

30 Days to Family® Ohio

is transforming into

**Kinnect
to Family**



The 30 Days to Family® Ohio Program is transforming to “Kinnect to Family.” The enhanced model reflects the expanded services and innovations that our program offers families. We want everyone to experience the power of kinship care; our expanded approach opens our services to more families and communities than ever before. Our operating principles and supporting values are not changing with this transformation. Over time in Ohio, we have made significant enhancements based on feedback from our partners like YOU and the families we serve. These enhancements are bringing successful outcomes to families before and beyond 30 days!

Every child has family. Finding them changes everything.



INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE OF OHIO

The 30 Days to Family® model has been applied with success for children and families, and now thanks to innovative enhancements is branching out to a broader program outside of the model's narrow eligibility. "Kinnect to Family" represents values and strategies enabling PCSAs to expand their family search and engagement practices to take full advantage of Kinnect's specialists and the best practices they offer. This enables them to serve more children.

WHY WE'RE TRANSFORMING

Expanded eligibility is a significant adaption to our model. Because of this change, we are branching out from 30 Days to become Kinnect to Family. Our approach to innovation and our enhancements with Ohio's implementation have taken this model to a new, exciting evolution. Every family and child involved with Ohio's child welfare system can receive our services regardless of their status or case timeline. It is never too early or too late for diligent searching and relentless engagement of kin to identify potential connections, supports, and kinship placements.

BECAUSE OF THIS INNOVATION...

- Specialists have been able to serve families prior to custody removal to **prevent** children from entering foster care when there are safe kin willing to support them
- Specialists have been able to serve families who were unable to receive **intense** family search & engagement services prior to their initial court hearing
- Specialists have been able to serve children in permanent custody which has led to significant **results** such as finalized adoptions



Additional Information

- Kinnect to Family is branching out from 30 Days into an evolved, enhanced model that serves more children in more ways
- By shifting away from the trademarked, restrictive 30 Days model, we are able to continue to innovate and meet the needs of our region without concern for legal restrictions
- Ohio has enhanced the model successfully, so it's the right time to embrace Ohio's expanded and distinguished offerings
- Our implementation approach and processes have elevated Ohio's work in unprecedented ways
- Continuing to develop Ohio's reputation on a national scale as a leader in family search and engagement work, as well as innovative approaches in child welfare
- This transformation lays the next steps for statewide training and TA support for the updated family search and engagement requirements

WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

- **Who we can serve?** *Every child*
- **When we can serve?** *Any time*
- **What's next?** Additional application:
 - OhioSTART partnership in prevention
 - Residential facilities in supporting children discharge to permanency with kin faster
 - And much more

WHAT IS THE SAME?

- Foundational values
 - Prioritization of family and kin
 - Dedication to permanency
- Strong evaluation and fidelity
- Positioning Kinnect to Family within county work to embed best practices and promote proven culture shift

For Children & Families...

all have access to the intense family search and engagement services they need and deserve.

For Counties...

more families can be served faster with the expanded eligibility pathways that meet their unique community needs and result in better outcomes not only for their families, but also their case carrying staff.

For the State...

this enhanced model demonstrates to the broader community that the State of Ohio supports innovative program offerings that best serve families while also ensuring federal mandates are met.