



Kinship Navigation Program

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Questions and Answers

1. I am asking for further clarification. Would my childcare center meet the eligibility requirements? I did read the eligibility requirements, and it was more specific to saying a business, but it wasn't specific as to what type of business.

State's Response: Applicants must meet all the requirements in the grant to include being able to sustain the model when the grant period ends.

2. If awarded, will SC DSS help us contract with someone to build our Salesforce database or will that need to be included in the budget?

State's Response: SCDSS will partner with Foster Kinship to help recipients with this.

3. Within the grant requirements with Foster Kinship, Nurturing Parents looks to be required as the educational component. If awarded, would we have the option of using Triple P parenting rather than Nurturing Parents?

State's Response: Yes, recipients can use Triple P- Parenting.

4. If awarded, will SC DSS provide the funding for all required training (Caring for our Own, etc.) or do we need to include it in the budget?

State's Response: SCDSS will provide the Train the Trainers (TOT) for any required training to the recipients and their staff.

5. I've requested the Navigator Program Model for Kinship Foster from the purveyors but have not received any response. Does SCDSS have the program manual, and can it be shared with us?

State's Response: To learn more about the model go to www.fosterkinship.org.

6. Adherence to the Foster Kinship model requires creating the Kinship Resource Locator Tool (RLT) and the implementation guide indicates that is done in partnership with the Title IV-E organization, what is the plan for the creation of this tool in SC?

State's Response: SCDSS will work with Foster Kinship to create this tool.

7. I'm not familiar with Salesforce, is that a database that SCDSS will have access to in partnership with the agencies awarded this funding? Or how does that work?

State's Response: Recipients along with Foster Kinship will have access to this database. This is a requirement to ensure monitoring and fidelity of the model.

8. Adherence to model, per the public foster kinship navigator program manual, includes specific activities related to kinship diversion and parental consent – is the expectation that agencies that are awarded this funding will not provide legal capacity goal setting for kinship families where placement was without the parents’ consent and diversion consultation when children are placed with kinship caregivers without a formal removal (usually with a safety plan) and court involvement only to give the caregiver legal custody and close the DSS case?

State’s Response: Recipients will follow the Foster Kinship model with fidelity.

9. The implementation roadmap lists step one as a “licensing contract between IV-E Agency & Foster Kinship” has that occurred and is the plan to visit Nevada and map resources, etc. (listed as step 2 “deep dive” on the roadmap) or is SCDSS implementing this program differently in SC?

State’s Response: SCDSS will partner with Foster Kinship to assist with implementation. Mapping may occur in South Carolina or Nevada.

10. Will SCDSS cover any costs associated with installing and using Salesforce database software?

State’s Response: The grant amount will cover any cost associated with Salesforce.

11. Do the regions align with how SCDSS currently has the regions divided? What services must be delivered to meet the grant requirements to serve the whole region (e.g., does offering a virtual support group to kinship caregiver in every county meet the requirement? Or does serving kinship families within a 50-mile radius, given that it touches every county but not the entirety of every county?)

State’s Response: Recipients would need to have Kinship Navigator Services in an entire Region.