

**Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)
Office of Families and Children**

**Policy and Practice Guidance Document (PPGD) #023
Training Resource and Guidance Documents**

March 31, 2022

Background

One of the final recommendations of the Children Services Transformation (CST) Advisory Council specific to Kinship was to identify collaborative strategies for family-finding in other systems. The goal for this CST recommendation is to review current family-finding efforts across other systems, such as child support, and use these opportunities to strengthen Ohio's family-finding process. The Kinnect to Family initiative (formerly 30 Days to Family), is being implemented and directed by Kinnect. As such, one of their tasks as it relates to this CST recommendation was to create guidance documents to include description of services, i.e. Connect our Kids family finding tool, Kinnect resources, LexisNexis, etc. This work has been ongoing and Kinnect has recently released these documents which ODJFS is pleased to share in this PPGD. These include resources for technology use, social media use, searching tips, genogram building, and platform supports for Connect our Kids, Accurant, GenoPro, and Facebook. Each of these document resources is outlined with a brief description and the documents are included as attachments to this PPGD.

Guidance

ODJFS is pleased to share these training resource and guidance documents as they may be utilized to assist with strengthening Ohio's family-finding process.

023A- Social Media Overview – includes ways to utilize social media in family finding, how to set up a professional profile, and sample messages.

023B- Connect our Kids Resources and Links – includes Connect our Kids tools and links to additional resources.

023C- Family Connections and GenoPro Comparison – includes a platform side by side comparison.

023D- Fast Family Finding Search Steps – includes family finding resources for locating kin names and contact information quickly.

023E- GenoPro Genogram Quick Reference – includes steps and tips for clear Genogram building.

023F- LexisNexis Accurint Quick Guide – includes steps for using Accurint for family finding.

023G- Diligent Search Resources – includes family finding search resources and sites.

023H- Family Support Plan – includes method(s) to organize supports for family and kindship caregiver.

023I- Family Finding: Process Guidelines - includes a detailed look at HB110 and other family finding requirements through a process and BEST practice strategies approach.

023J- Family Search & Engagement (FSE) Policy and Workflow Development Overview - includes guidance and considerations for drafting or updating child welfare FSE policies. Additionally, it includes multiple policy examples for reference.

Attachments:

- Social Media Overview, Connect our Kids Resources and Links, Family Connections and GenoPro Comparison, Fast Family Finding Search Steps, GenoPro Genogram Quick Reference, LexisNexis Accurint Quick Guide, Diligent Search Resources, Family Support Plan, Family Finding Process Guidelines, FSE Policy and Workforce Development Overview

Contact

If you have questions or need additional guidance, you may contact Stephanie Beale, Program Director, Kinnect to Family, @ Stephanie.Beale@kinnectohio.org