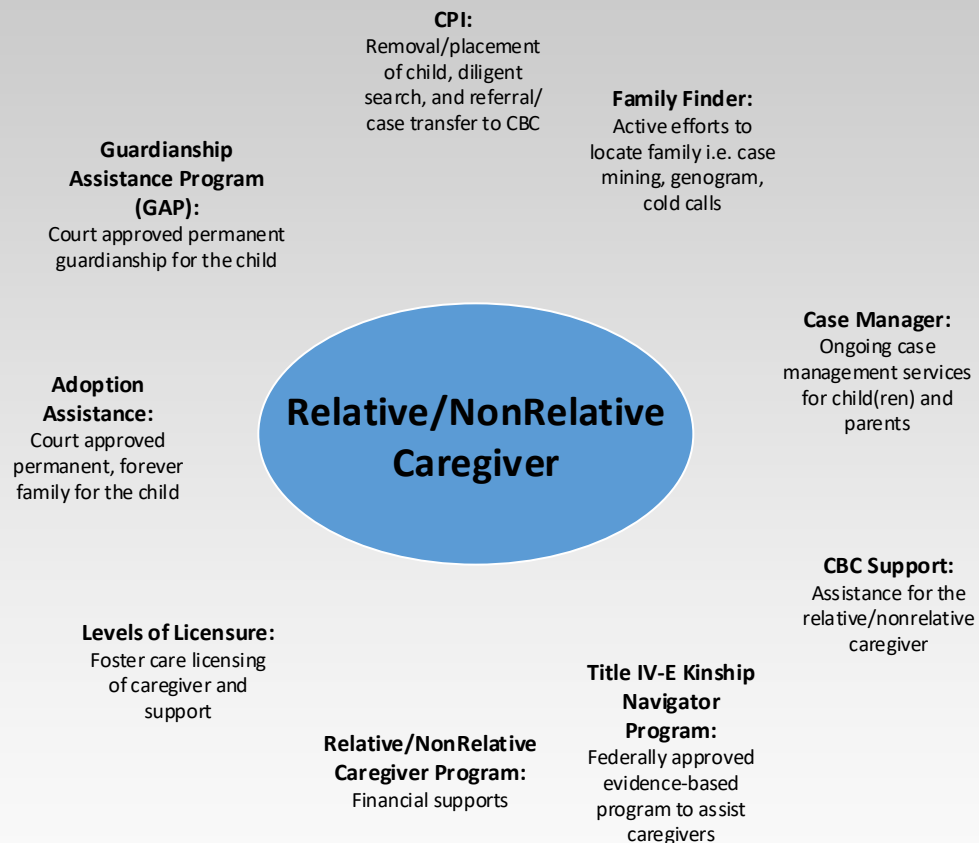


Circle of Supports and Resources for Relative, Fictive Kin, and Non-Relative Caregivers to Help Meet the Needs of the Child Placed in Their Care



Highlight of Area Functions

Child Protective Investigator (CPI)

- Frequently the first person to identify and meet the caregiver
- Responsible for overall determination of child safety and identification of maltreatment
- Assesses the caregiver's willingness and understanding of what is needed to support the child, family, and agency during the out-of-home safety plan

Family Finder

- Have identified caseloads to locate relatives
- Goals are to provide additional support and preserve both family and community connections

Case Manager

- Development of case plan for the parents and child
- Communicate conditions of return and assist with reunification
- Managing and monitoring permanency

CBC Support

- Make referrals to community resources
- Temporary assistance to mitigate emergencies (i.e. purchase crib for infant)

Title IV-E Kinship Navigator Programs

- Provide intensive, in-home services and supports to the caregiver (i.e. weekly contact, sit side by side with the caregiver to complete a two-hour job application, community collaboration meetings, host support groups)
- <https://www.childrenshomenetwork.org>
- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/pi1811>

Relative/Non-Relative Caregiver Program

- TANF-child only cash assistance before adjudication (relatives only)
- Relative Caregiver Program for caregivers within 5th degree relationship
- Non-Relative Caregiver Program includes a financial payment

Levels of Licensure

- Level I Child-specific may have non-safety items waived
- Level II-V meets all licensing standards
- Educational supports and quarterly contacts (telephone or face to face)

Adoption Assistance

- Assesses the caregiver's willingness and understanding to provide permanent, long-term care for the child
- Goal is to ensure the best interest of the child is met
- Provides post-adoption communication and support to post-adoption families

Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP)

- Assesses the caregiver's ability to care for the child and identify a successor guardian
- Completion of the guardianship assistance agreement
- Benefits start at case closure