



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

Stakeholder Workgroup: Session 1 of 3  
May 29, 2019

### “WHO” Subcommittee – Meeting Minutes

#### KINNECT FACILITATORS

Jamole Callahan and Shannon Deinhart

Attendees: Carrie Block, Rosalind Caro, Brenda Cheatham, Karen Cook, Patrick Donovan, Heather Gonzales-King, Tim Harless, Carla Lanier, Kristine Monroe, Betsie Norris, Sue Nowlin, Alexandra Patsfall, Bobbie Pedersen, Tara Shook

#### Introductions

1. Jamole and Shannon introduced themselves and clarified the role of the subcommittee. Jamole shared his perspective on facilitating this subcommittee section (Who).
2. **Questions guiding discussion:** Who are the identified organizations that are already established in the community? Who do we need at the table? Who are families reaching out to as a resource in the community? Who is leading the organizations that are already established in the community? Who will receive each service outlined in OhioKAN?
3. Jamole leads group through WHO questions.

#### 1. Question: Who are the identified organizations that are already established in your community?

PCSA Organizations Represented by Group	Nonprofit Organizations Represented by Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorain County</li> <li>• Hamilton County</li> <li>• Madison County</li> <li>• Muskingham County</li> <li>• Richland County</li> <li>• Stark County</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption Network Cleveland</li> <li>• Coalition of Adoptive Families</li> <li>• Encompass Adoptees</li> <li>• Fairhill Partners</li> </ul>
Services Provided by the Organizations Represented within the Group	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richland and Muskingham pay for legal fees for kin families in the courts</li> <li>• Adoption Network Cleveland provides many services to the triad</li> <li>• Fairhill Partners has JFS benefits housed in their building</li> <li>• Hamilton County proactively reaches out to formal caregivers to offer services</li> <li>• Richland County has a relationship with 211 who asks all callers if they are caring for a relative – Informal Caregiver and then Richland sends them info about supports available to kinship caregivers</li> <li>• Lorain County has a Local Advisory Group – they have a Navigator in the Area Office on Aging. They meet regularly with the following housing, juvenile justice, CPS, Food Bank, DD, Health Department, Drug &amp; Alcohol, Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health to ensure integrated service coordination</li> </ul>	
**An issue identified was that similar services have different names in different areas	

#### 2. Question: Who is leading the organizations that are already established in the community? Should they be at the table?

\*\*Community mapping is necessary to define established community resources

### Community Organizations that should potentially be identified as partners

- Family First Council
- Supreme Court of Ohio
- Bar Association/CASA/GAL's
  - (GAL's for caregivers and attorneys to help caregivers with estate planning)
- Ohio Department of Education / PEP
- Area Office on Aging
- Drug and Alcohol
- Ohio Mental Health
- Faith Based Organizations
- Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters
- Settlement Houses
- Department of Disabilities
- Network Hospitals
- Big Brothers Big Sisters / Boys and Girls Club
- JFS Benefits/Child Only/ Social Security/Office of Family Assistance
- Early Intervention
- Saving our Sisters
- Providence House/Crisis Nurseries/Blessing House
- Food Bank
- DODD - Ohio Coalition of Education with Special Needs
- Mothers Helping Mothers (Teen Moms)
- Legal Aid – Grandparent Power of Attorney
- Youth Advisory Board
- Judge Michael Ryan – Cuyahoga County & Sarah LaTourette
- Red Tree House (Jeanine Carroll)

### 3. Question: Who will receive services outlined in OhioKAN?

\*\*What core services are common across national programs?

\*\*Adoption needs identified from the survey mirrored FFPSA program eligibility requirements

### What is needed to decide and define services?

- Define Kinship
- Data Tracking
- Training needs for Kinship Care
- What assessments are needed?
- Training for Courts – What is out there –Tim Harless
- Educational Liasons
- Childcare Resources
- Housing
- Consistent Relationships for Youth
- Juvenile Court Involvement
- Legal Aid
- Education
- Medical Care
- Current pilot project between Providence House and Informal Caregivers at Fairhill Partners centered around support