

**620.142 Custodial, permanency, and service options available to relative or fictive kin caregiver of an abused, neglected, or dependent child -- Application timeframe for relative or fictive kin caregiver to become a relative or fictive kin foster parent.**

- (1) The cabinet shall develop custodial, permanency, and service options, including but not limited to monetary supports, that shall be available to a relative or fictive kin caregiver in the instance that a child, who would otherwise be placed in another out-of-home placement, is placed with him or her due to a cabinet finding that the child is abused, neglected, or dependent, as determined by an assessment or investigation conducted in accordance with this chapter. The custodial, permanency, and service options available to a relative or fictive kin caregiver shall include but not be limited to:
  - (a) A notification form that explains and describes the process by which a relative or fictive kin caregiver can be certified as a child-specific foster home and the financial and support benefits that come with that type of placement;
  - (b) A program for a one (1) time monetary benefit as established by an administrative regulation promulgated in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A per child given to the relative or fictive kin caregiver at the time a child is placed with the relative or fictive kin caregiver; and
  - (c) A detailed placement packet that lists all types of supports, financial and otherwise, that are available to a relative or fictive kin caregiver given to the relative or fictive kin caregiver at the time a child is placed with the relative or fictive kin caregiver.
- (2) The cabinet shall disclose to a prospective relative or fictive kin caregiver each of the options established in subsection (1) of this section prior to the child's placement. The prospective relative or fictive kin caregiver shall select the option that best represents the level of care and support needed for the child while the child is receiving treatment and care in the placement with the relative or fictive kin caregiver.
- (3) Within one hundred twenty (120) days of a placement made by the cabinet due to a cabinet finding that a child is abused, neglected, dependent, or a status offender, or upon a qualifying event as established in administrative regulation, a relative or fictive kin caregiver may apply to become a relative or fictive kin foster parent for the child in his or her care.
- (4) The custodial, permanency, and service options required by subsection (1) of this section shall reflect nationally recognized best practices.
- (5) The cabinet shall maximize services available under federal and state law, including but not limited to Titles IV and XIX of the Social Security Act, to fulfill the requirements of this section.
- (6) The cabinet shall, if necessary, seek any state or federal waivers to implement the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.
- (7) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement this section.

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