

AREA OFFICE ON AGING OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO

Securing Opioid Settlement Funds: Strategies to Support Kinship & Grandfamilies



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The Kinship Navigator Program is made possible through the support of the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services, Lucas County Children Services, & the OneOhio Recovery Foundation.



Session Overview - From Insight to Action



Setting the Stage:

Key facts & trends shaping kinship & grandfamilies.



Program Spotlight:

An inside look at the Kinship Navigator Program at the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc.



Real-World Impact:

How a local child welfare organization leveraged a strategic partnership with an Area Agency on Aging to enhance services for opioid impacted families by securing one of Ohio's largest grants of opioid settlement funds through the OneOhio Recovery Foundation.



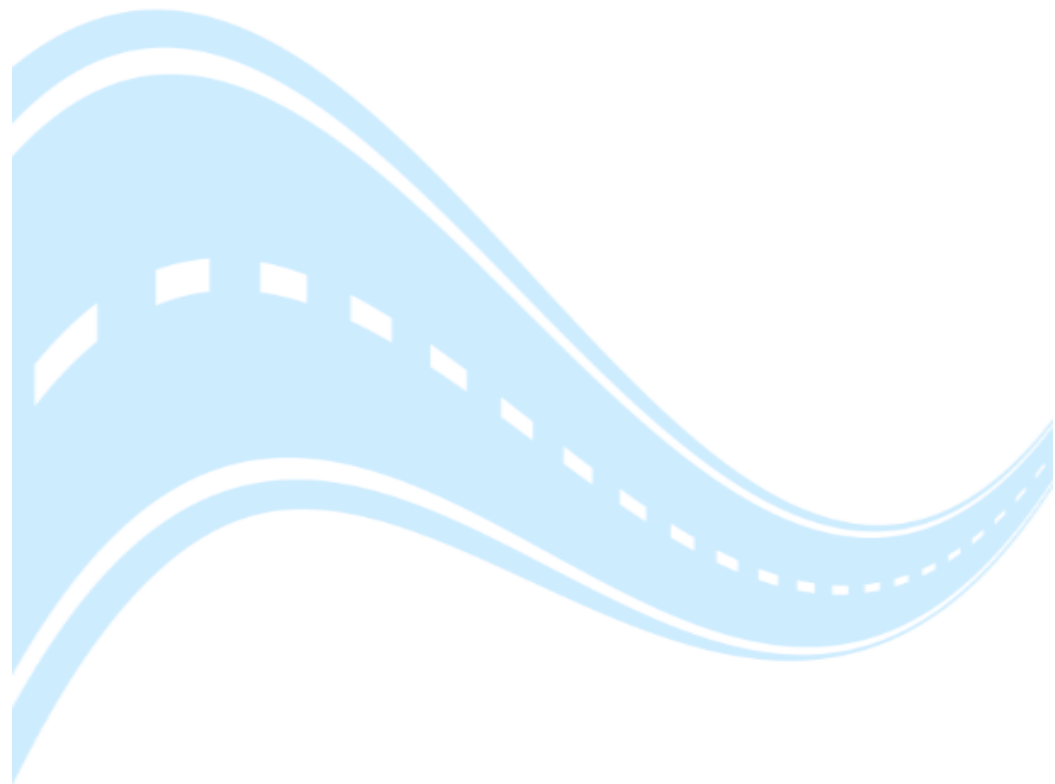
From Idea to Funding:

A practical roadmap for accessing opioid settlement funds.



Turning Strategy into Success:

Replicable approaches your organization can use—partnerships, targeted outreach, measurable outcomes, & voices of grandparent/kinship caregivers with lived-experience.





Setting the Stage



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Kinship care is when grandparents, other relatives, or close family friends are raising children when the biological parents are unable or unwilling to do so.



Reasons for Caregiving



Reasons For Caregiving

- ◆ Mental Health Issues
- ◆ Substance Use Disorders
- ◆ Economic Instability
- ◆ Incarceration
- ◆ Abuse
- ◆ Neglect Abandonment
- ◆ Teen Pregnancy
- ◆ Military Deployment
- ◆ Parental Illness or Death



Quick Facts & Statistics

Nationally



children are being raised by a relative or close family friend and do not have a parent living in the household.¹⁵

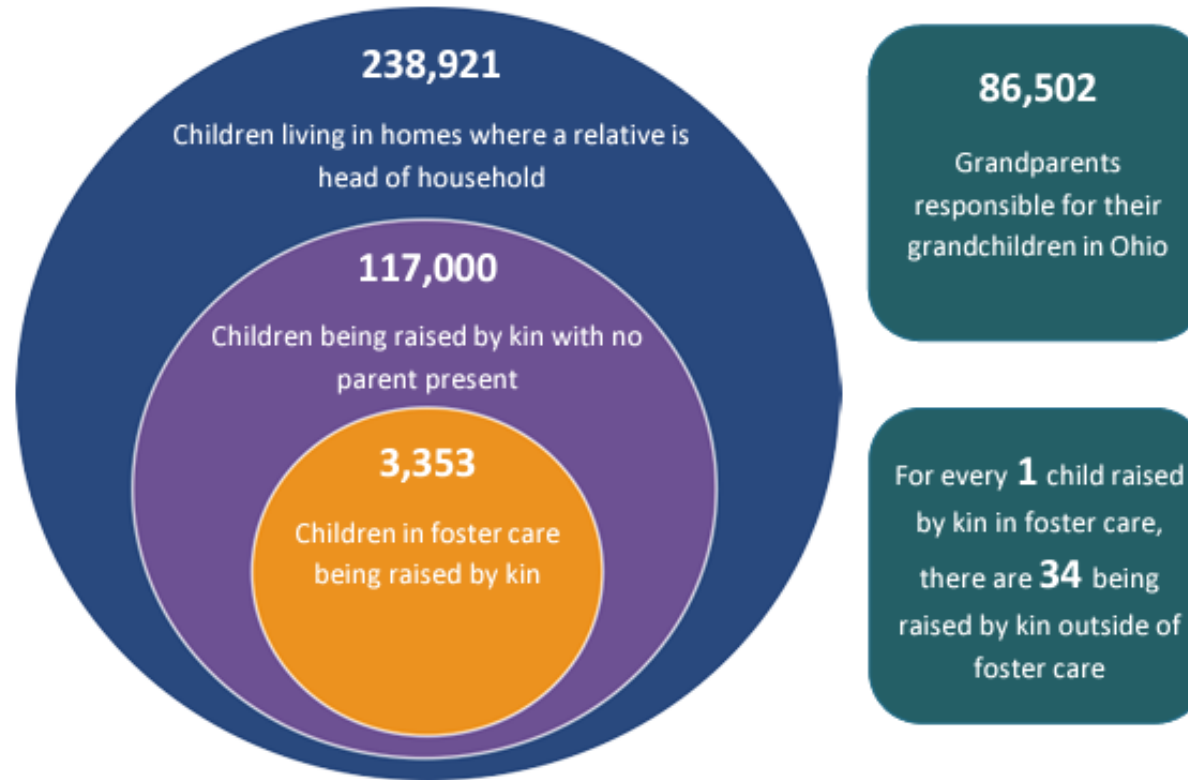




Quick Facts & Statistics

Ohio

Grandfamilies Data





Quick Facts & Statistics



In the
workforce



Are 60
or older



Have been
responsible for
their grandchildren
for 5+ years



Have a
disability



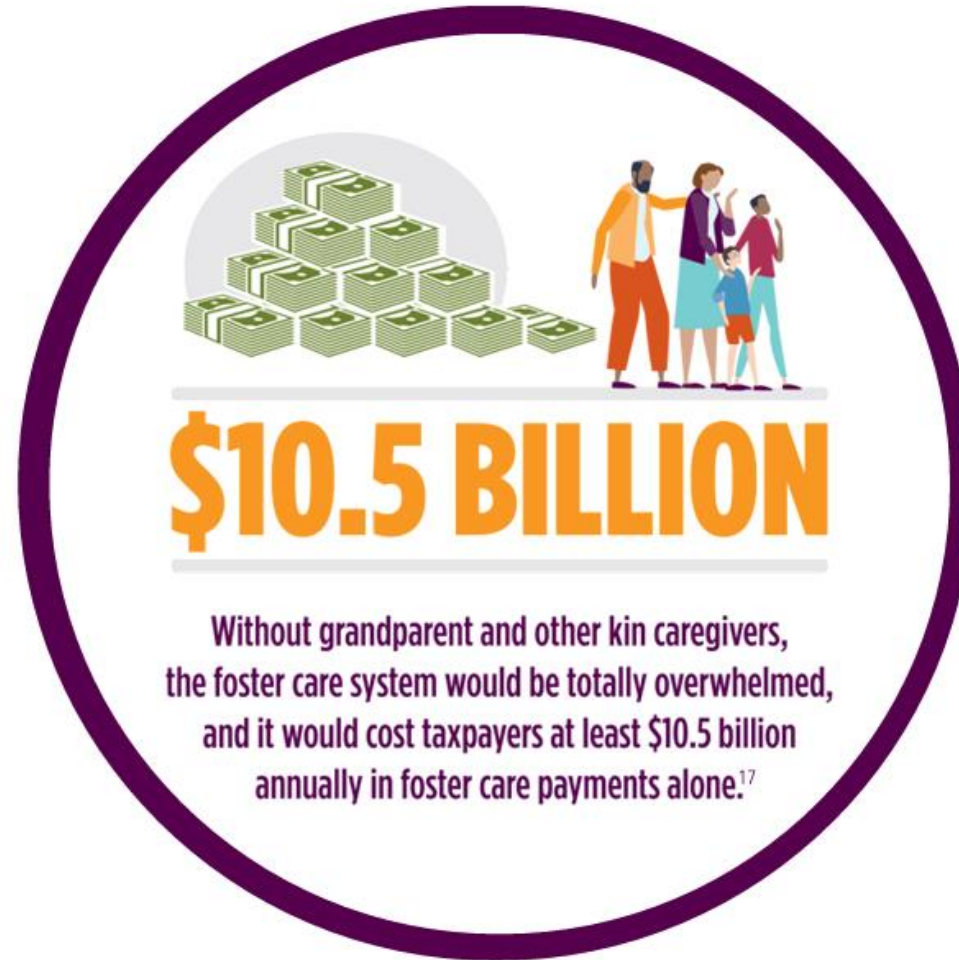
Live below the
poverty line

2+ MILLION

Grandparents are responsible for caring
for their grandchildren living with them.¹⁸



Quick Facts & Statistics





Kinship Care Leads to Better Outcomes

CHILDREN THRIVE IN GRANDFAMILIES & KINSHIP FAMILIES¹⁹



Source: 2025 State of Grandfamilies Report by Generations United



Program Spotlight



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**An inside look at the Kinship Navigator Program at the
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A0oA Kinship Navigator Program



The Kinship Navigator Program is nationally & globally recognized as “Exemplary” by the Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (A National Technical Assistance Center). We offer a robust service menu, have rich community partnerships, & are a model for best-practice excellence.



Kinship Families



Serving grandparents & relative caregivers in Lucas County for over 26 years.



Helps kinship caregivers find & access services to meet their own needs, the needs of the children they are raising, & promotes effective partnerships across sectors, among public & private agencies.



Provides services to over 1,300 caregivers in Lucas County.



Diverse funding through:

- National Family Caregiver Support Program
- Lucas County Senior Services Levy
- Lucas County Children Services Levy
- Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services
- OneOhio Recovery Foundation via Lucas County Children Services
- USAging Caregiver Navigation Grant

“Grandparents & Relatives Raising Children”



AOoA Kinship Navigator Program

Nationally & Globally Recognized & “Exemplary” Designated



Kinship Navigator Program



Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio (AOoA)

The Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. (AOoA) has a Kinship Navigator Program that helps grandparents and relatives care better and longer for the children they raise. This program has served as a primary support to kin caregivers in Lucas County, Ohio for more than 23 years. In 2000, the Kinship Navigator Program grew out of a statewide initiative by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services that sought to address the rising need for support for kinship families. Since, then, through strong local collaboration among the directors of the county's aging, child welfare, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) agencies, the Kinship Navigator Program at AOoA has been supporting kin caregivers and the children they raise.

The AOoA promotes the health, well-being, and safety of older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers to foster independence. The Kinship Navigator Program contributes to this mission by helping kin caregivers of all ages access vital resources for themselves and the children in their care to promote stability and permanency. Their success is a result of diverse partnerships, effective cross-system collaboration, and compassionate rapport-building with families, among other strengths. As a result, the Kinship Navigator Program at AOoA has earned the Exemplary Kinship Program designation from the Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network.

Eligibility for Services and Intake

To receive services from the Kinship Navigator Program, kin caregivers do not need to meet any requirements based on age, income, or legal or familial relationship to the child. The program serves both kin caregivers who are raising children in the custody of child welfare and those who are not under child welfare custody. Kin caregivers must be residents of Lucas County, they must be raising a child aged 18 or younger, and the birth parent of the child cannot be living with the child or kin caregiver.

Kin caregivers who contact the Kinship Navigator Program are offered a welcome packet, which includes a welcome letter, the Kinship Navigator Program's resource



PROGRAM EXAMPLE

Getting In-Kind Gifts and Pro-Bono Services for Kinship/Grandfamilies. Two Examples from: AgeSpan and Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. www.agespan.org and www.areaofficeonaging.com

Since 1997, AgeSpan, an Area Agency on Aging, has partnered with other organizations working with older adults to establish the Breakfast Exchange Club of Greater Haverhill under the arm of the National Exchange Club. Club members support the community by fundraising to support the needs of older adults. The Breakfast Exchange Club helps pay for “specific needs” that are outside the AAA's kinship/grandfamily budget such as holiday gifts for grandparents and their grandchildren, grocery store gift cards, summer camp fees, and other extracurricular activities for children. The Breakfast Exchange Club has also helped a grandchild with vision loss attend a summer camp on Martha's Vineyard and paid for another grandchild to participate in a cheerleading competition in Florida.

Over time, AAAs can turn one or two partnerships into many. That's what the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. did. The AAA has served kinship/grandfamilies for 20 years and supports more than 1,100 kinship/grandfamilies. In this time, the agency has cultivated cost-neutral partnerships with many organizations, including more than 60 nonprofits, managed care plans, government agencies, and universities. These partners offer a variety of free goods and/or pro-bono services to the kinship/grandfamilies the AAA serves. For example, one nonprofit partner provides free winter coats to children in kinship/grandfamilies. Managed care partners pay for



turkeys and hams during the holidays. Other partners help with gift cards, school supplies, space for AAA events, minor league baseball and hockey tickets, and pro bono legal assistance for the families.

When asked how other AAAs and Title VI programs can replicate its success, Collette Cordova, Vice President of Special Contracts and Analytics at the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. suggested they build and nurture relationships at the local level by engaging in meaningful outreach activities. She also encouraged AAAs and Title VI programs to find opportunities to teach other entities about kinship/grandfamilies. Requests to partners, she says, may start small and build over time.

Kinship/Grandfamilies: The Role of Area Agencies on Aging and Title VI Native American Aging Programs

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Identifying Local Champions



Key takeaways from the third of five sessions for social service professionals who want to improve outreach to kin caregivers

Experts: **Teresa English** is the program administrator of the Shelby County Relative Caregiver Program, based in Memphis, Tennessee. **Marsha Rose** is the supervisor of the Kinship Navigator Program for the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio. Both of the programs were designated as Exemplary by the Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network.

Why This Topic Is Important: Identifying and connecting with public and private community organizations can be challenging, but community partners can help promote, enhance, and support the work of social service professionals serving kinship families.

How to Identify Local Champions

► Make a “wish list” of resources and services that your families need but your program does not provide.

- For example, you may frequently encounter clients who would benefit from mental health services, respite, recreational support, tutoring, or food.
- Find local entities that can address these needs (or others). Seek partnerships that ensure that families have access to the services and supports most relevant to them.

“You have to look at agencies that may have a common interest and investment, whether it be from the caregiver aspect or from serving the kids.”

— Marsha Rose

The AOoA Kinship Navigator Program is globally & nationally recognized & was one of the first programs nationwide to earn the “Exemplary” program designation by the Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (A National Technical Assistance Center).



AOoA Kinship Navigator Program Team

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Program Eligibility & Referrals



OUR SERVICES ARE **FREE**
FOR KINSHIP CAREGIVERS WHO MEET
THE FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



Caregiver is a resident of Lucas County, Ohio.



Caregiver is the primary caregiver raising a child or children from birth to 18 years of age with no biological parent living in the home.



There are:

- No caregiver age requirements; must be an adult caregiver age 18 or above.
- No caregiver or household income requirements.
- No legal custody or guardianship requirements.
- No child welfare system involvement is required.

KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM – Referral Form

Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc.
Phone: 419-382-0624 ~ 800-472-7277
Fax: 419-382-4560
Email: KinshipMailGroup@areaofficeonaging.com

DATE: _____
REFERRAL SOURCE: _____
CONTACT NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
FAX NUMBER: _____

KINSHIP CAREGIVER INFORMATION

Caregiving related to opioids: ☐ Yes ☐ No Last 4 digits of SSN#: _____
Last 4 digits of SSN#: _____

LCCS SACWIS #: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Home Phone#: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Race: _____
Race: _____
Marital Status (OPTIONAL): _____

Relationship To Child/ Children: _____

Living Arrangements: _____

KINSHIP CHILDREN CARING FOR:

Names of child/ children:

Last: _____	First: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Last: _____	First: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Last: _____	First: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Last: _____	First: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Last: _____	First: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Last: _____	First: _____	Date of Birth: _____

Current Services in Place: _____

Open case with LCCS: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of LCCS Caseworker and contact info: _____

Please call referrer? ☐ Yes ☐ No Follow-up requested? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The Kinship Navigator Program is supported by the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., Lucas County Children Services & Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services.

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Send Referrals to KinshipMailGroup@AreaOfficeOnAging.com



Kinship Flyer & Quick Facts





**Area Office on Aging
of Northwestern Ohio, Inc.**

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Raising Children



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- ✓ SUPPORT GROUPS
- ✓ CLUB MEETINGS
- ✓ EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS
- ✓ CAREGIVER EDUCATION
- ✓ SPECIAL EVENTS
- ✓ QUARTERLY RESILIENCY RAFFLE
- ✓ QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
- ✓ TWICE MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER
- ✓ PARENTING SMARTS RESOURCE GUIDE
- ✓ ACCESS TO AOOA PROGRAMS & EVENTS

KINSHIP QUICK FACTS

2.5 million children in the US live with grandparents or other relatives without parents in the home.

100,000 children in Ohio live in homes where the head of household is a grandparent or other relative (4% of children in the state).

For every 1 child being raised by kin in foster care, there are 10 children being raised by kin outside of foster care.

\$10.5 billion - The amount grandparents & other relatives save taxpayers each year by raising children & keeping them out of foster care.

Source: Generations United
2025 State of Grandfamilies Report

📍 2155 Arlington Ave. Toledo, OH 43609 🌐 www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com ☎️ (419) 382-0624

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Information, Referral & Assistance

Fiscal Year **2025** **TOP 5**

1. Education – 4,252
2. Food – 1,839
3. Events – 1,312
4. Financial – 1,305
5. Mental Health – 952



2,140 kinship caregivers received Information & Referral services, with **11,927** resources being provided.



Quarterly Support Group & Kinship Club Meeting



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KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM 

 **"LET'S TALK"**  **SUPPORT GROUP**

 **Build connections**  **Learn coping skills**

 **Improve self-esteem**  **Feel less isolated**

 **Reduce anxiety**  **Improve well-being**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026
11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Sylvania Senior Center
7140 W. Sylvania Ave.
Sylvania, OH 43560  **MAP ON BACK**

TRANSPORTATION | CHILDCARE | SNACKS | REFRESHMENTS

To Register Call a Kinship Navigator:
Rhea Dawson at (419) 490-2942
Jacia Gibson at (419) 725-6900
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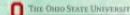
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THE AOOA KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM



March 2026
Kinship Club Meeting
"Financial Literacy:
Tools & Resources for
Money Management Skills"

Patrice Powers-Barker, (CFLE) Certified Family Life Educator,
Extension Educator, Family & Consumer Sciences,
OSU Extension - Lucas County 

 **LEARN ABOUT FREE COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL LITERACY & MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, TEENS, & ADULTS.**

 **LEARN HOW TO TEACH MONEY MANAGEMENT TO YOUNG CHILDREN, YOUTH, & TEENS.**

 **THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2026**
5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

 **MARGARET HUNT SENIOR CENTER**
1339 S. BYRNE RD., #28 A/B, TOLEDO, OH 43614  **MAP ON BACK**

TO REGISTER  **419-490-2942 OR 419-725-6900**

FREE TRANSPORTATION, CHILDCARE, SNACKS, & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.
VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS

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Learn more at www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com



Evidence-Based Programs

Child Traumatic Stress Workshop & Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE)



Please Join Us

We invite you to attend the Child Traumatic Stress Workshop for foster, adoptive and kinship caregivers sponsored in partnership with the Area Office on Aging Kinship Navigator Program. Workshop led by Sophia Center's trauma expert Diane Schweinhagen, LPCC-S and Cassandra Quinn, BA, foster and adoptive parent.

Building Support For Kinship Caregivers
Through this series, caregivers will learn about the impact of trauma on development and behavior of children in kinship, foster or adoptive parent care and gain the following knowledge and skills:

- Respond appropriately to behavioral and emotional challenges of traumatized children
- Help traumatized children develop healthy attachments
- Help traumatized children recognize and develop their strengths
- Help traumatized children develop coping strategies
- Take care of themselves and seek support from others

Kinship Navigator Program contact:
Marsha Rose, LSW, Program Supervisor
Phone: 419-382-0624 Extension #2228
Email: mrose@areaofficeonaging.com



Free
Three-Part
Series:
Fridays
August 7th,
14th, 21st,
2026
9:30am - 2:30pm

Location:
Toledo Lucas County
Public Library- Main
325 N. Michigan St.
Toledo, OH 43604

Sign Up Today!
To REGISTER

Call the
Kinship Navigator
Program at:

(419) 490-2942 or
(419) 725-6900



**Are you 55 or older and
looking for an opportunity
to learn how to stay healthy
and meet new people?**

Join us, and bring a friend!

**Area Office on Aging Kinship Navigator Program
at Margaret Hunt Senior Center
1339 South Byrne Rd., Unit 28A, Toledo, OH**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
April 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23

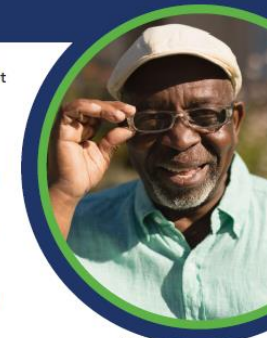
Sign up by March 31

with Rhea Dawson: 419-490-2942 or Jacia Gibson: 419-725-6900

The educational program offers six lessons that cover a wide range of topics. Join us for this fun program, where you'll meet new people and:

- Learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices
- Celebrate this exciting stage of life and all the benefits that come with it
- Discuss risk factors and behaviors you should avoid to stay healthy
- Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently and how you can avoid problems
- Learn how to use simple tools to help you feel more empowered about your health and the healthcare you receive

**Free \$50 Kroger gift card upon successful
program completion!** (First-time participants only)



For more
information

email: HarborPrevention@harbor.org



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Annual Mental Health Education



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Mental Health Education



 **NAMI Greater Toledo**
Sarah Smitely, Family Navigator

Join us to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month!
Experts from NAMI Toledo educate on supporting the mental health of children & teens, accessing community resources, & on emotional well-being & stress management for caregivers.

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

 **Margaret Hunt Senior Center** Map on back.
1339 S. Byrne Rd., #28 A & B, Toledo, OH 43614

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FREE TRANSPORTATION, CHILDCARE, SNACKS, & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.
A virtual attendance option is available for extenuating circumstances only.

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Benefits for Caregivers:

- ✓ Reduced stigma around the topic of mental health.
- ✓ Increased knowledge of local community resources.
- ✓ Improved emotional well-being.
- ✓ Reduced stress & anxiety.
- ✓ Enhanced self-care.
- ✓ Increased resilience.
- ✓ Improved communication & relationships.
- ✓ Reduced burnout.
- ✓ Increased sense of control.



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Annual Summer Series



EDUCATION



MENTAL HEALTH



PERMANENCY & SUPPORT



LEGAL



HEALTH & WELLNESS



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2026 SUMMER SERIES

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DATES & TIMES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 2026
THURSDAY, JULY 30TH, 2026
10:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

LOCATION
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2200 ARLINGTON AVE.
TOLEDO, OH 43614

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- * CAB TRANSPORTATION
- * CHILDCARE RESPITE
- * MEET KINSHIP FAMILIES
- * ALL THE FUN!

Agenda ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO EVENT DATES.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2025
11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Margaret Hunt Senior Center
1339 S. Byrne Rd., Suite 28A
Toledo, OH 43614

Questions?
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or (419) 725-6900

Note: This is a drive-up distribution for registered caregivers.
If you registered for winter coats they will be available at the school supply distribution.
School supplies are available on a first-come, first-served, basis & are not guaranteed.

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“Superheroes Need Support Too!”

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Annually in September – National Grandparent & Kinship Month



Annual AOoA Honoring Caregivers Recognition Event



Annually in November – National Family Caregiver Month



FREE Parenting Smarts Resource Guide



*The Parenting Smarts Resource Guide is a **100% FREE** 64-page resource publication we provide to caregivers & professionals.*

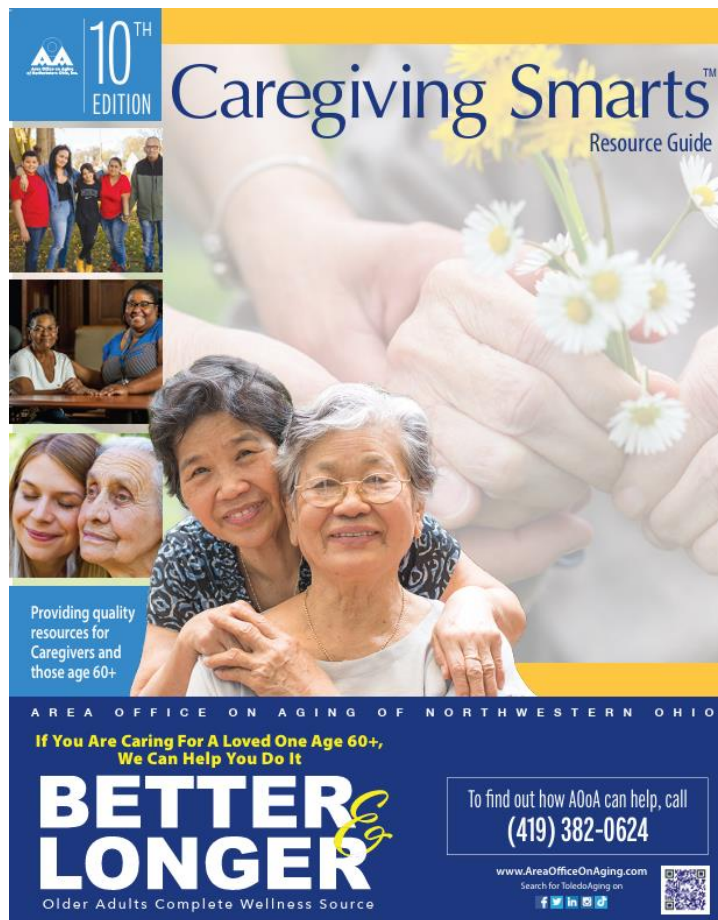
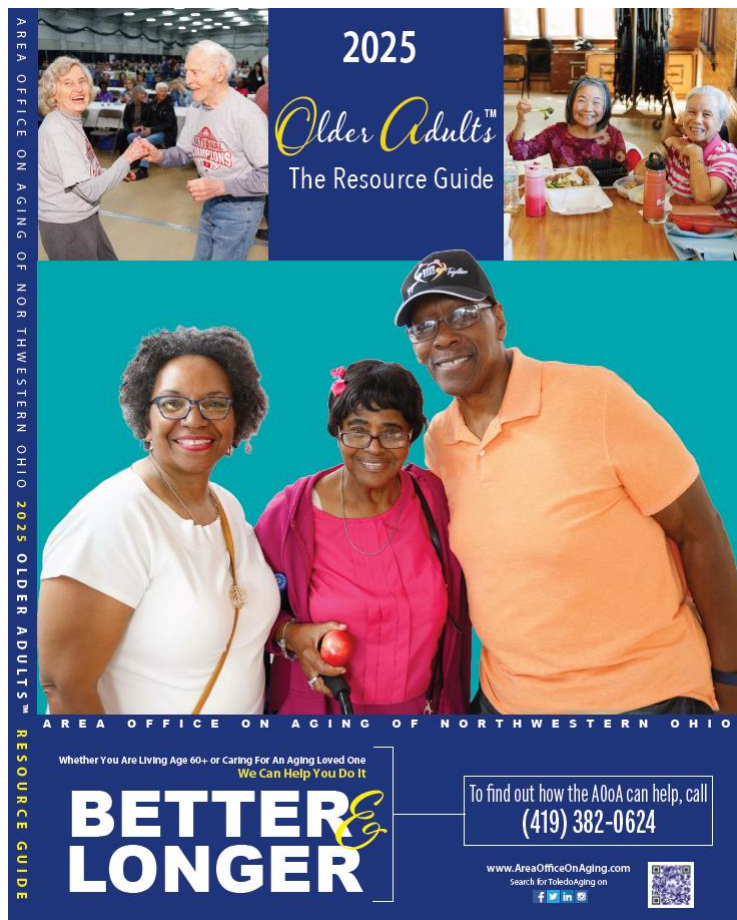
Content:

- The Value of Kinship Care
- Parenting & Child Development
- Help with Expenses - Resources & Public Assistance
- Early Childhood Education
- Education - Help Your Child Succeed at School
- Babysitting & Occasional Care
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- Americorps Senior Volunteer Program
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Program Impact Caregiver Perspectives



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Real-World Impact



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Lucas County Children Services



County Child Protection Agency:

Mission:

Our mission is to lead the community in the protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect. This is accomplished by working with families, service providers and community members to assess risk and coordinate community-based services resulting in safe, stable, and permanent families for children

Vision:

Lucas County Children Services will develop an equitable system of supports and services that ensure all children can be safely protected in their own home or with kin, thereby eliminating the need for long-term substitute care.

Learn more at www.lucaskids.net

Kin-First Culture

Find, Assess, & Support

Kin-First Culture:

Kin-first culture in child welfare refers to a philosophy that honors & prioritizes family. In this context, “kin” includes family, extended family, & friends who feel like family. Organizations that embody kin-first culture commit to preventing unnecessary family separation, partnering with families at every stage of decision-making, & supporting families holistically.

Putting kin first can improve safety, permanency, & well-being outcomes by helping children remain connected to their families, communities, & cultures. Kin-first culture is not a singular strategy. It is an all-encompassing approach requiring an ongoing commitment to change at all levels, from policymakers to caseworkers, & a focus on prevention, family engagement, & kin support.

Learn more at www.lucaskids.net

Ohio Opioid Settlement Funding

DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOID LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT/AWARD DOLLARS

(As outlined in the OneOhio MOU)



Opioid Settlement Funding

Payments Received By the Foundation: As of April 15, 2025, the OneOhio Recovery Foundation has received \$236M from the national opioid settlements, the NOAT II (Mallinckrodt bankruptcy), & the Endo bankruptcy.

- \$3.7M from the Mallinckrodt bankruptcy (NOAT II) In March 2023
- \$34.6M from the Distributor settlement (Years 1-2) In March 2023
- \$20M from the Janssen/J&J settlement (Years 1-2) In March 2023
- \$10.6M from the Janssen/J&J settlement (Year 3) In June 2023
- \$17.2M from the Distributor settlement (Year 3) In August 2023
- \$4.3M from the Mallinckrodt bankruptcy (NOAT II) In November 2023
- \$3.2M from the Distributor settlement (Year 18 Prepayment) In March 2024
- \$16.5M from the Janssen/J&J settlement (Year 4) In June 2024
- \$21.6M from the Distributor settlement (Year 4) In July 2024
- \$52.7M from the Walmart settlement (Years 1-2) In July 2024
- \$13.8M from the Walgreens settlement (Years 1-2) In July 2024
- \$12.8M from the CVS settlement (Years 1-2) In July 2024
- \$12.4M from the Allergan/Teva settlement (Year 1) In July 2024
- \$7.5M from the Endo bankruptcy In October 2024
- \$5.3M from the Walgreens settlement (Year 3) In April 2025

Impact of the Opiate Crisis

Lucas County Ohio

2023

Reasons for Case Opening

Problem	Number	%
Substance Abuse	177	45%
Domestic Violence	112	28%
Parenting/Neglect	86	22%
Mental Health	76	19%
Physical Abuse	28	7%
Child Behavior	25	6%
Housing	25	6%
Dependency	18	5%
Support Services	16	4%
Sexual Abuse	11	3%

Substances being Used.

Substance	Number	%
Heroin/Opiates	73	41%
Cocaine/Crack	75	42%
Marijuana	89	50%
Alcohol	39	22%
Other	23	13%

*Most common "Other" are benzodiazepines, amphetamine, methamphetamine, ecstasy and gabapentin

2024

Reasons for Case Opening

Problem	Number	%
Substance Abuse	164	43
Parenting/Neglect	108	28
Domestic Violence	100	26
Mental Health	78	20
Physical Abuse	35	9
Child Behavior	29	8
Support Services	17	4
Housing	15	4
Dependency	12	3
Sexual Abuse	7	2

Substances being Used.

Substance	Number	%
Heroin/Opiates	59	37
Cocaine/Crack	69	43
Marijuana	54	34
Alcohol	35	22
Other	28	18

*Most common "Other" are benzodiazepines, amphetamine, methamphetamine, ecstasy and gabapentin

How Can LCCS Help Opioid Impacted Families?



Goal:

To improve placement stability, permanency outcomes, & overall well-being for children impacted by opioid use, with a focus on increasing home-like kinship placements for children in congregate care settings & families involved with the Ohio Start Program & Family Drug Court.

Community Partners:



- Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc.
Kinship Navigator Program
- Kinnect to Family
Ohio Youth-Centered Permanency Roundtables (YCPRT)
- Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services
Ohio START (Sobriety, Treatment, and Reducing Trauma) Program
- Lucas County Family Drug Court



Lucas County Children Services

OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Award



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LOCAL NEWS

Lucas County Children Services selected for \$460K grant from opioid settlement funds

The grant is a portion of a nationwide settlement and will be used to expand services like family-finding for youth placed in LCCS care due to opiate dependency.

Author: Diane Woodring (WTOL)

Published: 4:14 PM EST December 4, 2024

Updated: 4:14 PM EST December 4, 2024

LUCAS COUNTY, Ohio — Lucas County Children Services is getting a major boost as the recipient of one of 34 statewide grants announced Wednesday.

The program was selected from one of 1,442 funding requests, according to a media release from LCCS.

- Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) received a \$463,802 grant award from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to help children & families affected by the opioid epidemic.
- This grant amount was the second-highest awarded by the OneOhio Recovery Foundation & one of 34 grant awards totaling \$51 million in the first round of regional funding.
- This two-year grant, covering calendar years 2025 & 2026, supports the expansion of the LCCS Family Search & Engagement Program, the growth of the Ohio START Program in Lucas County, & enhanced services for families affected by opioid use through the AOoA Kinship Navigator Program.
- LCCS & AOoA have reapplied for Cycle 2 RFP funding for 2027 & 2028.

Learn more at www.oneohiofoundation.com

Proposed Outcome & Achievements

Proposed Outcome

Increase kinship placements by 5% each year & reduce the number of youth in congregate care settings with kinship connections by 10%.

2025 Achievements

- LCCS Family Search & Engagement (1 FTE):
 - Created a new full-time position in Family Search & Engagement for a Caseworker to work with opioid-impacted families.
 - Hired for this position & had them trained in the 30 Days to Family® model.
- LCCS served 110 individuals through Family, Search, Engagement, & kinship support activities.
- LCCS concluded their first Family Find case, resulting in the child being placed with kin & 114 connections on the genogram.
- Kinnect to Family provided over 100 coaching sessions.
- Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. - Kinship Navigator Program will be sharing grant-related achievements next.



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*An Evidence-Based 6-session workshop for parents & caregivers
of youth ages 9 - 14 to learn specific actions that
promote healthy development
& reduce risky behavior in the teen years.*

Benefits for Caregivers & Families:

- ✓ Strengthened family bonds.
- ✓ Improved caregiver-child communication.
- ✓ Increased ability to better manage family conflict.
- ✓ Increased the use of guidelines, monitoring, & consequences
to help guide preteen & teen behavior & decision making.

Twice Annually in April & September



Proven Outcomes for Youth:

- Reduced alcohol & marijuana use by 41%.
- Reduced progression to more serious substance abuse by 54%.
- Increased the likelihood that non-users will remain drug-free by 26%.
- Reduced depression symptoms by 28% through the end of 12th grade.

Made possible through our partnership with Lucas County Children Services & a grant award from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to enhance the well-being of individuals, children, families, & caregivers impacted by the opioid epidemic.



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Join us to fill your caregiver toolbox with skills to increase family bonds, promote healthy behaviors, & set clear boundaries.

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Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. October 21st & 28th, November 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th, 2026

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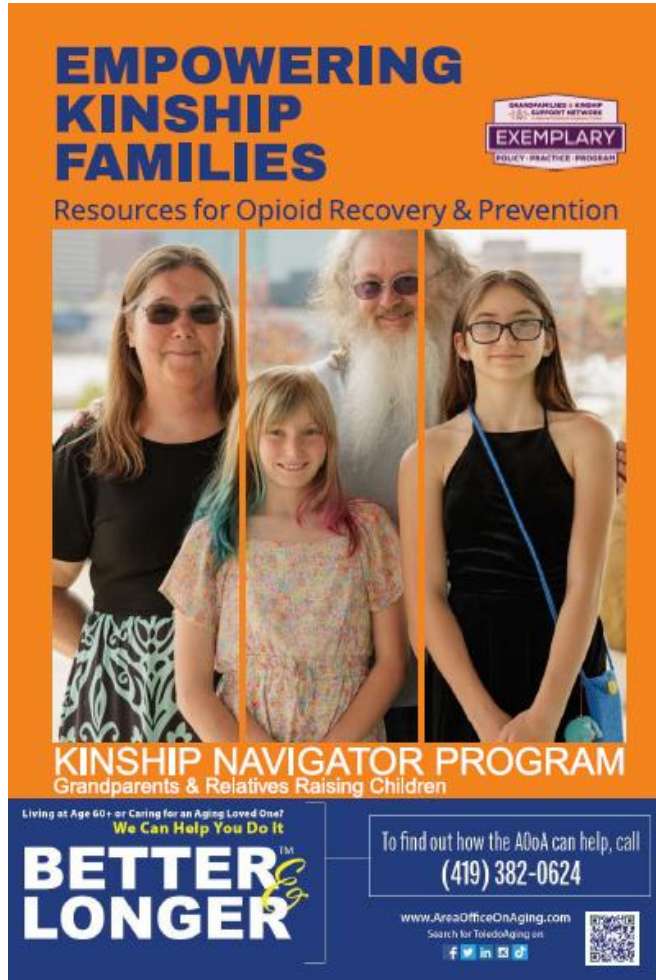
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Learn more at www.CommunitiesThatCare.net



“Empowering Kinship Families: Resources for Opioid Recovery & Prevention”



“Empowering Kinship Families: Resources for Opioid Recovery & Prevention”

- ◆ New 10-page publication was released in December 2025.
- ◆ Companion piece to the existing publication, *“Parenting Smarts Resource Guide, 11th Edition”*.
- ◆ Utilized as a tool for community outreach & education.
- ◆ Project deliverable as part of our contractual agreement with Lucas County Children Services & the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant.

Available digitally at www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com
or contact the Kinship Navigator Program & request your **FREE** copy at 419-382-0624.



AOoA “Better & Longer” Podcast - Kinship Series

“Roots of Resilience: Empowering Kinship Families Amid Opioid Recovery”



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- Part of the AOoA Better & Longer Podcast, the *Roots of Resilience* mini-series offers support, resources, & hope for families impacted by opioid use.
- Listen or Watch at www.wgte.org/radio/local-podcasts/better-and-longer or any platform where podcasts are available.

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About “Roots of Resilience”

- Made possible thanks to Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) & the OneOhio Recovery Foundation.
- Provides information & resources relevant to kinship families impacted by the opioid epidemic.
- Produced at WGTE Public Media studio in video & audio format with syndication to public radio and promoted on all major streaming platforms.
- Two episodes annually.

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“Roots of Resilience: Empowering Kinship Families Amid Opioid Recovery”



“Roots of Resilience”
Episodes

2025

2026



September 23, 2025 - Episode 1: “Transformative Impact”

- We explore the impact of the opioid epidemic on kinship & grandfamilies in Lucas County.
- We highlight innovative programs, discuss expanded partnerships, & resources supporting families affected by substance use.
- We celebrate the decline in the number of children in the custody of Lucas County Children Services (LCCS), showcase grant-supported initiatives, & recognize the dedication of those helping families recover & thrive.

Guest: Chanda Beal, Director of Social Services, LCCS

Guest: Amy Galvan, Manager, Family & Community Engagement, LCCS



November 12, 2025 - Episode 2 - “Nourishing Hope: How Community Partnerships Help Families Heal”

- We take a closer look at the ripple effects of the opioid epidemic on families in our region & how something as simple as a meal can become a lifeline.
- We explore how food, compassionate support, & community connection can help families stabilize, preserve dignity, & rebuild hope in the midst of crisis.

Guest: Mindy Rapp, Executive Director, SeaGate Food Bank

Guest: Mr. Allen Coley, Kinship Caregiver

Guest: Mrs. Patricia Coley, Kinship Caregiver



May 14, 2026 - Episode 3: “Resilience in Action”

- We explore how mental health support strengthens families, stabilizes children, & promotes healing across generations.
- We discuss the emotional impact of the opioid epidemic on kinship families locally & statewide, the unique mental health needs of caregivers & children, & how stigma, trauma, & access to care affect family stability.
- We learn about the supports available from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Greater Toledo & the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County & how these programs help families navigate crises, build resilience, & find hope.

Guest: Marriah Kornowa, Executive Director, NAMI of Greater Toledo

Guest: Scott Sylak, Executive Director, Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County





From Idea to Funding



From Idea to Funding:
A practical roadmap for accessing opioid settlement funds.



Opioid Settlement Funds in Ohio



The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a private, non-profit organization created at the direction of Ohio's state & local leaders to distribute 55% of the funds that Ohio will receive from the pharmaceutical industry, consequential to its role in the national opioid epidemic.

The Foundation works with local partners to support their substance use prevention, treatment, & recovery efforts & invests funds to support these efforts for Ohioans into the future.

Learn more at www.oneohiofoundation.com



Opioid Settlement Funds Nationwide

The Basics



All 50 states, Washington D.C., & U.S. territories will receive opioid settlement money. Federally recognized tribes will receive funds through separate Tribal Opioid Settlements.



Most states are participating in national settlements with Janssen, Cardinal, McKesson, & AmerisourceBergen (\$26 billion), Teva, Allergan, Walgreens, & Walmart (\$21 billion), as well as separate smaller settlements with other companies.



Some states are pursuing an independent legal strategy, but their agreements still require settlement funds to be used to remediate harm caused by the opioid crisis.





Opioid Settlement Funds Spending Guidelines & Requirements

1

States must spend at least 70% of their share of national settlements on future opioid remediation.

2

A maximum of 15% can be spent on opioid crisis-related reimbursement & administrative expenses.

3

A maximum of 15% can be spent on non-opioid remediation expenses (e.g. to pave roads).

4

Enforcement of these guidelines is not very substantial, but states must report non-mediation uses.

5

Most states have an Opioid Settlement Advisory Board to guide decision-making.



Opioid Settlement Funds

Key Advocacy Phases



Each state has its own process for how funds will be distributed.

To understand how your state is managing opioid settlements, you'll need to do some digging through the following phases.



Phase 1:
Check the Tracker



Phase 2:
Read Legal Docs



Phase 3:
Find Public Info



Phase 4:
Repeat & Collaborate



Phase 5:
Build Local Coalitions



Phase 1: Check the Tracker



Start by visiting www.OpioidSettlementTracker.com.
This website is a primary resource for information on federal, state, & local spending of opioid settlements.



Find information on the origins of the litigation.



Access state-level guides for community advocates.



Review public reporting of expenditures.

www.OpioidSettlementTracker.com



Phase 2: Read Legal Documents



To have a solid understanding of how your state is managing this process, you'll want to read the legislation & contracts that legally bind the state (Memoranda of Understanding, State-Subdivision Agreements, etc.).



Where does the money sit?
How are funds allocated?



Who has decision-making authority?
What entities receive funds?



Phase 3: Find Public Information

Find your State Attorney General's website for information about opioid settlements.

Many states have a dedicated webpage to house all settlement information.

Look for public meetings & recordings, or minutes to stay informed on the process.

Look for contact emails to reach out to officials & ask questions directly.

Use search engines with key word alerts to track news & press releases.

Attorneys General often publish press releases when new settlements are reached.

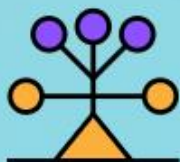
Engage with local partners, agencies, & decision-making bodies (councils, boards, etc.).

Local jurisdictions (town, city, county) receive money & decide how to spend it.



Phase 4: An Ongoing Process

BUILD



Local
coalitions



Community
engagement



Partnerships

ENGAGE



Stay aware
of shifts



Watch for
changes



Identify
opportunities



Network
& form
relationships

ACT



Act fast



Collaborate



Ensure
transparency

This is an ongoing process, with many states planning for up to 20 years of settlement funds being dispersed.
STAYING ENGAGED IS KEY!



National Settlement Figures



Most states are participating in national settlements with multiple pharmaceutical companies, distributors, & pharmacies. These agreements require funds to be used to remediate the harms caused by the opioid crisis.



\$26 Billion
Janssen & Distributors Settlement



\$21 Billion
Teva, Allergan, Walgreens, & Walmart Settlement



70%
Minimum spend on future remediation



15%
Maximum for past expenses/administrative



Core Mission of Opioid Settlement Funds



The goal is to work with local partners to support substance use prevention, treatment, & recovery efforts, & invest funds to support these efforts for Ohioans & others across the country into the future.

Build local coalitions & community engagement to ensure transparency & that those most impacted by opioids are centered in how funds are allocated & spent.



Turning Strategy into Success



Turning Strategy into Success:

Replicable approaches your organization can use—partnerships, targeted outreach, measurable outcomes, & voices of grandparent/kinship caregivers with lived-experience.



Value of Community Partnerships



- 
- Benefits caregivers by providing access to support, education, goods & services, & linkage to reliable & committed local providers.
 - Builds capacity & extends program reach without burden to the program budget.
 - Strengthens investment in the local community.
 - Promotes collaboration across multiple systems at the local level.
 - Maximizes the creativity & diversity of thought necessary to address local community needs.
 - Plants the seed & leads to future partnership opportunities.

Saying **YES** to partnership opportunities is key!



Types of Community Partnerships

IN KIND



- Donation of Space
- Donation of Time & Expertise
- Donation of Services
- Donation of Tangible Items
- Distribution of Materials

MONETARY



- Grant Funds
- Donation of Funds

CONTRACTUAL



- Program Funders
- Program Requirements
- Program Purchased Services

TECHNICAL SUPPORT



- Local Organizations
- Statewide Organizations
- National Organizations
- Funders

MEDIA



- Websites
- Social Media
- Advertisements
- Print Media Articles
- Podcasts
- Radio Programs
- Broadcast Television
- Public Television



GOAL: Determine which partnership types are the best match for your strategic goals, increasing your success in managing uncertainty, reducing risk, & driving growth.

There are no limits to the types of partnerships that can be considered – local, state, & federal.



Targeted Outreach Across Sectors

Increase Program Awareness
& Build Community Partnerships



Targeted Outreach Across Sectors



- **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES** - County Children Services, County Department of Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Office, County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Juvenile Court, Family Court, County Health Department, Court Appointed Special Advocates, County Mental Health Boards, City Parks & Recreation, Metroparks, Social Security Administration, Family & Children First Councils, & Libraries.
- **NON-PROFITS** – Area Agencies on Aging, Places of Worship, Behavioral & Mental Health Entities, United Way 2-1-1, YWCA, YMCA, Art Museums, Symphony, Senior Centers, Community Centers, Food Banks, Local Coalitions, & Credit Unions.
- **FOR PROFITS** – Hospital Systems, Childcare Centers, Physician & Dental Offices, Managed Care Organizations, Area Businesses, Banks, & Transportation Companies.
- **SCHOOLS** – Head Start, Early Childhood, Elementary & High Schools (Private, Public, Parochial, Charter), Colleges, & Universities.

Think outside the box!



Use Various Outreach Tools & Methods

Increase Program Awareness & Build Community Partnerships

GRANDFAMILIES & KINSHIP
SUPPORT NETWORK
A National Technical Assistance Center

EXEMPLARY

POLICY • PRACTICE • PROGRAM

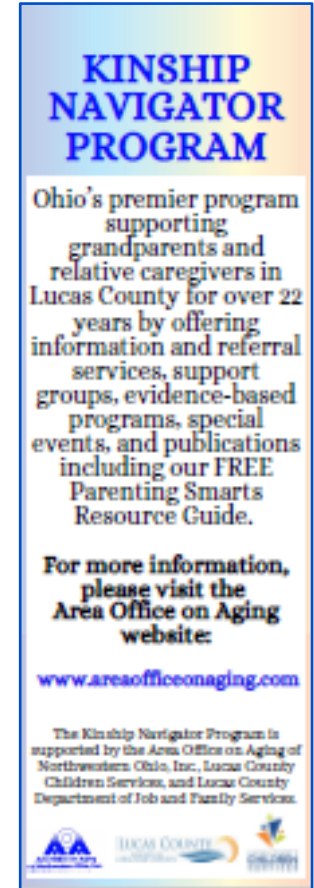
◆ Outreach Tools

- Annual Event Calendar
- BI-Monthly E-Newsletter
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Brochures
- Flyers
- Business Cards
- Bookmarks
- Agency Website
- Social Media Page
- Parenting Smarts
- Empowering Kinship Families
- Program Referral Form
- Agency Swag
- Exemplary Swag

◆ Outreach Methods

- Attend Community Events, Health & Resource Fairs
- Sponsor Community Events
- Distribute Materials to Community Partners & through Library Systems
- Include Program Information On Your Agency & Partner Websites
- Issue Press Releases to get Media Coverage of Events
- Place Advertisements
- Post on Social Media of your Agency & Community Partners
- Give Media Interviews with Television, Radio, Podcasts, & Newspapers or Magazines
- Give Program Overviews to Community Organizations
- Send Targeted Mailings
- Attend Meetings & Opportunities for Business Networking

Sample Bookmark





Exemplary Swag - An Outreach Tool



JUSTIN



LISA



PAM



IREATHA



JULIE



RANDY



LYNDA



MARRIAH



CHANDA



TRACY



SAM



JENETTE



ANGELA



REBECCA



JOHN

Celebrate Your Wins!



Key Performance Indicators Demonstrate Success



IMPACT of Data Points:

- Satisfies Customers & Community Partners
- Elevates Your Organization
- Instills Community Confidence
- Fulfills Contractual Obligations
- Demonstrates Community Needs
- Drives Continuous Program Improvement
- Supports Staffing to Meet Capacity
- Breaks Down Service Gaps & Barriers
- Justifies Program Sustainability
- Guides Targeted Outreach Efforts
- Provides Key Points for Future Outreach
- Inspires New Partnerships
- Leads to New Opportunities



Maximize Your Impact!



Caregiver Perspectives Demonstrate Program Impact



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Thank You!



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quick activity worksheet

FROM NEED TO FUNDABLE IDEA: FUNDING KINSHIP AND GRANDFAMILIES



1. IDENTIFY THE NEED.

What is ONE urgent need for kinship/grandfamilies impacted by opioid use?



2. CONNECT TO FUNDING

This need aligns with: (Check all that apply)

- Prevention
- Treatment/Recovery
- Family Stability
- Child Welfare



3. BUILD A QUICK IDEA

Program Idea Title:

Who it helps:-----

One key activity:-----

One expected outcome: -----



4. 30- SECOND SHARE

Pitch your idea:

The need:-----

The solution:-----

Why it fits opioid funding:-----

TAKEAWAY

Clear Need + Opioid Connection + Simple Outcome = Fundable Starting Point



Recent Publications & Presentations

Featuring the AOoA Kinship Navigator Program



PUBLICATIONS

- **February 2026** – *Northwestern Ohio is Strengthening Kinship Support*
Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (A National Technical Assistance Center)
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:70eea841-cdc4-4f99-9c85-835f3df1acc7>
- **July 2025** – *Fostering Partnerships Between Child Welfare & Aging Systems to Improve Recognition of Support for Kin Caregivers*
National Caregiver Support Collaborative, USAging, Generations United, & Innovations in Family Caregiver Services & Support
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:2929a941-11ec-4b1d-baf2-dc08c227544c>
- **May 2025** – *Kinship Matters to Aging- Resource*
Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (A National Technical Assistance Center) and USAging
[Kinship Matters to Aging.pdf](#)
- **January 2025** – *Network Impact- Newsletter*
Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (A National Technical Assistance Center)
<https://www.gksnetwork.org/>
- **December 2024** – *Identifying Local Champions Tip Sheet (Outreach Learning Community Toolkit (3rd session in a series of 5 sessions))*
Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (A National Technical Assistance Center), ZERO TO THREE, and National Caucus and Center on Black Aging
<https://www.gksnetwork.org/resources/identifying-local-champions/>
- **February 2024** – *Kinship Navigator Program- Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio (AOoA) Exemplary Designation Article*
Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (A National Technical Assistance Center)
<https://www.gksnetwork.org/resources/kinship-navigator-program-area-office-on-aging-of-northwestern-ohio-aooa/>

The February 2024 Exemplary Designation Article, and a PDF of our publication, *Parenting Smarts Resource Guide, 10th Edition*, can be viewed at <https://areaofficeonaging.com/programs>
You can also **Sign Up** to receive our **quarterly newsletter** and **bi-weekly e-newsletter**.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Upcoming July 2026**– USAging 50th Annual Conference & Trade Show
Presentation Title: “*Securing Opioid Settlement Funds: Strategies to Support Kinship & Grandfamilies*”
- **June 2025** – Generations United 23rd Global Intergenerational Conference
Presentation Title: “*Insiders Secrets Revealed – The Exemplary Model of NW Ohio’s Kinship Navigator Program*”
- **July 2025** – USAging 50th Annual Conference & Trade Show
Presentation Title: “*Turning Numbers into Impact: How Kinship Data Unlocks Better Outcomes*”
- **November 2023** – Kinship Care: Supporting Families Through Collaboration Webinar hosted by AgeGuide Northeastern Illinois, an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for 8 counties outside Chicago.
Keynote Speakers
Presentation Title: “*Capitalizing on Partnerships to Extend Reach of Kinship Navigator Programs*”
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=%E2%80%A2%09Kinship+Care%3A+Supporting+Families+Through+Collaboration+Seminar+
- **July 2023** – USAging 48th Annual Conference & Trade Show Pre-Conference Intensive
Co-Presenters with Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (A National Technical Assistance Center and USAging)
Presentation Title: “*Reaching Kinship/Grandfamilies: Planning Your Outreach Strategy*”
- **July 2023** – USAging 48th Annual Conference & Trade Show
Presentation Title: “*Capitalizing on Partnerships to Extend Reach of Kinship Navigator Programs*”
- **February 2023** – Buckeye Health Plan, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion-Ability Network
Presentation Title: “*Caregiving and Evidence-based Health and Wellness Workshops*”

For more information or a more extensive list, visit:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zr5N0AX9HCZ_EswP8-RBdj04UgX6twgIL1y1qk04hA/edit?usp=sharing



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