OhioKAN Site Application Webinar

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ohioKAN KINSHIP & ADOPTION NAVIGATOR

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Today's Webinar

➤ OhioKAN Program Overview & Key Updates

➤ OhioKAN Regional Site Selection, Application Process & Timelines

➤ Navigating OhioKAN during COVID-19

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OhioKAN Program Overview & Key Updates

Vision for OhioKAN

By taking an inclusive, engaging, and genuine approach, OhioKAN will partner with families to strengthen their networks. **We believe that families are inherently capable of finding solutions to the circumstances and challenges they face.**

Who will OhioKAN serve?

- Any kinship and adoptive family residing in Ohio
- Both formal and informal kinship families
- Families who have adopted privately, publicly or internationally

Program Overview

- OhioKAN is a statewide initiative legislatively mandated in the most recent budget bill

- OhioKAN is a NEW post adoptive services and kinship navigator program being implemented by ODJFS in partnership with community partners and local agencies

- Kinnect is the statewide nonprofit administering the program

- OhioKAN will **enhance** – and *not replace* – existing work being done throughout Ohio

- OhioKAN aims to match federal funds from Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)
  - Must be delivered to fidelity to meet the Clearinghouse
  - Teaching/Learning Community Structure

Rolling out in two cohorts

OhioKAN Statewide Rolls

Cohort 1 – Starting Now

- 5 Regional Directors & Regional Coordinators

- 5 Coaches

- 25 Navigators
  - 5 per region
  - Housed at regional sites

Cohort 2 - Late Summer

- 5 Regional Directors & Regional Coordinators

- 5 Coaches

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OhioKAN Service Model

Statewide website and phone number		
Needs assessment / follow-up	Community capacity building	Local referrals
Regional advisory councils	Support Plan	Learning communities
Navigators	Case management services	Individualized services

QUESTIONS?

OhioKAN Regional Site Selection, Application Process and Timelines

What does it mean to be an OhioKAN Regional Site?

- Maintain a full time Navigator who will follow the OhioKAN model and will have no other responsibilities in the agency

- Navigator(s) maintaining all records in SACWIS, and other data systems as needed

- Allow Navigator(s) and Supervisor to participate in all required OhioKAN trainings and Learning Communities

- **Implement the OhioKAN model as developed and maintain fidelity to the model.**

- Willingly participate in evaluation and continuous quality improvement activities, including timely data entry and provision of reports as needed

- Assume responsibility of all human resources activities of the Navigator

What is so important about program fidelity?

- We are working to have OhioKAN accepted into the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse, which would mean the program could grow significantly, both in Ohio and across the country

- To be accepted, you have to adhere to a singular program model and undertake rigorous program evaluation

- If accepted, it would mean significant additional funding to expand and support the program in Ohio

OhioKAN Navigators

Navigator Primary Functions:
- Providing direct services to families and children
- Participating in continuous quality improvement activities
- Community outreach and collaboration
- Continued learning of emerging best practices in serving kinship and adoptive families

Navigator Qualifications:
- Associate's degree required, Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Public Health, Education, or related field preferred
- Experience working directly with families and/or case management experience preferred

OhioKAN Navigators are new, fully-funded, full time positions

- Navigator salary and benefits to be paid at the typical rate of other employees in the agency, and will be provided a full reimbursement

- Supervisor stipend for Navigators

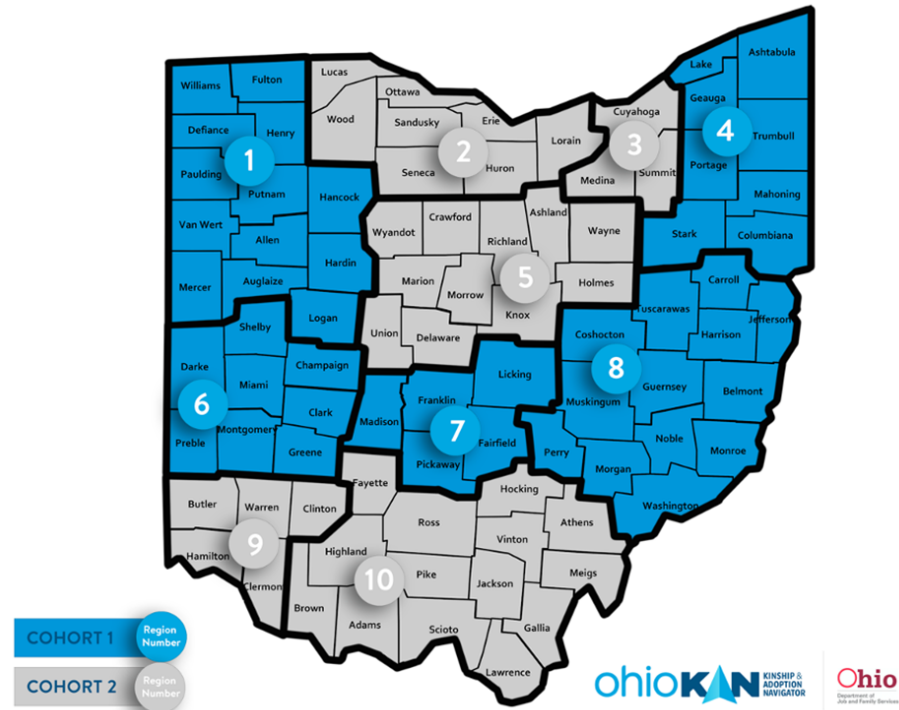- Mileage, technology and cellphone provided

Important Dates

- **April 24, 2020:** OhioKAN Site Applications are available for download

- **May 22, 2020:** Applications are due

- **June 26th, 2020:** Sites notified of their selection

Site notification may vary depending on how many applications are received

Site Application

Who should apply?

Community-based, public, and private agencies located in cohort 1 (Regions 1, 4, 6, 7, 8) should complete the application!

Site Application

Application structure:

- Overview—tell us about your organization

- Program level—what are you currently doing and why are you a good fit for OhioKAN

- Agency level—experience

- Community level—who do you partner and collaborate with?

What happens after I submit?

- Kinnect staff will review all submitted applications for completeness, making sure full applications move forward in the review process

- A statewide external review committee will review submitted applications

- The review committee will submit scored applications to Kinnect for final review and decision for OhioKAN sites

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OhioKAN During COVID-19

COVID 19 is happening… but so is OhioKAN!

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