



## Ohio Kinship and Adoption Navigator (OhioKAN) Development Project

Stakeholder Workgroup: Session 1 of 3  
May 29, 2019

### “HOW” Subcommittee – Meeting Minutes

#### KINNECT FACILITATORS

Mike Kenney (with Cara Textoris)

#### ATTENDEES

Alicia Allen; Maridell Couture; Quavadis Ellison; Destry Fallen; Tina Gaston; Jewell Good; Kelley Gruber; Bill Hobstetter; Catherine Lachman; Johnna Myers; Karen Sauers; Wendy Spoerk; Helene Stone; Lindsey Williams; Jennifer Wikette

#### Introductions

1. Mike introduced himself and clarified the role of the subcommittee. Mike shared his perspective on facilitating this subcommittee section (HOW).
2. **Questions guiding discussion:** How is OhioKAN funded? How do we develop a budget? How is funding allocated at a regional level and what does that look like? How is funding allocated to families and what does that look like? How are resources available outside of this budget being used? How do we develop an adaptive resource model?
3. Mike lead group through HOW questions.

#### I. Question: How is OhioKAN funded?

3 Funding “Buckets”		
STATE KINSHIP \$\$	FEDERAL KINSHIP \$\$	STATE ADOPTION \$\$

Kinship Navigator Funding	Adoption Navigator Funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State Funding:</b> House Bill No. 14 introduced by Representatives Boyd and Baldrige that would establish funding for regionally based kinship navigator programs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Potentially \$5MM in state funding (if passed)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Federal Funding:</b> Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) provides for Title IV-E agencies to receive funding for kinship navigator programs at 50% Federal Financial Participation (FFP) by meeting established requirements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ State-matching funds (potentially \$5MM)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State Funding:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adoption Incentive Funds (Variable)</li> <li>○ General Revenue Fund: \$1.26MM requested for 2020/2021 fiscal year (not yet approved)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>**Adoption Navigator services not eligible for federal funding under FFPSA</p>

- How do we address overlaps in services between Kinship and Adoption and ensure funding remains accessible through FFPSA?
- How do we identify and capitalize on services/resources that are already in place, in order to make best use of available funding?

**2. Question: How do we develop a budget?**

**Goal:** Focus on building a budget that creates an adaptable framework that allows for collaboration, partnership, and an avenue for other resources to be connected into OhioKAN programming/services

\*\*Available state/federal funding not enough to equitably support 88 individual/robust kinship navigator programs

**3. Question: How is funding allocated?**

Regional Funding		Local Funding	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional framework</li> <li>Hiring/Training/Retaining</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Support</li> <li>CQI</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation</li> <li>Navigators</li> <li>Core services (Respite; Daycare; Legal; etc)</li> <li>Flexible dollars (Crisis services/supports; Concrete needs; etc)</li> </ul>	
Family Support Funding: Tiers of Service			
Tier 1 "Information"	Tier 2 "Connections"	Tier 3 "Support"	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website</li> <li>211</li> <li>Support groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All from Tier 1, plus:</li> <li>Navigator</li> <li>Referrals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All from Tiers 1 &amp; 2, plus:</li> <li>Case management/relationship</li> <li>Follow-up</li> </ul>	

**4. Question: How are resources outside of this budget being used?**

- **Community Mapping;** What resources are currently available in communities; how do we complement current available resources and not duplicate them?
- Navigator and Regional Director will build connections to pull other avenues of available resources, soft and hard services

**5. Question: How do we build an adaptive resource model?**

- Model cannot be prescribed, but based on current resources and needs
- Navigator not the sole source of knowledge – that role in itself is adaptable, as a connector and relationship builder
- Trust between Navigator/community is paramount to a successful and adaptable program