# Relative & Kin Support Services

Nexus-Kindred supports relative and kin caregivers, who are caring for or who have the desire to care for a relative or kin's youth. Nexus-Kindred provides an array of services to assist and alleviate barriers in navigating the child welfare system, trauma-related behaviors, complexities of community resources, etc.

The Relative & Kin Support Services serves the following Central, Southern & Metro counties:

Aitkin	Cottonwood	Goodhue	Lincoln	Mower	Redwood	Stearns	Winona
Anoka	<b>Crow Wing</b>	Hennepin	Lyon	Murray	Renville	Steele	Wright
Benton	Dakota	Houston	Martin	Nicollet	Rice	Todd	Yellow Medicine
<b>Blue Earth</b>	Dodge	Isanti	McLeod	Nobles	Rock	Wabasha	
Brown	Faribault	Jackson	Meeker	<b>Olmsted</b>	Scott	Wadena	
Cass	Fillmore	Kandiyohi	Mille Lacs	Pipestone	Sherburne	Waseca	
Carver	Freeborn	Le Sueur	Morrison	Ramsey	Sibley	Watonwan	

# **RELATIVE & KIN SUPPORT SERVICES INCLUDE:**

## Relative & Kin Placement Support

Nexus-Kindred provides case management services to relative/kin families throughout the duration of placement. This include in-person and/or phone/virtual contact with relative/kin families and youth at least once weekly. This service is available for families once licensed.

### Relative & Kin Home Study

Nexus-Kindred provides intensive support and guidance throughout the licensing process. Nexus-Kindred will be the licensing agency under this service. With that, Nexus-Kindred will complete paperwork, training, and the home study assessment in partnership with the relative/kin family. This service is available to any relative/kin family.

#### **Intensive Family Support**

Nexus-Kindred offers in-home assistance to relative and kinship caregivers who are licensed with their local county or tribe. Nexus-Kindred provides referrals to community resources, connection to local support services and assistance working through challenges caring for relative youth.

### **Intensive Licensing Support**

Nexus-Kindred offers in-home assistance to relative and kinship caregivers as they undergo the licensing process with their local county or tribe to become a foster care provider. This would include ongoing communication with the licensing workers and assisting the family to overcome any barriers and obstacles.

#### Relative & Kin Engagement Services

Nexus-Kindred provides outreach and engagement services to both informal and formal relative/kin caregivers. Within this service, Nexus-Kindred provides a consultation service to relative/kin caregivers. Current or prospective relative/kin caregivers can reach out to Nexus-Kindred to discuss the licensing process, potential barriers, and resource referral to best prepare to care for their relative/kin youth. Additionally, Nexus-Kindred provides general support to families within this service. This may include: resource referral, advocacy, assisting with housing resources, etc.



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