Every caregiver has their struggles... and you are not alone in them.

As a kinship caregiver, you play an essential role in a child's life. Every family is unique and so is every caregiver. And just like every family, you have your struggles. But you don’t have to face them alone. At NCHS, we are dedicated to supporting kinship caregivers – which is why we are here to help support you when you need it most.

Families come in all shapes and sizes. Regardless of how your family was formed, we’re here to connect you to the resources and support you need to succeed.

Kinship Care is more prominent than you might think:

- Children in kinship care tend to be: Everyone needs help sometimes.
- By the time they reach age 18, 1 in 11 children have experienced kinship care.

- 2.7 million children are being cared for by someone other than their biological parent(s).

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1.3 million

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and children with similar needs.

- In 2020, 10% of children in the United States were kinship caregivers

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- More than 20% of households with children lack confidence in their ability to support their families financially.

- Kinship Caregivers Need Support:

- These caregivers need — access to educational resources, emotional support, financial support, legal support, and medical care to provide an excellent level of care.

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- NCHS has been there for families like yours since 1893.

- Of all children live with their grandparents.

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- Sources:

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