

## A Kinship Foster Care - Child Only Case

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A Child Only case is a CA case in which the eligible dependent child is in the legal custody of the [Department of Child Safety \(DCS\)](#), a Tribal Court or a [Tribal Child Welfare Agency](#) in Arizona. The child is placed in foster care with an unrelated adult or a nonparent relative, who is not requesting CA for themselves.

### WARNING

When the child is in the custody of DCS, a Tribal Court or a Tribal Child Welfare Agency in Arizona and placed in the home of a related or unrelated adult, the specified relative requirement is met. See [DCS or Tribal Placement Provider](#)

A DCS or Tribal child only case does not have a State Benefit Limit (STBL) and is exempt from the [Needy Family](#) criteria. The CA case must consist of only the child who is in the legal custody of DCS, a Tribal Court or a Tribal Child Welfare Agency in Arizona.

**NOTE** When the specified relative has a current CA case or applies for their own children, the Kinship Foster Care child only case must remain separate from the specified relative's current CA case.

### WARNING

Not all children placed by DCS are in the legal custody of the State of Arizona. DCS may, in emergency situations, step in and find placement with a relative. This is done to keep the child from becoming a ward of the state. When this occurs STBL and Needy Family criteria apply. (See [Kinship Care \(KS\)](#))