

A Kinship Foster Care - DCS Custody Child Only Case

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A Kinship Foster Care - Department of Child Safety (DCS) Child Only case is a CA case in which the eligible dependent child is in the legal custody of DCS. The child is placed in foster care with an unrelated adult or a nonparent specified relative (NPSR), who is not requesting CA for themselves.

WARNING

When the child is in the custody of the State of Arizona and placed in the home of an unrelated foster care provider by DCS, the specified relative requirement is met. (See [DCS or Tribal Placement Provider](#))

A DCS child only case does not have a State Benefit Limit (STBL) and is exempt from the [Needy Family](#) criteria. The case must consist of only the child who is in the legal custody of DCS.

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 \(KS\)](#))