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Department's Other Programs
Becoming a Family Caregiver
or about the

If you have additional questions about the

The foster or adoptive family may be
rescence. This program helps make

The program is funded through the Department of
Quality of care. If you own the child’s

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In some cases, such as legal custody, the biological

Type of financial assistance to help pay for the child’s

GET?

What Types of Financial Assistance Can I

Showcase in 2006,

Comprehensive training, and will be implemented

Located in the Shelby, Davidson and Upper

Shelby through the program. The program

Family, and the family does not receive a monthly

For a Child in Your Family

Family Caregiver

Becoming a

The child.

This brochure will explain the

After all, you’re family.

With you.

And that place just might be

A place that is safe and secure.

Like home...

That child needs a place that feels

A child in your family needs help.
WHAT IS KINSHIP FOSTER CARE?

If you are the child's sibling, guardian, or a close relative, you may qualify for kinship foster care with DCS. If you choose to apply, DCS considers kinship foster care as the highest preference for the child.

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP PROGRAMS?

The child's best interest changes and can demonstrate that reunification is in the child's best interest if the child is in custody of a Kinship Care Custodian. You will need to provide a written request for the child to be placed in kinship care. It is important to understand the differences between foster care and kinship care.

WHAT IS A PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP?

It is the adoption process begins when the court must approve the adoption of the child. The order of the court can restrict the child's rights of a guardianship. As many decisions are needed to adopt

WHAT IS ADOPTION?

Adoption is a legal process that transfers the rights of a parent to a child. Adoption is a permanent legal process that transfers guardianship of a child. When you adopt a child, you become his or her legal parent. You have the same rights and responsibilities as a biological parent. Adoption is a legal process that transfers guardianship of a child. When you adopt a child, you become his or her legal parent. You have the same rights and responsibilities as a biological parent.

WHAT IS POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR CARE OF A CHILD?

The Department of Children’s Services has to find another legal guardian for the child. The Department of Children’s Services has to find another legal guardian for the child. The Department of Children’s Services has to find another legal guardian for the child.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A RELATIVELY CHILD?

A relative is a relative. Sometimes a child is bringing in the foster care system, however, the child may be placed in a relative's care. What are the benefits of a relative child?