKAN is organized into 10 regions

With OhioKAN staff working throughout 10 OhioKAN Regions, we combine local knowledge with statewide resources. OhioKAN is designed specifically to ensure *every* kinship and adoptive family who wants support navigating the resources available to them can get it.



Getting to know Region 3



COUNTIES SERVED

Cuyahoga

Medina

Summit

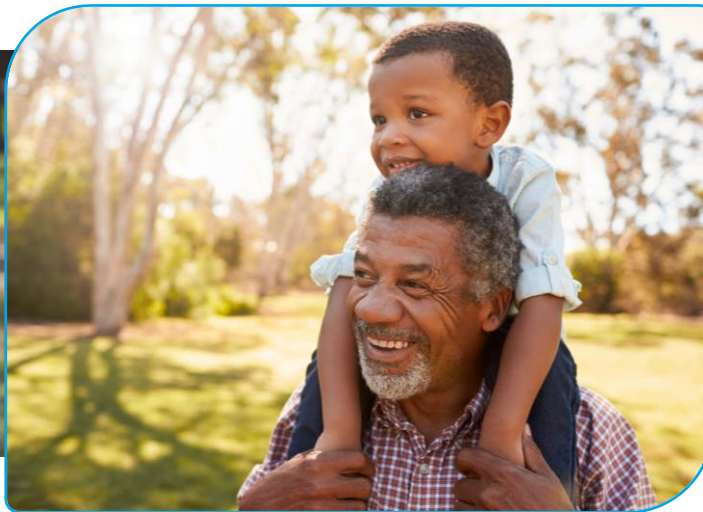
REGIONAL SITES

Our region's official sites will be announced soon! Stay tuned for updates.

The need is growing

140,000+*

**Number of kinship and adoptive families in Ohio. From the [Ohio State Fact Sheet for Grandfamilies](#) compiled by Grandfamilies.org and the State Automated Child Welfare Information System*



OhioKAN's everyday work reflects our values

THE OHIOKAN VALUES

C

Children

We value Ohio's children and are determined to keep the safety, permanency, and well-being of our children as our primary driver.

A

Accountability

We value integrity and transparency. We do what we say and say what we do.

R

Respect

We value the diversity of our families and hold the belief that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

E

Engagement

We value the voices of all kinship and adoptive families and will engage them knowing their perspective is the foundation on which we will build.

S

Strengths

We value every family's strengths and believe everyone can contribute to the solution.

Everyone is welcome here



Through our intentional focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, we are 100% committed to making sure every kinship and adoptive family in Ohio who is looking for support will get it.

What services does OhioKAN offer families?

1:1 SUPPORT



We work directly with you via phone, text, or email

CUSTOM PLANS




We provide personalized resource and referral plans using our extensive database

DEDICATED STAFF



We are 100% committed to serving kinship and adoption families

Family Navigation Journey



Visits site or
directly calls
OhioKAN
hotline

New statewide website



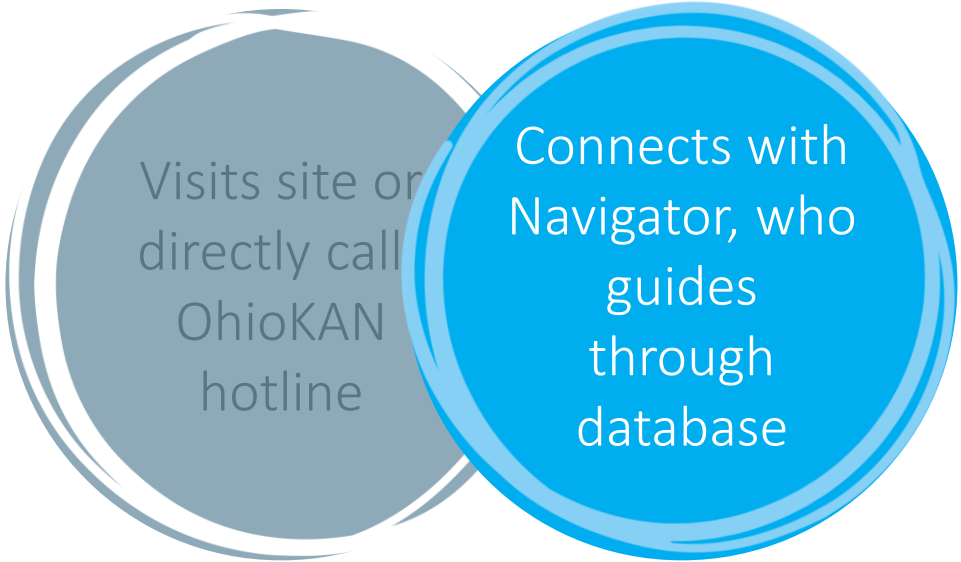
<http://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/>



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- Connects families with Navigators or other OhioKAN staff
- **8:30 AM – 6:30 PM** Monday through Friday
- Basic needs assessment interview

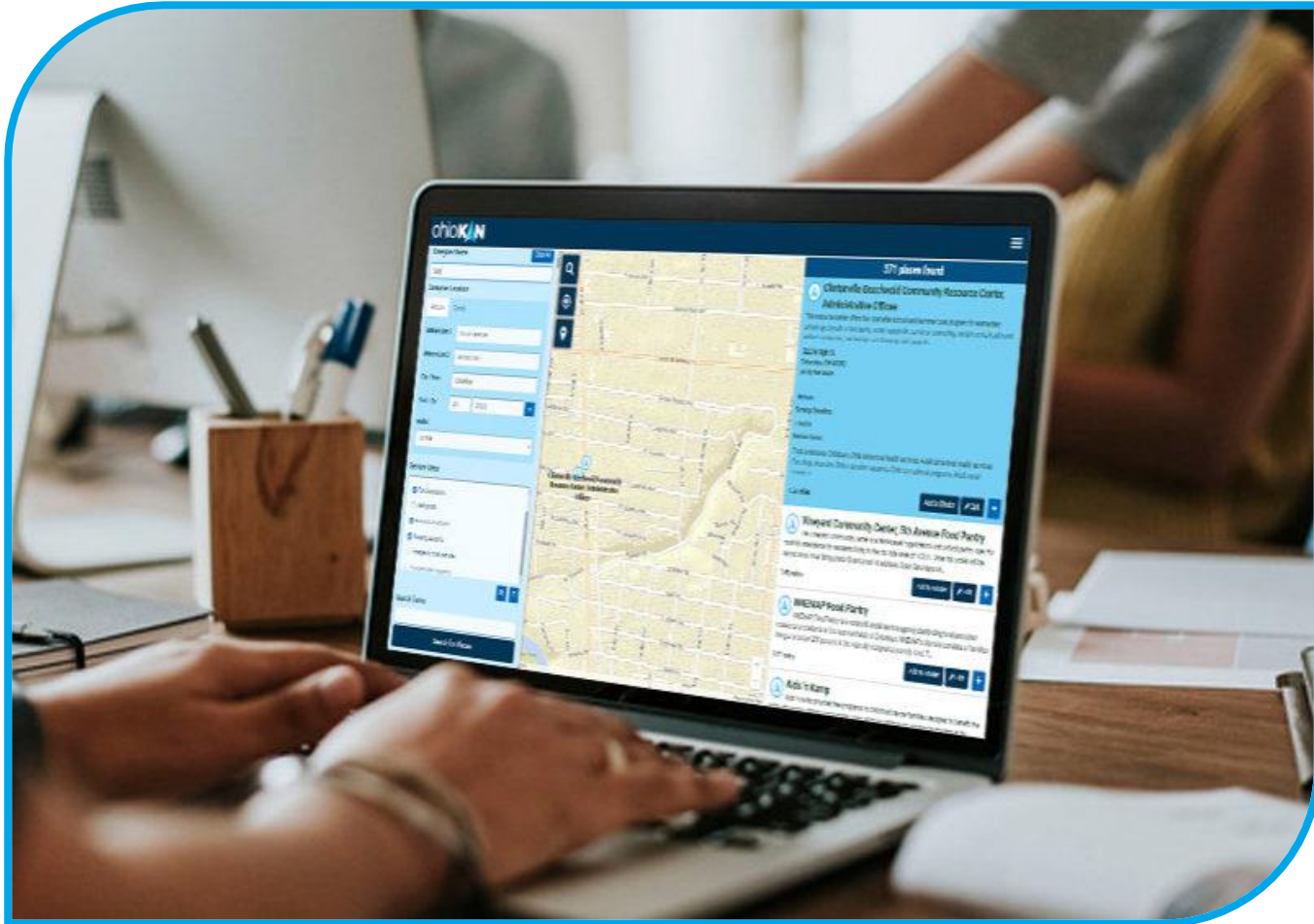
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Visits site or
directly call
OhioKAN
hotline

Connects with
Navigator, who
guides
through
database

Statewide community database



Family Navigation Journey

Visits site or
directly calls
OhioKAN
hotline

Connects with
Navigator, who
guides
through
database

Receives
summary
report with
recommended
resources

Custom-tailored resources



An official program of **Ohio** Department of Job and Family Services

Dear Sally,

Thank you so much for taking the time to talk with us here at [OhioKAN](#). We are so grateful for the opportunity to be helpful during this time. Below, please find a list of the resources we discussed, along with all of the information needed to begin contacting them immediately. If you have any follow-up questions about any of these organizations, resources, or services, please let us know. We are here to make sure you get what you need. We look forward to following up with you soon, and thank you for allowing us to help you. All the best from all of us at [OhioKAN](#).

Ability to add additional, personalized note to caregiver here.

PERSONALIZED RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

1 First Community Church, Heart to Heart Food Pantry

1944 W First Ave
Columbus, OH 43212
(614) 488-0681 ext. 203
<http://h2h.fcchurch.com/>

First Community Church is faith based organization with an open-choice food pantry providing 3 days worth of food to clients in need of food assistance. The pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 1:00 pm in the First Community Church Community Outreach Building.

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Materials available on request

For **kinship & adoption** families

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Welcome, families

Call us for free, personalized support plus help navigating all the local statewide resources available to you

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Find out about all the resources that exist for your family!

OUR PROGRAM
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OUR CORE BELIEF
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OhioKAN is designed to complement, not replace, existing programs

Provide a new service to your families and community

Connect your organization with statewide resources

Other ways we can help? We want to hear from you!

Ask me to present at your next team meeting!

How can your organization help?



Join an emerging Regional Advisory Council

RACs will help ensure local needs and resources are aligned, provide leadership and guidance, and work throughout the region to support and connect families.

Reach out to us!

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Questions?

