



# RELATIVE CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Serving Hamilton, Bledsoe, Bradley, Polk, McMinn, Meigs,  
Grundy, Sequatchie, Franklin, Rhea, and Marion County

The Relative Caregiver Program ("RCP") is a set up to be a "One Stop Shop" for Families comprised of Relatives raising non-birth Children. It is a comprehensive system of information, support services, and referral designed to promote resource awareness and stability for families. This program provides relative caregivers and the children in their care support and assistance in order to:

- ♦ prevent the children from entering state custody
- ♦ support families and children after they exit to the custody of relatives
- ♦ Prevent re-entry into the formal child welfare system

## *Who Qualifies for RCP?*

### Eligibility:

- ♦ Caregiver must be related to the child by blood, marriage, or adoption
  - ♦ Child must be in the informal care of the relative caregiver
  - ♦ Child must be 18 years of age or younger

## *What does RCP offer?*

- ♦ Information and Referral
  - ♦ Support Groups
  - ♦ Education Workshops
- ♦ Family Advocacy/ Short-term Case Management
  - ♦ Respite and Recreation
  - ♦ Material Assistance
- ♦ Groups for Children and Teens
- ♦ Emergency Financial/ Start-up Assistance

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Other services such as Individual and Family Counseling, Mentoring, Legal Assistance, and Tutoring are provided through lead agencies and partnerships between community stakeholders.

*To make a referral or learn more about the RCP call*

**1-866-735-8752**

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