**RELATIVE PLACEMENT SUPPORT BENEFIT**

Relatives may be eligible to receive a one-time monetary benefit that is based on each child’s immediate needs such as furniture, a deposit for a larger apartment, clothing, school supplies, etc. The social worker who placed the child(ren) in your home will be discussing this option with you.

A relative placement support benefit (RPSB) may not exceed $350 for one (1) child; $700 for two (2) children; $1050 for three (3) children; $1400 for four (4) children; $1750 for five (5) children; and $2100 for six (6) or more children. The RPSB is issued by check or electronic fund transfer directly to the relative or vendor providing for the needed service or item when the relative or cabinet is granted temporary custody.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Relatives caring for kin children are not required to pay a co-pay for child care, regardless of their income. Child care assistance can be renewed every twelve (12) months as long as the family needs child care within the age limits that apply to all children and families.

For more information regarding the above programs and/or to apply for the above benefits, please contact your social worker or the kinship support hotline at (877) 565-5608 or via e-mail[**DCBSChildProtection@ky.gov**](mailto:DCBSChildProtection@ky.gov).

**In addition to relative placement support benefits, there may be other options for your family through the Family Support Office. These include:**

**KTAP**

Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP) is the monetary assistance program established by Kentucky using Federal funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. KTAP provides financial assistance to needy dependent children in Kentucky and the parents, or relatives, with whom the children are living if eligibility criteria are met. The relative/applicant will be required to comply with Child Support Enforcement activities if the parents are not in the home.  Relatives cannot receive KTAP benefits for children if the parents reside in the same household.

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| Number of Children | Maximum KTAP Payment | |
| 1 | | $186 |
| 2 | | $225 |
| 3 | | $262 |
| 4 | | $328 |
| 5 | | $383 |
| 6 | | $432 |
| 7 or more | | $482 |

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)   
(formerly food stamps)**

The purpose of SNAP benefits is to supplement a household's food purchasing income.  If a household meets SNAP's eligibility rules, the amount of SNAP benefits that a household may receive depends upon the number of people in the home and how much money is left after certain expenses are subtracted.

For more information on SNAP, contact your local [Department for Community Based Services](https://apps.chfs.ky.gov/Office_Phone/index.aspx) (DCBS) office.  Applications for assistance may be made in all 120 counties.

**KCHIP**

The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) is free or low-cost health insurance for children. KCHIP is for children younger than 19 who do not have health insurance and whose countable income is less than 213% of the federal poverty level.

**More information on the above programs, including how to apply for benefits and program guidelines, can be found at** [**www.chfs.ky.gov**](http://www.chfs.ky.gov)**.**

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| For more information regarding these programs and/or to apply for the above benefits, please contact Family Support at **(855) 306-8959**.  Applications for medical assistance, including KCHIP, can also be completed online at [www.kynect.ky.gov](http://www.kynect.ky.gov). |