

Best Practices for Kin-Care Placement

1. Ask the youth if she/he would like to be placed with kin. Listen to the response. In other words, don't assume kin care is always the best placement.
2. In order to determine the best placement, evaluate the pros and cons of kin care versus other foster placements.
3. Create an action plan for everyone involved in the placement to get the support they need.
4. Remember the youth who still need to have an identified permanent person in their lives because, although placed with kin, they may not feel a permanent connection with them.
5. Ensure that the youth has the same access to resources as youth in other placements (for example, ILSP, CASA, etc.).
6. Ask and identify if the kin is willing to be supportive after emancipation and include that in the Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP).
7. Don't assume that kin care is forever.