

## Benefits of Kinship Placement

**A. When children are removed from parents, they generally have better outcomes when placed with kinship caregivers than their peers who are placed in non-kinship placements. Benefits from kinship care include:**

- Reduced trauma after removal by providing familiarity, continuity, and retention of familial ties. ([Epstein 2017](#); [Ehrle & Geen 2002](#)).
- Improved mental health outcomes. ([Epstein 2017](#); [Messing 2006](#); [Winokur, et al. 2018](#)).
- Fewer behavioral problems and better social outcomes. ([Holtan, et al. 2005](#); [Rubin, et al. 2008](#); [Sakai, et al. 2011](#); [Winokur, et al. 2018](#)).
- Better educational outcomes and educational stability. ([Conway & Hutson 2007](#); [Holtan, et. al. 2005](#); [Mass. Ct. Impr. Prog. 2019](#)).
- Greater placement stability and higher levels of permanency. ([Hegar & Rosenthal 2009](#); [Koh 2010](#); [Koh & Testa 2008](#); [Koh & Testa 2011](#); [Sugrue 2019](#); [Winokur, et al. 2018](#); [Winokur, et al. 2018](#))
- Better cultural, ethnic, racial, and traditional connections to their communities of origin. ([Child Wel. Info. Gateway 2021](#); [Conway & Hutson 2007](#); [Hopkins 2020](#); [Nat'l Ass'n of Black Soc. Workers 2003](#); [Sugrue 2019](#)).
- Stronger ties to the child's biological family. ([Holtan, et al. 2005](#); [Metzger 2008](#)).
- Greater placement satisfaction for children and youth, including feelings of love and belonging. ([Chapman, et al. 2004](#); [Conway & Hutson 2007](#); [Hegar & Rosenthal 2009](#); [Metzger 2008](#); [Montserrat & Casas 2006](#)).

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