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KINSHIP SEARCH & FAMILY FINDER



“Research and experience tell us that outcomes for children are better when family connections are maintained.”

Kinship placements maintain and strengthen family connections. A child, who, for any number of reasons, can no longer live in the family home, is going to feel more comfortable arriving at the home of someone they know. The message is clear: “we know where you came from and we’re here to support you.” The goal of kinship search and family finding is about permanency through reunification, guardianship, adoption, or another form of permanent commitment to a child.

You would be surprised – children can have as many as 80 relatives in an initial search, and there is likely someone in that child’s circle that is willing to help. Kinship placements are not a new concept. We’ve always looked for these connections for a child, but my role is all about making contact and helping maintain those relationships.

I have to say, it’s an awesome job.